

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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MARCH 16, 2024

# ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

- Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod -

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## Today's Worship

Order of worship: Setting Three with Holy Communion - p.184

Hymns: 547; 563, 606; 431

**Ushers serving in March:** Mark Suckow & Brock Murray

Reserve: Jason Suckow

**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.

## In Our Prayers This Week

**In need of healing:** Heather Davis, Teresa Gillum, Florence Leppin, Mike Myers, Howard Voelker, Mildred Wolf

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

**Imprisoned:** Alex Beccue



**Happy Birthday to Anna Manley on Tuesday (3/19)**

## **March Birthdays & Anniversaries\***

Steven Suckow (26<sup>th</sup>), Graham Murray (27<sup>th</sup>),

Sam Stuemke (28<sup>th</sup>), John Manley (30<sup>th</sup>)

**HOLY COMMUNION:** *The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.*

*Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive this sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **\*\*EVENT HELP NEEDED\*\***

SUNDAY, March 17, at ALIS: Preparations will start at 7:30 AM.

**Zion Lutheran Church - 1st Annual Pancake and Sausage Breakfast** at Altamont Lutheran School Gym, 7 S Edwards St, Altamont, on Sunday, March 17, 2024. Serving is 9:30AM to 1:00PM. Menu: Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs and drinks for a free-will donation. A bake sale will be held. Proceeds from the benefits will be divided into thirds to: ALIS Playground Equipment, Lutheran Care Center and Zion Lutheran Church.

**Mid-Week Lenten Service** will be held at Zion on Wednesday, March 20, 7PM. Rev. Timothy Landskroener, Immanuel, Augsburg, will be the visiting preacher with the message "Vindication" based on Psalm 41:7-8.

**LCC Executive Committee Meeting** will be held on Mon., March 25, at 7 PM.

**LCC Easter Bake Sale** The Lutheran Care Center is hosting an Easter Bake Sale on Saturday, March 30, from 9am-11am in the Luther Terrace Lobby. Bring your kids out for photos with the Easter Bunny! All proceeds will go towards entertainment for our skilled care residents.

**THRIVENT CHOICE** Consider directing your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Altamont Lutheran Interparish School. If you still have funds available from 2023, the deadline to designate is March 31, 2024. Call 800-847-4836 (1-800-Thrivent) or direct them online at [www.thrivent.com](http://www.thrivent.com).

**2024-2025 ALIS KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION – April 9, Tues.** 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 and his/her baptismal date.

**Illinois March for Life:** Wednesday, April 17, 2024. As last year, Trinity Lutheran Church in downtown Springfield (across the street from the state capitol building) will host a Matins service in the morning, before the rally and march, and a light lunch will be provided at a nominal cost. - There will be a free bus from Altamont to the March for Life in Springfield, IL on Wednesday, April 17, 2023. The first 48 persons to register can go. Thanks to Altamont Lutherans For Life. Contact Immanuel Lutheran Church.

**Mill Road Thresherman's Tractor Drive** to benefit their scholarship fund will be held on Saturday, June 15, 2024. The tractor drive (parade) will be making a stop at Zion to hear about the history of the congregation and school. *If you would like to volunteer to speak about some of the historical milestones from Zion's history, please speak with Dave Suckow.* More information on this event will be available at a later date.

**Stay Connected with the Central Illinois District**

CID's website: <http://www.cidlcms.org/>

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

**Mon., March 18** – School Board Meeting 7PM

**Fri., March 22** – Early Dismissal @ 11:15am with bussing, no after school care

**Thurs.-Fri., March 28 – April 5** – No School Easter Break.

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**ATTENDANCE**

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**OUR CURRENT GIVING**

Weekly amount needed:	\$ 1,300.00
(ALIS tuition per week = \$675)	
Received 3/10	\$ 1,310.00
Received YTD:	\$ 13,929.50
Difference in actual needed YTD:	\$ + 929.50
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Missions budget goal:	\$ 2,000.00
Received 3/10	\$ 75.00
Missions received YTD:	\$ 375.00

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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 Is Our Redemption***

In the temple Jesus said, *“If anyone keeps my word, he will never see death”* (John 8:51). For Jesus came to taste death for us—to drink the cup of suffering to the dregs in order that we might be released from its power. Clinging to His life-giving words, we are delivered from death’s sting and its eternal judgment. Christ is our High Priest, who entered the Most Holy Place and with His own blood obtained everlasting redemption for His people (Heb. 9:11–15). He is the One who was before Abraham was, and yet is his descendant. He is the promised Son who carries the wood up the mountain for the sacrifice, who is bound and laid upon the altar of the cross. He is the ram who is offered in our place, who is willingly caught in the thicket of our sin, and who wears the crown of thorns upon His head (Gen. 22:1–14). Though Jesus is dishonored by the sons of the devil, He is vindicated by the Father through the cross.

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

**Genesis 22:2 – “He said, ‘Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.’”** It’s hard for us to even fathom a faith as strong as Abraham’s — he follows the Lord’s Word even when it seems impossibly hard. But he does so because he knows that the Lord only means to bless. What happened here to Abraham should be an encouragement for us: trust the Lord and keep His Word.

**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.

**GALATIANS BIBLE STUDY...** The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon begins a study this week on the Book of Galatians. You can listen at your convenience at [thewordendures.org](http://thewordendures.org), Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, the LPR mobile app or your favorite podcast provider.

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