

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 1, 2024 10:15 a.m.
(* Indicates: all who are able to please stand.)

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP *There's a Quiet Understanding*

WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD

OPENING SENTENCES from Song of Solomon 2, Psalm 45

L: Look to the mountains; look to the hills!

P: **Love comes to us with joy!**

L: The world is filled with beauty.

P: **Flowers appear on the earth, birdsong brightens the day.**

L: Crops yield their produce in abundance,
the air is filled with sweetness.

P: **The summer of God's love is with us.**

L: Let the oil of gladness anoint your souls.

P: **Arise and sing for joy!**

*HYMNS *Spirit of the Living God*
Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

OPENING PRAYER **Lord of mercy and abundant love, we have gathered here this day to hear your healing words of compassion and to be transformed by your love. Help us to become more faithful servants in our thoughts, words, and deeds. It is in Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.**

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MOMENTS

GOD'S WORD FOR US

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 7:1-14

MESSAGE *What's a Little Dirt?*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Jean Mikus, Students & Teachers, Cathy, unspoken, Priscilla Dean, Doug Jakse Family, 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, Cliff Smith, Arnie Watkins, Cheryl Grosenbach, Jean Spayer, Emily, Deb Cooper, Melissa, Renewal Team, Marissa, Victims of war, Cindy Harzheim, Dixie Tonozzi, Marilyn Haslam, Paul Lewis, Ron Narczewski, Bob & Holly Antkowiak, Bill Vlastnik.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

PRAYER RESPONSE *Lord Listen to Your Children Praying*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*RESPONSE *Give Thanks*

Thank you, God, for this high and holy moment in worship and in life when we have something to give that others need. Take our money, our witness, our lives to benefit all your human family. May your glory be known among us and in all the world. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION *Let Us Break Bread Together*

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

...With faithful people in every time and place we say,
“Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

...Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS
PARTAKING OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING **Spirit of the living Christ, you have fed us with the bread and the cup. You have comforted our hearts and nourished our souls. We praise you because you always meet us in our weeping, rejoicing, grief, and celebration. We go now with confidence that you remain with us in all things. Amen.**

*HYMN *God Be With You*

BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE

Announcements

New Prayer Requests

- Jean Mikus, for health and healing

The Altar Flowers today are In Celebration of Candis Zelenak's birthday. "Happy Birthday!" from Karen, Kim & Jim.

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

Please note: We will not be having fellowship refreshments after morning worship today.

Choir practice will begin this Wednesday, September 4th at 6:30 pm. We need new members! If you like to sing and have fun please contact the church office or Jim Greening (815/223-1858) with questions, or come to practice when it begins.

The Women's Guild will meet this Thursday, September 5th at 1:00pm in fellowship hall. All ladies are welcome to attend.

Next Sunday, September 8th at 9:00am CREW will begin on Sunday School Rally Day- We hope to see you!

Zion Diners met August 15th with Jan & Arnie Watkins hosting. Everyone had a great time. The next Diners event will be Thursday, September 19th at 6:00pm with Bill & Phyllis Bender hosting. The restaurant will be Toby's Butt Shack in Hollowayville. Their menu is updated on their website. They have good sandwiches, tacos, salads and fried chicken. All are welcome!

CROP Walk '24 will be Sunday, September 22nd from noon till 3:00 at Rotary Park in La Salle. See the bulletin insert & put it on your calendar!

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

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. 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! 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!

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.

Building & Grounds: We have several places around the church and the parsonage that need to have mulch added. Please let Jerry Koehler know or email buildinggrounds@zionperu.org to let us know you are willing to help.

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 *Also- they are collecting men's pants. Please bring items to donate to church and place them on the designated table in fellowship hall. 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. *New publication available!*

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

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Video Technician	Rhonda Essl
Song Leader	Dave Jacobson

Attendance: Morning Worship August 25th :

In Person: 28+ 4 children

On YouTube: 8

This week:

Monday, September 2nd

Labor Day

Wednesday, September 4th

6:30pm Choir practice

Thursday, September 5th

1:00pm Women's Guild meeting

Saturday, September 7th

8:00am Weight Watchers meeting

Sunday, September 8th

Sunday School Rally Day

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

Tuesday: Closed

Wednesday: Closed

Thursday: Closed

Friday: 9:00am-5:00pm

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