

All Saints Sunday

October 26, 2025

10:15 a.m.

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP *Come Into His Presence*

OPENING SENTENCES from Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9

L: The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God
and no torment will ever touch them.

**P: In the eyes of the foolish they seem to have died,
and their departure was thought to be an affliction,**

L: And their going from us seemed to be their destruction;

P: But they are at peace.

L: Those who trust in God will understand truth,
and the faithful will abide in love.

**P: Because grace and mercy are upon God's chosen,
and God watches over the saints.**

*OPENING HYMNS *Open Our Eyes*
Hymn of Promise

*PRAYER **We gather this morning to celebrate the lives of persons we name as saints, and that great cloud of witnesses who praise God around the Throne. Some have touched us personally, others have touched and reshaped our society and our world. All of them are known to God, and all are precious in God's sight, as are we, the saints of God on earth, being made fit to share in their inheritance in the ages to come. Let us rejoice in God's saints, this day and every day. Amen.**

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MOMENTS

ANTHEM *I Will Rise*

ROLL CALL OF REMEMBRANCE

GOD'S WORD FOR US

SCRIPTURE READINGS Psalm 84:1-7
Luke 6:17-26

MESSAGE *We Remember*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN *For All the Saints*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Kittilson Family, Debbie, Ristau Family, Family of Gene, Joshua Ellis Family, Mary Jean, Dina, Mack McQueen Family, Gina, Sam & Kathy Cull, Kevin Kramer, The Country, George, Bonnie, Lenkaitis Family, Theresa Grove, Dixie, Lauren, Arnie & Jan Watkins, Dawn & Ron Narczewski, Jean Mikus, Deb Cooper, Ryan, Cindy Harzheim, Paul Lewis, Marilyn Haslam, Bob & Holly Antkowiak.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*RESPONSE *Doxology*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: **For every life remembered, for every gift given, for every opportunity to connect with those who have gone before, we give you thanks, God of Life. Receive these gifts, accept our tears, our laughter and our memories and use all that we bring to proclaim the Realm which is yours, made known to us most clearly in Jesus, the first fruits of those who have died. Amen.**

WE GO TO SERVE IN JESUS' NAME

* HYMN *How Great Thou Art*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Announcements

New Prayer Requests

-Kittilson Family

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

A huge thank you to all of you who showed up on Grubby Sunday and rolled up your sleeves and did a fantastic job of cleaning our beloved Zion church. It was absolutely exciting to see you all pitching in and working side by side, young and old. And everyone worked with joy. That was a big job, but with so many willing hands, you got it all done in record time. And, I don't know what you thought, but I think you should be very proud of yourselves. Let's do this again sometime!!

Today is Memorial Sunday, when we will remember those of our family of faith who have died during the past year.

William J. Vlastnik

Rebecca Jacobson

James "Rusty" Thies

Thomas W. Kaszynski

Please join us for fellowship refreshments after worship today. *If you would like to provide refreshments there is a sign-up sheet for November & December in fellowship hall!

Did you know? Copies of the hymns and large print bulletins are located in the Narthex.

The Renewal Leadership Team will gather tomorrow, October 27 at 6:00 p.m. If you would like to be part of this team, we encourage you to join us that evening. Everyone is welcome—your presence and ideas will be a valuable part of our work together.

Prayer Requests In the Bulletin We are grateful for the privilege of praying for one another. To help us keep our prayer list current, each new request will be included in the bulletin for four weeks. After that time, we will remove it unless we are asked to continue sharing it longer. If you would like a request to remain, please let us know—we want to walk alongside you in prayer for as long as you need. Tune in to Pastor Alex every Sunday morning at 8:25 on 103.9 WLPO. Be sure to spread the word to your friends!

Join the CREW! Our Sunday School program, **CREW**, is meeting again every Sunday at 9:00 AM. Kids in kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to join us for stories, games, crafts, and activities that help build faith and friendships. We're excited to see you this Sunday!

