

October 27, 2024
(*Please stand as you are able)

PRELUDE

GREETING, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS and CONCERNS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord knows each and every one of us and loves each one dearly.

People: Sometimes it feels as though God has drifted away from us.

Leader: Be strong! Look for the ways in which God is present to you.

People: Given all the troubles of the day, we often look more closely at them.

Leader: Come, open our hearts and spirits to God's love and presence.

**All: Lord, help us to see your presence in all of life's circumstances.
Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

***OPENING HYMN** *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"* #25 UCC

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, you know us so well. We like to think that we can hide from You, but we are just kidding ourselves. You have offered to us new life, characterized by honesty, compassion, joy, and peace. You have invited us into ministries of peace and justice; but we have far too often turned our back on opportunities for service and witness to Your love. Forgive us for our stubbornness. Help us to turn around and listen to Your words of hope. Remind us again that You require compassion and mercy in all who serve You; that You will guide our steps and our lives. Give us courage to truly be Your witnesses in the world. Amen. (A moment of silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: This is the good news; the One who knows our worst fills us with the best - grace, wonder, and forgiveness.

People: Our ears tingle with this news; and our hearts overflow with hope. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

***RESPONSE** *"Gloria Patri"*

CHILDREN'S TIME (*Jesus Loves the Little Children*)

HYMN "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine" #289 SS

OFFERING OF OUR TIME, OUR TREASURES, OUR VERY SELVES

**We Give Thee But Thine Own" #351 UCC*

***UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Because You know us, O God, You are aware of our reluctance to share what we have. You continue to call us, to challenge us, to use us in the work of Your kingdom. So take these gifts, and continue to call us to faithful lives and generous giving, so that others might be blessed as we are. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen..

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE Romans 8:13-17; Revelation 21:1-7

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Leader: This is the word of God, for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC

MESSAGE "The Great Inheritance"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH **UCC Hymnal (pages 15-16)**

***CLOSING HYMN** "*When the Roll is Called Up Yonder*" #500 SS

***DISMISSAL**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY - Pastor Joel Schlatter

Warsaw Sacred Heart Catholic Church celebrates 150 years with an open house today from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at 835 Webster St. It includes refreshments, door prizes, and historical items.

This is a reminder to all to make sure you are registered to vote. Election Day is next Tuesday, November 5.

Women's Fellowship will meet Wednesday, Nov. 6, at 1:30 p.m. The program will be Potpourri. Each attendee is asked to bring something to show-and-tell or something that interests them to share with the group. Hostess will be Linda Savage.

November-December Upper Rooms are available in the vestibule.

Zion Church of Ursa will host their Annual Chicken Dinner on Sunday, Nov. 10, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. It will be carryout only. See the bulletin strip for the menu and more info.

The Men's Event is Sunday, Nov. 10, at 6 p.m. Hancock Co. Sgt. Brock Landis will present with his K-9 dog, Zaire. The menu is fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, lettuce salad, rolls, & drinks. We would like ten pies; there is a pie sign-up on the bulletin strip (southeast room of church). Please soft RSVP with Kathy Hoener (217-430-7507) by TOMORROW. You may also reach out to her if you would like to help serve.

SAVE THE DATES:

- Men's Event: Sunday, November 10, 6:00 p.m.
- Visitation Sunday: Sunday, December 29

Jane Roskamp is greeter today, Delinda Mulch next week. Thanks to the greeter, Pastor Joel, the musician, AV tech - all who helped with the service.

WELCOME ALL! If you are a visitor, please sign the guest register and come again.

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