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† EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY †

JULY 30, 2023

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

- Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod -

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TRINITY 8

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Today's Worship

Order of worship:

Matins - p. 219

Hymns:

903, 745, 689

Ushers serving in July: Dwayne Beccue & Jason Suckow

Reserve: Robert 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



August Birthdays & Anniversaries*

Matthew Manley (6th), Ellie Conway (9th), Dennis & Mary Stuemke* (9th),
Lloyd Alwardt (10th), Myrna Suckow (14th), Morris Suckow (20th),
Allison Conway (31st), Melissa Voelker (31st)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LCMS Convention – Please pray for the LCMS National Convention – 2023. July 29 – August 3. The 68th Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod will be held at the Baird Center in downtown Milwaukee. The Synod will gather under the convention theme, “We Preach Christ Crucified,” based on 1 Cor. 1:18-25. You should be able to live stream the convention at: lcms.org/convention.

Immanuel Lutheran Church Pork Burger Sale: There will be a pork burger and bake sale on Saturday, August 19 from 10:30-1:00 in the Immanuel church parking lot to assist their 150th anniversary celebration.

SAVE-THE-DATE: ALIS 3rd Annual BBQ Cook Off Fundraiser will be held at the Effingham County Fairgrounds on Saturday, September 9, 2023, from 1-9PM. See the flyer posted on the bulletin board for details.

CID LLL ANNUAL RETREAT – “GOD’S LIVING WORD TODAY” September 9, 2023, 9 AM – 2 PM at CAMP CILCA, 4124 CAMP CILCA RD, CANTRALL, IL Registration \$25.00 (INCLUDES LUNCH) Guest Speaker- Rev. Timothy Scharr – Southern Illinois District President. Register by Sept. 5 by sending the fee to Deloris Blessmann, 24204 CR 1850N Topeka, IL 61567, or emailing delorisblessman@yahoo.com

ALIS News/Upcoming Events:

Aug. 16, Wednesday – First Day of School



ExploreLHS.net

We continue to explore the possibility of starting a Lutheran High School in the Effingham County Area.

Last fall, we distributed an interest survey in starting a Lutheran High School in the area. We thank you for your responses. Because of the positive reaction we received, we have continued down this journey to explore further. While we are still at the infancy and exploration phase, we have partnered with the Genesis Project, which helps LCMS congregations start Lutheran schools. Our first step with the Genesis Project is participating in a Lutheran School Feasibility Study. During this phase, we will further assess the interest of families and the community. We have a new survey, which we ask you to take 5 minutes to complete.

Are you interested in a Lutheran High School in your area? Please let us know by completing this short congregation survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SLRKRJS>

If you prefer to complete a physical survey, you can find hard copies in the church narthex.



If you have any questions, please email info@ExploreLHS.net

ATTENDANCE

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OUR CURRENT GIVING

Weekly amount needed:	\$ 1,200.00
Received 07/23	\$ 943.00
Received YTD:	\$ 34,373.25
Difference in actual needed YTD:	\$ -1,626.75
Missions budget goal:	\$ 2,000.00
Received 07/23	\$ 0.00
Missions received YTD:	\$ 1,000.00



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.

Beware of False Prophets

“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves” (Matt. 7:15). Deceit has its strength in masquerading as the truth. False prophets speak a vision of their own heart, not from the mouth of the Lord (Jer. 23:16–29). They deny the judgment of the Lord, speaking peace to the unrepentant, when in truth there is condemnation and wrath. *“You will recognize them by their fruits”* (Matt. 7:20). The *“fruits”* of a true prophet are not outward righteousness or success but faithfulness in proclaiming the Word of the Lord. This is the will of the Father in heaven, that pastors take heed to the flock, the Father’s adopted ones (Rom. 8:12–17), warning them against the wolves and their lies, and shepherding the Church of God which He purchased with His own blood (Acts 20:27–38). For indeed, the cross is that good tree bearing good fruit—namely, the body and blood of Christ, given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

Thought for the week...

Jeremiah 23:17 – “They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’” Jeremiah’s day sounds a lot like our own, with self-appointed prophets in the popular media telling people exactly what they want to hear. But preachers of the true Word of the Lord do us the sometimes-difficult favor of telling us *what is actually true*. And that often challenges us, shows us our sins and calls us to repentance.

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

LIVE LCMS CONVENTION BROADCAST... You can listen to a live broadcast from the 68th Regular Convention of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in Milwaukee from 7-9 p.m. Central on Sunday, July 30. You can listen at issuesetc.org and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

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