Join Us for Bible Study! Bible Study is underway Tuesdays at 6:30PM! Our study is based on the inspiring series *The Chosen* and is open to all adults.

This is a hybrid event, so you can join us in person at the church or via Zoom—whichever works best for you. We are currently discussing Season 3, so come ready to share your thoughts, questions, and insights. Let's continue to grow in faith and community together. See you Tuesday! All are welcome!

More news about The Chosen Bible Study: There are good reviews of the first two seasons on YouTube. They are The Chosen RECAP: Season 1 www.youtube.com/watch?v=8FtuFaPonTQ which is 12 min. long and The Chosen RECAP: Season 2 www.youtube.com/watch?v=pOMOhuz7PT8 which is 8 min. long. Both are worth watching. If you were part of the study group last year they will refresh your memory and if you are new to the group they will give you a good sense of what has been discussed so you will feel "at home" joining now. You can participate in person at the church or online.

The Illinois Valley Flute Ensemble will present a Halloween concert on October 30th 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 free will donation.

Sunday morning worship at Pilgrim Park on November 2nd

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

Feeding the Future – The Illinois Valley Food Pantry launched a major fundraiser to fund their new building purchase, necessary renovations, and expanded food programs —so that we can continue to serve the growing number of individuals and families in need across our region. Local individuals, churches and businesses are joining together to make this vision a reality. Learn more or donate at www.ivfoodpantry.com or by contacting the Pantry directly.

Zion Diners met Thursday, October 16th at The Blue Margarita in Oglesby. Candie Zelenak hosted and everyone had a great time. Next Diners will be Thursday, November 20th at 6:00pm. Alice and Dick Tostovarsnik will be hosting. The restaurant will be announced. All are welcome!

Harvest Home Sunday will take place on November 23rd this year. If you would like Jim Greening to do your shopping for you, please contact him or the church office. Decorating the church will be Thursday November 20th at 3:30pm.

CAN YOU HELP?—We're preparing for our community-wide Free Thanksgiving Dinner and need a team of helping hands to make it happen! This is a **preliminary sign-up** so we can confirm we have enough volunteers to make it happen.

Ways to help (pick one or more):

- Food prep & cooking (Thanksgiving week and Day)
- Baking pies/desserts (at home or in the church kitchen)
- Set-up & decorating (fellowship hall/table settings)
- Serving & hospitality (greeting, hosting, refills)
- Dishwashing & clean-up

A sign-up sheet will be available at worship this

Morning. Questions or early interest? See Pastor Alex.

Let's bless our neighbors together—thank you for serving!

This Christmas, Zion UCC will be collecting and providing gifts for a local family in need. There are four children, and we invite you to help make their holiday bright! Gift ideas include:

* **6-year-old girl:** size 8/10 clothes, size 12 shoes — loves Lilo & Stitch, coloring, Squishmallows, and princess dolls

* **5-year-old boy:** size 5T–6 clothes, size 11 shoes — loves Paw Patrol, Minecraft, and monster trucks

* **3-year-old boy:** size 4T–5T clothes, size 10 shoes — loves Bluey, PJ Masks, Spider-Man, and toy cars

* **Toddler girl:** size 2T clothes, size 7 shoes — loves Ms. Rachel, building blocks, and Blue's Clues

* **The family also needs new sheet sets for:** 1 full-sized bed, 2 twin beds, and 1 toddler/crib bed

Please consider choosing an item or two to donate. You can bring unwrapped gifts to the church. Let's share the God's love through generosity and kindness this Christmas season! For questions or more details, see Pastor Alex.

COOKIE SALE NEWS FLASH

We hope you are thinking ahead and including time to help with the Cookie Sale on your calendars. To help with that we've made the sign-up sheets for the December 12th COOKIE SALE available now. They are currently in the Fellowship Hall. Take a look at them and see what things you might be able to help with. If you know what you plan to do sign-up now. If you need to check your personal calendar, do that and sign up over the coming weeks. Here's a summary of what to sign up for:

-Baking: Cookies of all kinds, Holiday Breads, Coffee Cakes, Pies, and Candies

-Arranging tables and chairs in fellowship hall after worship **Sunday, Dec. 7th**

-Sorting, packaging & pricing items starting at 9 a.m. on **Thursday, Dec. 11th**

-Helping with the sale starting at 2:30 till about 6 on **Friday, Dec. 12th**. If you can't come at 2:30, come at about 5:30 to help rearrange the fellowship hall.

