

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Altamont, Illinois*



† THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY †

JUNE 25, 2023

# ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

- Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod -

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TRINITY 3

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## Today's Worship

Order of worship:

Matins - p. 219

Hymns:

648, 609, 805, 588

***Ushers serving in June:*** Brock Murray & John Wohltman  
Reserve: Ben 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:** Heather Davis, Darren Feldkamp,  
Florence Leppin, Howard Voelker

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

**Imprisoned:** Alex Beccue



**Happy Anniversary** to Ron & Bert Siebert on Wednesday (06/28)

## **July Birthdays & Anniversaries\***

Sam & Judy Stuemke\* (2<sup>nd</sup>), Amy Manley (3<sup>rd</sup>), Michelle Conway (10<sup>th</sup>),  
Dean & Marcella Biggs\* (10<sup>th</sup>), Pastor & Amy Manley\* (18<sup>th</sup>),  
Imogene Clark (19<sup>th</sup>), Hope Roedl (27<sup>th</sup>)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**Ladies - LWML Mite Boxes** – Please turn in your mite boxes to Imogene in the next 4 weeks.

**LCC Executive Committee Meeting** will be held on Monday, June 26, at 7 PM.

**Bethlehem/Zion Youth Breakfast Fundraiser** will be held on Sunday, July 16, after the worship service at Zion. Menu consists of Egg casserole, pancakes, sausage, milk, juice, and coffee. A free will offering will be taken. Money raised is to offset the cost remaining of \$1,650 for youth and chaperones to attend Higher Things Conference July 18-21<sup>st</sup> in Carbondale, IL.

**Zion Donut Sunday** – We will be having a donut Sunday on Sunday, July 23, immediately following our worship service. A free will donation will be taken. Funds collected will be used for future Zion activities.

**Ice Cream Social at Faith Lutheran Church, Shumway**, will be held on Sunday, July 9, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. The menu will consist of Homemade Ice Cream, BBQ, Hot Dogs, pies, cake, and drinks. A FREE will offering will be taken. All proceeds will go to benefit Faith Lutheran Cemetery Concrete runner pads for the headstones.

**Teaching Position Available** - Trinity Lutheran School, Stewardson, is looking for a teacher for their 3rd & 4th Grade combined classroom. If you are interested in filling this position or would like more information, please contact the school at (217)682-3881.

**Volunteers needed for Church Cleaning** Please consider volunteering to help with church cleaning. It is important that our house of worship be well-maintained and presentable. This act of stewardship is ideal for your entire family to be involved. Our cleaning schedule is set up on a monthly basis. If you are not able to commit to cleaning both the sanctuary and basement you can choose one or the other. Cleaning takes up to just a couple hours every week depending on how much is needed and how thorough you want to be. You may sign-up on the bulletin board in the narthex to volunteer. If you would like more information or details on the cleaning needs of the church please speak to any of the Ladies' Aid members. Thank you!

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

**Luke 15:10 – “Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”** Jesus eats with sinners, not so that they will remain stuck in their sins, but so that they will come to know His love and repent. To repent means to turn, that is, to turn away from sin and toward Jesus in faith. Whether the sin we struggle with is pride, greed, doubt or any number of other sins, the Lord calls us to turn to Him again in faith and away from our sin.

### **Stay Connected with the Central Illinois District**

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

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

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**OUR CURRENT GIVING**

Weekly amount needed:	\$ 1,200.00
Received 06/18	\$ 846.00
Received YTD:	\$ 26,414.25
Difference in actual needed YTD:	\$ -3,585.75
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Missions budget goal:	\$ 2,000.00
Received 06/18	\$ 0.00
Missions received YTD:	\$ 850.00

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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 Receives Sinners***

*"This man receives sinners and eats with them"* (Luke 15:2). The Pharisees' statement of judgment against Jesus is in fact a proclamation of Gospel truth. For our God is one who delights in mercy, who casts all our sins into the depths of the sea through the cross (Micah 7:18–20). *"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners"* (1 Tim. 1:15). Those who refuse to be counted as sinners also refuse Jesus who came only for sinners. Those like the older son (Luke 15:11–32), who think they are righteous of themselves, will not join in the heavenly celebration over the sinner who repents and so remain outside of the Father's house. Let us therefore be on guard against self-righteously trusting in our own merits. *"Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you"* (1 Peter 5:6). Rejoice that Jesus receives sinners like us and that He still sits at table with us in the Holy Supper, bestowing His forgiveness and life.

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**Local Television Broadcast Schedule:**

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

**KFUO - 850AM / KFUE.org** – Programs are archived for 24/7 on-demand listening **Issues, Etc.** broadcasts live weekdays from 3:05 to 5:00 P.M. Central.

**UNANSWERED BIBLE QUESTIONS...** Issues, Etc., a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio, will have Pastors Bryan Wolfmueller and Brian Kachelmeier respond to your unanswered Bible questions. You can submit your question via email: [talkback@issuesetc.org](mailto:talkback@issuesetc.org), Facebook: [facebook.com/issuesetc](https://facebook.com/issuesetc), or the Issues, Etc. Comment Line: (618) 223-8382. You can listen to the interview 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.