

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost
August 3 2025 10:15 a.m.
(* Indicates: all who are able please stand.)

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP *Sanctuary*

WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD

OPENING SENTENCES

We have come here today not to lay claim upon God, but to be claimed by God.

For God, our Creator, is calling us to accept the cost and joy of being Christ's disciples.

God's call is a promise as well as a challenge.

A promise of forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, and eternal life in God's realm which has no end.

Unison: **Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto God forever. Amen!**

*HYMN *All People that on Earth do Dwell*

OPENING PRAYER **Holy Spirit of God, who calls us into Christ's Church, touch our hearts as we enter this time of worship. Move in each of us, and among us, so that we may truly sense Christ's presence with us. Help us know his love, hear his words, and respond to his example, so that our lives may be transformed. Loosen our tongues**

and strengthen our hands to express the joy we find in Christ, both here and in our daily lives. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

Special Music Dave Jacobson

GOD'S WORD FOR US

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MOMENTS

SCRIPTURE READINGS John 1:1-18
James 3:1-17

MESSAGE words, words, words, WORD

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN *Lord, We Hear Your Word*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Dixie, Jyll, Tom Kaszynski family, Sandy & Don, Geo & Marni, Melanie, Disaster victims, Pilgrim Park, Pastor Alex, Scott, Mother-in-Law, Mary Opsal, Bill Ellena family, Rusty Thies Family, Dick & Alice Tostovarsnik, Rene, Theresa Grove, Pete Sampo, Shelly, Kimberly, Kylin, Cora, Ted Davenport, Kevin Orval, Shirley Lopeman, The Fuplers, Terry Dean, Arnie & Jan Watkins, Jacob Bremann, Lexanne Jarosz & family, Elizabeth, Hugh Williams, Jack Hauser, Ray Kollar Family, Anthony, Dawn & Ron Narczewski, Jim Brown, Austin, Maxine, Shirley, Jackie, Brianna, Zimmer family, Tim P., Eric & Tina, Dale Jacobson, Paul Nave, Jeff Rietgraf, Jean Mikus, Deb Cooper, Ryan, Josie, Steve & Audrey, Jean Spayer, Cindy Harzheim, Paul Lewis, Marilyn Haslam, Bob & Holly Antkowiak.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

PRAYER RESPONSE *Lord Listen to Your Children Praying*

OFFERING

*RESPONSE *Give Thanks*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION As you receive our gifts, O God, receive also our hearts. Make your purposes our purposes, and guide us as we seek to do your will in the world. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

... With the faithful in every place and time, we praise with joy your holy name saying,

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!

Communion Prayer

Acclamation of Faith

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Receiving the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving **Thank you God for inviting us to this table where we know Christ and receive all Christ's gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another and send us out into the world rejoicing in your love and grace. Amen.**

HYMN *Go My Children With My Blessing

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Announcements

New Prayer Requests

-Pilgrim Park

-Pastor Alex while on sabbatical

Our deepest condolences go out to the family of Thomas Kaszynski. Tom passed away July 21, 2025. Services were August 2, 2025 with Pastor Alex Garncarz officiating.

Thank you to everyone who participated in Vacation Bible School 2025! THE CREATOR'S CREW HAD A WONDERFUL TIME SHARING IN THE ADVENTURE OF CARING FOR GOD'S EARTH!

*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 today.

*If you would like to sign up to provide refreshments there is a sign up sheet in fellowship hall. *August 10 is available!*

Thank you to Rev. Kay Harding for overseeing the bulletin each week, as well as preaching and administering Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month. She is also available for emergencies and has office hours on Fridays from 10:00am-12:00pm. Her phone number is: (815)993-9220.

If you are the last person to leave the church on Sunday, please check that all the doors are locked and the lights & coffee maker are shut off.

Tune in to Pastor Alex every Sunday morning at 8:25 on 103.9 WLPO. Be sure to spread the word to your friends!

Please note the church office hours this week: Friday: 1:00PM - 6:00pm

Anyone who would like to do special music on Sundays in August should contact Jim Greening at (815) 228-0459.

Zion Diners will be hosted by Laurie and Marty Johnson at the Country House Restaurant in LaSalle. The date is Thursday, August 21st at 6:00pm. Come and join us. It's such a nice bonding of our church family where we strengthen the ties of our Zion friends.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY IS STILL TAKING A BREAK FOR THE SUMMER BUT... We'll be back in the fall. We will be starting with Season 3 of "The Chosen" and invite you to join us. Don't worry that you haven't been with us as we discussed seasons 1 and 2. You can catch up by watching those seasons at your leisure: Go to BTUtv (<https://www.byutv.org>) you can set up a free account. Details to come!

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!

The Illinois Valley Food Pantry is seeking donations to purchase their new facility. Your financial support can make a real difference! Contributions can be sent to:

Illinois Valley Food Pantry 122 Wright St. LaSalle, IL 61301

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 the hymns and large print bulletins are located in the Narthex.

*Zion
United Church of Christ*

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

Attendance: July 27: In Person: 31 + 7 children
On YouTube: 7

This week:

Saturday, August 9th

8:00am Weight Watchers meeting

Sunday, August 10th

8:25am Pastor Alex on WLPO

10:15am Worship in person, also available on You Tube

Followed by fellowship refreshments

Office Hours this week

Monday-Thursday: Closed

*Friday: 1:00pm -6:00pm *

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