

Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

October 13 2024

10:15

a.m.

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

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP *All Are Welcome*

WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD

OPENING SENTENCES

L: We have come because of Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose life was full, as God intends our lives to be,
who was rich, though poor,
who did great deeds, yet lived a humble, common life,
who forgave those who rejected him,
who sought truth and defied convention,
who found joy in people and shared their sorrow,
who lived life and did not let life overwhelm him,
not even the part of life we call death.

ALL: We have come to share life with him, to rejoice in its fullness and follow in His way.

L: We acknowledge the challenges as well as the joys of life, rejoicing that in Christ we can meet them with hope and confidence.

ALL: All this we can do because Jesus Christ is Lord!

*HYMN *When Morning Guilds the Skies*

OPENING PRAYER

We gather to worship today, God, because we long to know your presence. We come seeking to experience your love, your grace, and your guidance. During our time together, strengthen our relationship with you, and with each other. Unite us in faith and love so strong that, when we leave this place, they spill over into the world and all our relationships. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

ANTHEM

GOD'S WORD FOR US

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MOMENTS

SCRIPTURE READINGS Mark 10:17-31

MESSAGE

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Deb Cooper, Jyll Janz, Josie, Steve & Audrey, Jeff Rietgraf, Dale Jacobson, Hurricane Disaster victims, Family of Carol Harris, Family of Ben Vowels, Sr., Mary Jo Nelson, Cathy's family & friends, Dick & Alice Tostovarsnik, Alan, Kathy Radke, Eric, Jean Mikus, Bobby, Kim, unspoken, Priscilla Dean, Karen, Tom & Gretchen Kaszynski, Lindenmier family, Rusty & Mary Thies, Kevin & Anne Orval, Jim, Evie Coulter, Family of Devin, Mary Leone Family, Karen Kradle, The Smith Family, Art Ramey Family, Arnie Watkins, Cheryl Grosenbach, Jean Spayer, Emily, Renewal Team, Melissa, Marissa, Cindy Harzheim, Dixie Tonozzi, Marilyn Haslam, Paul Lewis, Ron Narczewski, Bob & Holly Antkowiak, Bill Vlastnik.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

PRAYER RESPONSE *Open Our Eyes, Lord*

OFFERING

*RESPONSE *We Give Thee But Thine Own*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION **All that we have we have first received as gifts from you, O God. The rich blessings we have received open for us the great privilege of giving. Free us from our preoccupation with getting. Help us, in our living and giving, to seek first your kingdom, trusting your word that then all we need will be supplied to us. Amen.**

*HYMN *We Are Called to Be God's People*

BENEDICTION

L: Go from this place with joy, giving thanks to God, proclaiming God's goodness, celebrating God's love, serving God with your lives.

P: For the Lord our God, is faithful to a thousand generations.

L: And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and among you now and forever. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Announcements

New Prayer Requests

-Deb Cooper, for health
- Hurricane Disaster Victims

Memorials for Carol Harris were given by Larry & Cheryl Grosenbach, Bill & Phyllis Bender, Holly Antkowiak, Jim Greening, & Erin Lewis.

*If you would like to make an announcement during worship, please request a microphone. Thank you!

Please join us for fellowship refreshments after worship today.

Listen to Pastor Alex at 8:25 every Sunday morning on 103.9 **WLPO**. Tell your friends!

Pastor Alex is on vacation and will return tomorrow, October 14th. Thank you to Rev. Kay Harding for preaching today and being available for emergencies. Her phone number is: (815)993-9220.

Calling All CREW Members! Get ready for adventure, fun, and faith! Our Sunday School program, CREW, has set sail again! Join us every Sunday at 9:00AM if you're in kindergarten through 6th grade. We'll have games, stories, crafts, and more that will help you grow in your faith and friendships! We cannot wait to see everyone at CREW this Sunday!

Zion Diners will be this Thursday, October 17th at 6:00pm with Candis Zelenak hosting. The restaurant will be The Blue Margarita in Oglesby. Please let Candie or Jim know today if you plan to attend. Join us to see what we talk about when we say we have such a good time. Phyllis will be making out next year's program. If you have a particular month that you'd like to host, let her know. All are welcome!

The Illinois Valley Flute Ensemble will present a Halloween concert on October 24th at 7:00PM in the sanctuary of Zion UCC. Please come and join us and enjoy a "flutey" Halloween with HAUNTINGLY beautiful music. It will be open to the public with a free will donation.

Memorial Sunday, when we will remember those of our family of faith who have died during the past year, will take place on October 27th.

Sunday morning worship at Pilgrim Park on November 3rd

Anyone who would like to carpool can meet at the church at 10:00. **Our service will begin at 11:15am.** If you need a ride, please let Pastor Alex know. We'll have lunch after the service. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex, or contact the church office. Please sign up so that we can let Pilgrim Park staff know how many are coming. If you haven't worshipped at Pilgrim Park with us before, please join us. It's an amazing place to enjoy nature. **Also Nov. 3rd – don't forget to turn back the clocks!*

Harvest Home Sunday will take place on November 24th this year.

If you would like Jim Greening to do your shopping for you, please contact him during October!
Zion will also serve a **Community Thanksgiving Dinner** this year. Details to come!