More detailed information is available in the November newsletter. Thanks in advance for all your help!

Zion Spaghetti Express-Save the Date! On Wednesday, February 19, 2026 we'll be hosting a Drive-Through Spaghetti Dinner. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a delicious meal while supporting our church community. We'll need plenty of hands to make this event a success—help will be needed to prepare the food, serve meals, and clean up afterward. More details will be shared soon, so stay tuned!

Zion UCC is once again providing a delicious hot meal delivered to the **Peru PADS homeless shelter** each month. As the summer winds down, the shelter reopened earlier this year due to a greater need than ever. 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. Your donation helps provide a healthy, hearty meal to those who need it most. Thank you for your generosity and support in feeding the hungry!

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).

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Song Leader	Dave Jacobson
Fellowship	Diane Gebhardt

Attendance: October 12: In Person: 29 + 11 children
On YouTube: 5

This week:

Monday, October 27th

6:00pm Renewal Leadership Team meeting

Tuesday, October 28th

6:30pm Bible Study

PADS Meal

Wednesday, October 29th

6:30pm Choir practice

Thursday, October 30th

7:00pm Halloween Flute Concert

Friday, October 31st

Have a Happy & Safe Halloween!

Saturday, November 1st

8:00am Weight Watchers meeting

All Saints Day

Sunday, November 2nd

8:25am Pastor Alex on WLPO

Meet at 10:00am to carpool

11:15am Worship at Pilgrim Park

Followed by Lunch

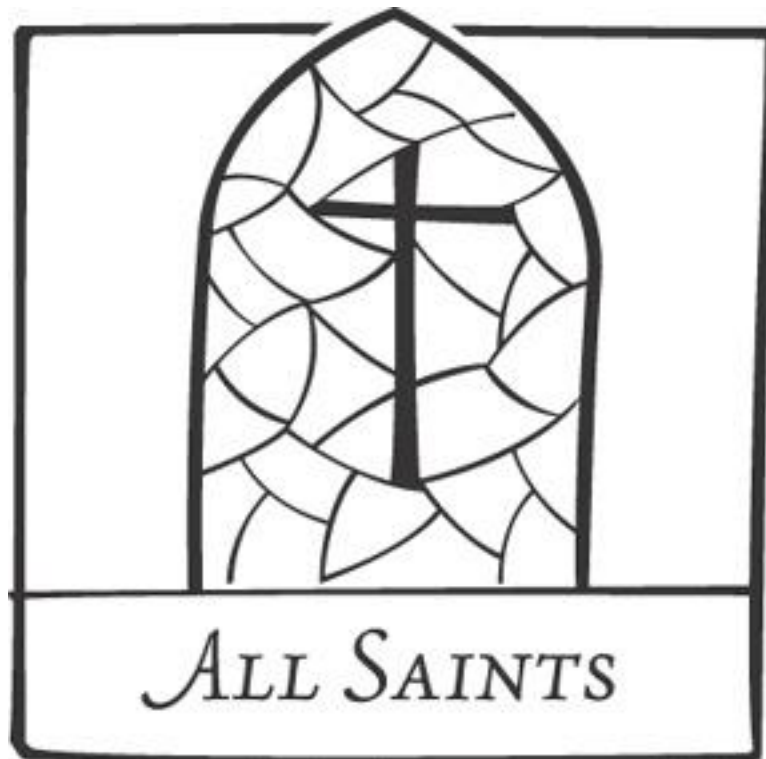
Daylight Savings- Fall Back

Office Hours this week

Monday-Thursday: Closed

*Friday: 9:00am -5:00pm *

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