

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost
October 10, 2021 10:15 a.m.

* Indicates: all who are able to please stand.

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP *All Are Welcome*

OPENING SENTENCES

L: Praise be to God who has called us together.

P: We come here seeking healing and hope.

L: Open your hearts to God's redeeming love.

P: Help us to hear your words, O Lord, and follow your ways. Amen.

*HYMN *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*
O, How I Love Jesus

*OPENING PRAYER

Lord, we come to you today with so many things on our hearts. You call us to be in relationship of trust and love with you and you offer healing to us for those portions of our lives that are broken and injured. Help us to be open to your mercy and healing love. For we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

ANTHEM *Seek Ye First*

GOD'S WORD FOR US

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MOMENTS

SCRIPTURE LESSONS Genesis 2:18-24
Mark 10:2-16

MESSAGE *The Elephant In the Room*

*HYMN *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Arlene Greening and The Family of Dave Greening, The wife & family of Steve Fassett, The family of Vernon Bejster, Terri Jacobson, Susan Zimmer, The family of Nancy Maggi, The family of Andrea Kaszynski, Shelly Garncarz, The family of Norma Nevicosi, The family of Richard Burris, The family of Sandra Becker, The family of Gary Huetteman, Jean Spayer, Baby Rocky, Bonnie Bird, Richard Greening, The Family of Billy Schmitz, The family of Bob Haslam, Lori Rynke's mother and brother, Marian Benedict, Tom Bjerke, John Watkins, Ethan Harzheim, Cindy Harzheim, Ed Ferrari, Family of Matt Henkel, Kent Zeller, Sherry, Paul Lewis, Nancy DeWalt, Steve Martin, Don McGuire, Ed Lopeman, Carol Dean, Mike Ribas, Megan, Mitch Kruger, Marty Johnson, Mary Armon, Steve McCagni, Dixie Tonozzi, 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, Dotty, 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 (debts)

PRAYER RESPONSE *Threefold Amen*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: God of all people, we come this day to bring our tithes and offerings before you. We give them with the prayer that these gifts will truly bless others. Multiply and use these gifts that all your children may know the confidence and peace which comes through your abiding love. Amen.

*HYMN *Sent Forth By God's Blessing*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Announcements

New Prayer Requests

-Arlene Greening and The Family of Dave Greening
-The wife of Steve Fassett, for health

Our deepest condolences go out to the family of Dave Greening. Dave passed away October 6.

A Memorial for Sandra Becker was given by Barry & Leian Breuning.

A Memorial for Nancy Maggi was given by Barry & Leian Breuning.

A Memorial for the Elevator Fund was given in Memory of Earl & Dorothy Breuning by Barry & Leian Breuning.

A Memorial for Norma Nevicosi was given by Mike Nevicosi.

The Altar Flowers today are in Celebration of Pastor Alex & Shelly's Wedding Anniversary.

The Church is open for Sunday morning worship. Please follow all safety guidelines when in attendance. We understand if you are not comfortable coming in person and invite you to watch services on YouTube.

Pastor Alex will be on vacation October 11th -17th. Rev. Kay Harding will preach on October 17th and will be available for emergencies. Her phone number is : (815)993-9220

CREW will be resuming in person learning on Sunday mornings, with the date to be announced. If you would like to participate as a volunteer, please contact Pastor Alex.

The Board of Christian Education is in need of volunteers. If you would like to become a member, please contact the church office.

Choir practice is Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. 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.

Zion Diners met September 16 at Liberty Restaurant in Peru. We had a large group with Pastor Alex and Shelly being the hosts. We were treated to cheesecake for dessert in celebration in of Pastor Alex's birthday. A donation of \$50 was given to the Crop Walk. Our next dining experience will be hosted by Cindy VanCleave at Garzanelli's in Oglesby. Please contact Cindy by phone or text at 815/343-5887 if you are planning to attend. Come join us on Thursday, October 21 at 6:00pm.

Confirmation will take place October 24th. Confirmands will be Kalli Ware and Alton Beck.

We have begun a new season of meal ministry for **PADS**. Zion will donate a meal each month 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 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at St. Margaret's Health, 1305 6th 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 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).

We are looking for another display case to preserve Zion's rich history. If you or someone you know has one to donate please contact the church office. Thank you!

Looking ahead...

This year **Harvest Home Sunday** will take place on November 21st. If you would like Jim Greening to do your shopping, please contact him during October!

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This Week:

Wednesday, October 13th

6:30 Choir practice

Sunday, October 17th

10:15am Worship in person or on YouTube

Office Hours for the week of October 11th

Hours are subject to change- please call ahead

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 9:00am-1:00pm

Wednesday: Closed

Thursday: Closed

Friday: 9:00am-4:00pm

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