SAVE THE DATE: COOKIE SALE WILL BE DEC. 13

Just a reminder that the Cookie Sale will be December 13. Besides bakers we will need people to help set up the fellowship hall after worship Sunday the 8th, people to "organize" the cookies and baked goods on Thursday the 12, and of course helpers at the sale on the 13th. Thanks in advance for your help.

Zion UCC is once again providing a delicious hot meal delivered to the **Peru PADS homeless shelter** each month. Please open your hearts and wallets to support this important cause. Every little bit helps us provide a nutritious meal each month through May. Write a check to the church and note "**PADS Meals.**" Or go online and donate through the Giving page on our website. Together we can make a difference for the less fortunate in our community! Thank you for your generosity and support in feeding the hungry!

Food Pantry Seeks Donations for Expansion The Illinois Valley Food Pantry is in need of financial support as it searches for a larger facility. The expanded space will allow the pantry to store more perishable and non-perishable foods, enabling them to better serve our community's needs. **Your monetary contributions can make a significant impact.** To donate, please send checks to:
Illinois Valley Food Pantry 122 Wright St. LaSalle, IL 61301

Together, we can help ensure no one in our community goes hungry. Thank you for your generosity.

Hope House Donations-Savanna Rietgraf is interning at a halfway house called Hope House that supports men transitioning from jail and prison. Many arrive with few belongings and need clothing as they work to rejoin the community. Savanna is asking for donations of gently used men's clothing - any sizes and styles, from casual to professional. Bring items to the church office or contact Jim Greening. Your support can make a big difference. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

HELP WANTED! Ushers: We are building a new Ushers List. If you previously served as usher and would like to serve again, we would like to add you to the new ushers list. Previously ushers served for an entire month. Ushers now will serve when they are available to serve even for a single Sunday. You can let Larry Grosenbach know you will serve as usher or email ushers@zionperu.org to be added to the ushers list.

Evangelism: We are updating our visitor information about Zion church and will be creating a visitor packet that will contain our new updated information about Zion Church and a thank you gift or two for them visiting. If you would like to help the Evangelism Team with the visitor project you can let Pastor Alex, Jerry Koehler or email evangelism@zionperu.org.

Live Life (Pre and Post Transplant Support Group) meets the second Monday of each month at 6:30pm at Zion UCC.

The Compassionate Friends Group meets at Zion every fourth Thursday at 6:30pm. This meeting is open to any parent who has lost a child. Please contact the church office for information.

Weight Watchers is meeting every Saturday morning at 8:00 here at Zion. We're happy to provide space for this worthwhile service to our community.

Tonica Church is collecting personal hygiene products to give away. Items needed include: *Bar soap *Shower gel *Shampoo Razors *Deodorant *Toothbrushes *Toothpaste *Combs or Brushes *Contact Diane Gebhardt with any questions.

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).

*Copies of "These Days" Devotions are available in fellowship hall.

*Copies of hymns & large print copies of the bulletin are available in the Narthex.

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Pastor	<i>Thank you to Rev. Kay Harding for filling in today!</i>
Organist	Jim Greening
Secretary	Erin Lewis
Liturgist	Terri Kelly
Audio Technician	Jerry Koehler
Video Technician	Rhonda Essl
Song Leader	Dave Jacobson
Fellowship	Garncarz Family

Attendance: Worship October 6th:

In Person: 35 + 11 children On YouTube: 9

This week:

Monday, October 14th

6:30pm Live Life Group meeting

Wednesday, October 16th

6:30pm Choir practice

Thursday, October 17th

6:00pm Zion Diners

Saturday, October 19th

8:00am Weight Watchers meeting

Sunday, October 20th

8:25am Pastor Alex on WLPO

9:00am CREW

9:30am Choir practice

10:15am Worship in person, also available on YouTube

Followed by fellowship refreshments

Office Hours-The secretary is in the office on Fridays

Monday: Closed

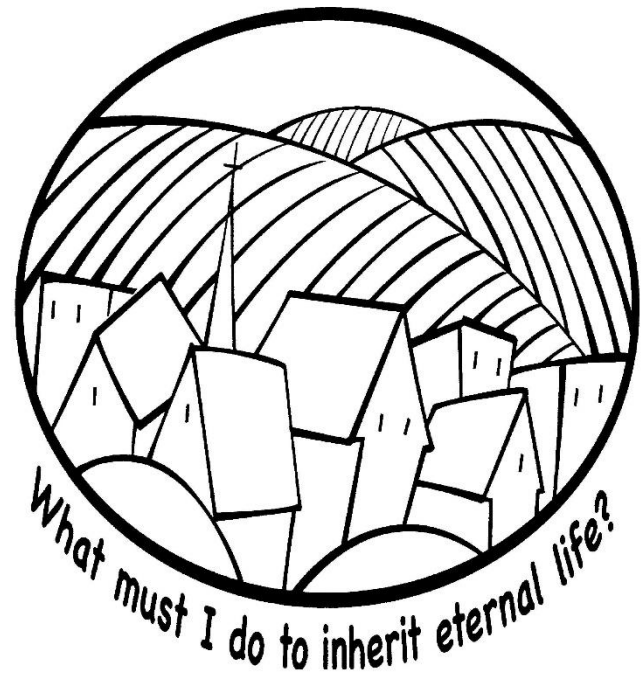
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Friday: *10:00am-5:00pm

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