

Harvest Home Celebration

November 21, 2021 10:15 a.m.

(\* Indicates: all who are able to please stand.)

## WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP *Come Into His Presence*

OPENING SENTENCES

L: Come, let us celebrate the goodness of God.

**P: God has blessed us with God's great love.**

L: Let us come to this time, letting go of our worries.

**P: Let us come to this time praising God.**

L: Come, now is the time to worship.

**P: We come rejoicing, for God is so good to us.**

\*HYMN *Come Ye Thankful People Come*

\*PRAYER **Loving and gracious God, your blessings are countless and your love is never-ending. As we celebrate this Thanksgiving, we open our hearts to you and to one another. As we are surrounded by these gifts we share today, we give you thanks for the beauty and bounty of the earth. Lord, our God, you have done wondrous things for us all. Give us hearts of appreciation for all we enjoy as we share with others in need. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

ANTHEM *For the Fruit of All Creation*

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MOMENTS

Prayer of Dedication of Food Pantry Donations

## GOD'S WORD FOR US

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 6:25-34

MESSAGE *A Cure For Worry? Give Thanks!*

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\*HYMN *Now Thank We All Our God*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Kim Grant, Mike Schoening, Mark Kudela, Ron Hukins, The Knutsons, Ron Narczewski, Terri Jacobson, George Garncarz, Coleton Schultz, Paul Lewis, Carol Dean, family of John Watkins, Mary Thies, Terry Grant, Jessica Grove, family of Doris Gentert, Jaiden, Dixie Tonozzi & family, Baby Rocky, Arlene Greening and family of Dave Greening, wife & family of Steve Fassett, family of Vernon Bejster, Susan Zimmer, family of Nancy Maggi, Family of Andrea Kaszynski, Shelly Garncarz, The family of Norma Nevicosi, The family of Richard Burris, family of Sandra Becker, family of Gary Huetteman, Jean Spayer, Bonnie Bird, Richard Greening, family of Billy Schmitz, The family of Bob Haslam, Lori Rynke's mother and brother, Marian Benedict, Tom Bjerke, Cindy Harzheim, Ed Ferrari, family of Matt Henkel, Kent Zeller, Sherry, Nancy DeWalt, Steve Martin, Don McGuire, Ed Lopeman, Mike Ribas, Megan, Mitch Kruger, Marty Johnson, Mary Armon, Steve McCagni, Armetta, Belinda Klein, Mary Fiedler, Renee Kerr, Luke & Theresa, Bill & Melissa, Joe Rogel, Carrie White, Mrs. Friedle, Ron Hudkins, Pat Nickel, Joe Boelens, Marian Cichy, Doty, Jennifer S., Brent Becker, Steve Kerr, Lisa K., Wendy & Lori Zach, Selah Crossman, Ed Burash, Mrs. Lucas, Linda Washkowiak, Kathy L., Susie & Terry Lindenmeyer.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE *Seek Ye First*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**May these gifts bring light to those who walk in darkness, hope to those who live in despair, and justice to those who are oppressed. Give each of us a sense of participation in the most important opportunity of all time: to share your love with the world. Today we dedicate our offerings and ourselves. Amen.**

## WE GO TO SERVE IN JESUS' NAME

\*HYMN *Let All Things Now Living*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

## Announcements

**Today is Harvest Home Sunday.** Can you guess how many boxes of Jello we have collected? Write your guess down and place it in the offering plate... Jim Greening *may* have a prize for the closest guess! We are taking a special offering for the IV Food Pantry for turkeys for the Holiday Distributions. There is a basket in the Narthex for contributions. **After the church service we will take down the Harvest Home décor and replace it with Christmas decorations.** With many hands helping it will not take too much time.

**Advent** begins next Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. Join us as we prepare our hearts and lives to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

**The Women's Guild** will meet on Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00pm. ALL LADIES are invited to enjoy some fellowship dessert. No Reservations needed. Just join us on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00pm in fellowship hall. We hope to see you there!

On December 19<sup>th</sup>, all of our young people ages 2 through senior high are invited to come and take part in our **CREW Christmas Celebration** during morning worship. We're going to keep it simple this year and sing a few songs that we all know. Come at 9:00 for cookies and drinks, we'll practice a little, then sing during church.

**CREW** will resume on January 2<sup>nd</sup>! We have an exciting new curriculum we'll be telling you more about in the near future. Stay tuned.

**The Board of Christian Education** needs volunteers. If you would like to learn more about this opportunity to serve, please contact the church office.

**Choir** practice is Wednesdays at 6:30 pm and Sunday mornings at 9:30am. We need new members! If you like to sing and have fun please contact the office or Jim Greening with questions, or come to practice.

We are also looking to "**Dress UP**" our website with current photos of church activities. If you have any newer photos, please send them to [office@zionperu.org](mailto:office@zionperu.org) in jpeg format. Thank you!

**\*Please Note:** To keep our Prayer Request list current, please update the church office. If an update is not received within two months of a prayer request and we are not aware of the person's status, we will assume they are doing better and will be removed from the list. You The person may always be placed back on the list. Thank you.

Zion will donate a meal each month to **PADS** to help feed the homeless. If you would like to help with a donation, please mail a check to the church office indicating that it's for PADS or choose "PADS Meals" on our online giving site. Thank you for doing your part to care for people that are facing hardships.

A local **Grief Support Group** for adults meets each 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at St. Margaret's Health, 1305 6<sup>th</sup> St. Peru. The meetings are at 6:00pm and all are welcome to attend. Please call 815/780-4618 or email [joan.fernandez@ivch.org](mailto:joan.fernandez@ivch.org) for more information.

### **You can now donate to Zion by Text to (815)393-1954**

Enter the amount you want to give to Zion in the Text box and send. If it the first time you are giving by text you will be prompted to set up your giving method (credit card or bank account).

### ***Lookie ahead...***

Mark your calendars for the **Zion Diners Christmas Party!** The event will take place on Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at Liberty Restaurant and will feature the famous White Elephant gift exchange. All are welcome!

\*Extra copies of the hymns are available in the Narthex.

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**This Week:**

Thursday, November 25<sup>th</sup>

*Happy Thanksgiving*

Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup>

***Advent Begins***

9:30am Choir practice

10:15am Worship in person or on YouTube

Office Hours

Monday- Closed

Tuesday- 9:00am-3:00pm

Wednesday-9:00am-3:00pm

Thursday-Closed

Friday- Closed