

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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# ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

- Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod -

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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT – OCULI

MARCH 12, 2023

## Today's Worship

Order of worship:

Matins - p. 219

Hymns:

560, 579, 781 vs. 1-2, 421

***Ushers serving in March:*** Dwayne Beccue & Brock Murray  
Reserve: Dalton Roedl

**We welcome our visitors** in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ! We pray that your time of worship with us today will be a blessing to you. Please introduce yourself to our members and our pastor. If you are interested in learning more about Zion, membership, or our teachings, please don't hesitate to speak with Pastor Manley or an Elder.

**Prayer Before Worship:** O Lord, our creator, redeemer, and comforter, as we come together to worship You in spirit and truth, we humbly pray that You would open our hearts to the preaching of Your Word so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear us for His sake. Amen.

**Prayer After Worship:** Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for our many sins and assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. We thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep us in faith until we inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## In Our Prayers This Week

**In need of healing:** Pam Buening, Darren Feldkamp, Zoe Hoehler, Ruth Holland, Kendra Meyer, Elverna Tappendorf, Howard Voelker

**Serving in the military:** Cole Stuemke, Brandon Voelker

**Imprisoned:** Alex Beccue



## March Birthdays & Anniversaries\*

Anna Manley (19<sup>th</sup>), Steven Suckow (26<sup>th</sup>), Graham Murray (27<sup>th</sup>),  
Sam Stuemke (28<sup>th</sup>), John Manley (30<sup>th</sup>)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Mid-Week Lenten Service** will be held at Zion on Wednesday, March 15, at 7PM.

**UPDATE: ILLINOIS MARCH FOR LIFE TRIP - New Location:** Springfield; **New Day:** Tuesday, March 21, 2023. **Same Mission:** Save Midwestern lives by marching for life in the public square. **Trip:** A bus will leave Immanuel North Parking Lot at **8AM** and return approx. 4-5PM. Bring a sack lunch. – **THE BUS IS FULL!** – You can still drive yourself and meet us at a 10:30AM service at Trinity, Springfield. Parking and shuttle available at Lutheran High School, 3300 W Washington St. **Another Bus is available:** *Effingham County Right to Life has 25 seats available on a bus. This bus leaves the Effingham Event Center at 7:30 AM, March 21, for the Right to Life March in Springfield, IL. The Event Center is formerly the KC Hall on Fayette Ave. Please text Diann Ruholl to reserve a seat 217-663-2056.*

**Immanuel Lutheran Church (Augsburg) Soup & Chili Dinner** will be held on Sunday, March 26. Serving begins after worship at 11:30 am. The menu includes: chicken noodle soup, chili, chicken salad, hot dogs, peanut butter with honey, desserts, coffee, iced tea, and lemonade. **FREEWILL OFFERING ACCEPTED.** Dine in or carry out. Sponsored by Immanuel Ladies's Aid. The church is located at 1297 E 900 Ave., Shobonier, IL 62885.

**THRIVENT CHOICE** Consider directing your 2022 Thrivent Choice Dollars to Altamont Lutheran Interparish School the deadline to designate those funds is March 31, 2023. Call 800-847-4836 (1-800- Thrivent) or direct them online [www.thrivent.com](http://www.thrivent.com). ALIS received \$592 in March from Thrivent Choice. We truly appreciate your support!

**PURE GERMANY TOUR** - Mr. Jim Yagow is planning a trip to Pomerania and other sites in Germany Sept. 11-22, 2024. More information can be found on the Trip Handout in the narthex. Or you can contact Mr. Yagow directly: [jimyagow@aol.com](mailto:jimyagow@aol.com).

### **ALIS News/Upcoming Events:**

**March 20, Monday** ALIS KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION from 6-6:45pm. Students will meet their teacher and visit the kindergarten room while parents complete paperwork and ask questions. Bring a copy of your child's certified birth certificate to the orientation. Students will need a full physical, dental exam, eye exam, current immunizations and a lead screening before school starts in August. Please call the school office at 618-483-6428, or email [alisooffice2@gmail.com](mailto:alisooffice2@gmail.com) to RSVP.

**April 6-16** – No School - Easter Break

**April 17, Monday** – School Board Meeting – 7PM

### **Thought for the week...**

**Luke 11:21–22** – “When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil.” Jesus has disarmed Satan in a most unusual way: He has disarmed him by allowing Satan to cast all his weapons into Jesus. Satan has nothing left to attack us with — he spent it all on Jesus. And now Jesus is our stronger man. He guards and keeps us and ours. We have none to fear.

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**ATTENDANCE**

03/05

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**OUR CURRENT GIVING**

Weekly amount needed:	\$ 1,200.00
Received 03/05	\$ 876.00
Received YTD:	\$ 8,988.00
Difference in actual needed YTD:	\$ -3,012.00
Missions budget goal:	\$ 2,000.00
Received 03/05	\$ 75.00
Missions received YTD:	\$ 600.00



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**The following Lectionary Summary**, provided by the LCMS, serves as a guide to help understand the theme of the readings for each Sunday as well as how they fit into the particular season of the Church Year.

***Jesus Overcomes the Strong Man***

Jeremiah was charged with speaking evil when he spoke the Word of the Lord (Jer. 26:1–15). So also, Jesus is accused of doing evil when in fact He is doing good. He casts out a demon from a mute man so that he is able to speak (Luke 11:14–28). But some said Jesus did this by the power of Beelzebub, Satan. Like Pharaoh of old, their hearts were hard (Ex. 8:16–24). They did not recognize the finger of God, the power of the Holy Spirit at work in and through Jesus. Jesus is the Stronger Man who overcomes the strong man. He takes the devil's armor of sin and death and destroys it from the inside out by the holy cross. He exorcizes and frees us by water and the Word. We were once darkness, but now we are light in Christ the Lord (Eph. 5:1–9). As children of light, our tongues are loosed to give thanks to Him who saved us.

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CID's Gatepost: <http://www.cidlcms.org/news-gatepost-newsletter.html>

**Local Television Broadcast Schedule:**

Bethlehem Lutheran	Mediacom - Ch. 81	Sunday, 5:00 PM
Immanuel Lutheran	Mediacom - Ch. 81	Sunday, 6:00 PM

**KFUO - 850AM / KFUO.org** – Programs are archived for 24/7 on-demand listening

**Issues, Etc.** broadcasts live weekdays from 3:05 to 5:00 P.M. Central.

**TOP PODCASTS IN RELIGION & SPIRITUALITY...** Issues, Etc., a radio-talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken, consistently ranks among the Top Podcasts in Religion & Spirituality with Apple Podcasts. You can listen at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app or your favorite podcast provider.

**Bulletin Announcements** Please contact Tonya Suckow to submit bulletin announcements. You may E-mail [zion.altamont@gmail.com](mailto:zion.altamont@gmail.com) or call/text 618-780-7732. Please submit announcements by 12 P.M. on Friday.

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