

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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† FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY †

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

# ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

- Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod -  
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TRINITY 15

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## Today's Worship

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

Hymns: 601; 781 vs. 1-2; 636 vs. 1, 5-8, 427; 809

**Ushers serving in September:** Brock Murray & B.J. Voelker  
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.

## In Our Prayers This Week

**In need of healing:** Lloyd Alwardt, Heather Davis, Darren Feldkamp, Florence Leppin, Howard Voelker

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

**Imprisoned:** Alex Beccue



**Happy Birthday to Jada Suckow today (9/17)**

## **Upcoming September Birthdays**

Robert Roedl (25<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**

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**TODAY - Zion Family Night/Wiener Roast** beginning at 5 PM. Play games, then eat around 6 PM with a hayride to follow. Food and drinks will be provided but you are welcome to bring your favorite dish. Bring your lawn chair. Canceled in case of rain. This is a **FREE** fellowship event.

**Annual Dual Parish Committee Meeting** will be held **today**, at 2:00 PM, at Bethlehem. Zion representatives needed at the meeting include the chairman, treasurer, and 2 elders.

**Altamont Zone Lutheran Women's Missionary League - Fall Rally** will be held on Tuesday, September 19, at Immanuel from 4:30PM - 9:00 PM. Registration is at 4:30PM, the Rally will begin at 5PM. The theme is "*Abound in Love for One Another.*" Free-will offering dinner will be served in the Parish Hall. Ingathering Project: Altamont Food Pantry.

**ALIS Vision Mission** – Join us for a focus group discussion about ALIS on Tuesday, September 19, 6:30-7:30 PM, in the ALIS cafeteria. All are welcome whether you are connected to ALIS or not. Every person's opinion is valuable.

**SEA (Shelby-Effingham-Altamont) LLL Zone** will have a Pork Burger Sale and Bake Sale on the Triangle in Altamont on Saturday, September 23, from 11 AM-1 PM. Set up and grilling will begin at 9:30 AM. Baked goods should be brought to the Triangle by 10:30 AM. Proceeds from this sale will help fund the Lutheran Hour Broadcast on the Vandalia Radio station. Volunteers are needed to help grill and other tasks to carry out this fund-raising project. Contact Raymond Stuckemeyer at 618-267-6909 to volunteer or with any questions.

**LCC Family Day** – will be on Sunday, September 24, from 1-3 PM in the courtyard. There will be music, activities, & a bake sale. Bring your lawn chairs.

**Fall Mission Festival at Bethlehem** will be held on Sunday, September 24, with guest speaker, **Chaplain Craig G. Muehler, CAPT, CHC, USN (Ret.), Director of the LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces.** Vespers worship service begins at 1900 hours (7:00 PM). Following the service, join us in the parish hall for a presentation by Chaplain Muehler on the work and service of the LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces. Ice Cream & Desserts provided by the Bethlehem-Zion Youth Group. All proceeds go towards the LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces.

**Corn Maze with Scavenger Hunt & Harvest Festival** at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Wheeler. Dates: Sept. 29, 30 & Oct. 1; Oct. 6, 7 & 8; Oct. 13, 14, & 15; Oct. 20, 21, & 22. Event Times: Fridays - 6-10PM; Saturdays - 11AM-10PM, Sundays - 11AM-5PM. Admission into the Corn Maze is \$5 per person (ages 5 and under are FREE-must be accompanied by an adult). See the flyer on the bulletin board for full details.

**COMBINE CHOIRS for REFORMATION RALLY** - In preparation for celebrating the 506th Anniversary of the Glorious Reformation of the Church a Reformation Choir is being organized. Details: Practices will be held at Bethlehem on October 8, 15, and 22 from 3-4 PM. The choir will sing at the Reformation Rally on October 29 at 5PM. Bethlehem is hosting the service. Singers are being solicited from all of the four Churches that make up this annual Reformation Celebratory Service. A festive musical arrangement is planned for the choir! -Dean Manuel, Director; 618-267-7914 (cell and text).

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**ATTENDANCE**

09/10

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**OUR CURRENT GIVING**

Weekly amount needed:	\$ 1,200.00
Received 09/10	\$ 398.00
Received YTD:	\$ 41,094.25
Difference in actual needed YTD:	\$ -3,305.75
Missions budget goal:	\$ 2,000.00
Received 09/10	\$ 0.00
Missions received YTD:	\$ 1,100.00



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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.

***Anxious Bondage vs. Confident Trust***

*"You cannot serve God and money"* (Matt. 6:24–34), for they require two contrary forms of service. Worry is the worship given to the false god of mammon, an unbelieving anxiousness and focus on the things of this world. Faith is the worship of the true God, a confident trust that He is a loving Father who will care for all of our needs in both body and soul. The widow of Zarephath served God— that is, she believed the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah that the bin of flour would not be used up nor would the jar of oil run dry (1 Kings 17:8–16). He who feeds the birds and clothes the flowers will certainly provide for our daily needs. For He has already provided for our eternal needs, clothing us with Christ's righteousness in Baptism and feeding us His body and blood for our forgiveness. With such confidence we are liberated from worry and freed to do good with our material resources, especially to those who are of the household of faith (Gal. 5:25–6:10).

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

**Matthew 6:25** – **"Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on."** Our anxieties and fears all come down to one thing: worrying that we will not have what we think we need. But God is our loving heavenly Father. He will always care for us, His will is always best, and He actually knows what we actually need. That confidence should set us free from worry and make us free for service according to the callings God has given us.

**ALIS News/Upcoming Events:**

**Sept. 18, Monday** – Board of Directors Meeting – 7PM

**Sept. 20, Wednesday** – Early dismissal @ 11:10 am with bussing,  
no after school care

**Sept. 22, Friday** – Grandperson's Day K-8 – 1:30-2:30 PM

**Bulletin Announcements** 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.