

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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† TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY †

NOVEMBER 12, 2023

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

- Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod -

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TRINITY 23

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Today's Worship

Order of worship:

Matins - p. 219

Hymns:

893; 850; 781 vv. 1-2; 548

Ushers serving in November: Mark Suckow & B.J. Voelker
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: Barbara Clifton, Heather Davis, Darren Feldkamp, Florence Leppin, Howard Voelker

Serving in the military: Cole Stuemke, Brandon Voelker

Imprisoned: Alex Beccue



Happy Birthday to Dean Biggs on Saturday (11/18)

Upcoming November Birthdays & Anniversaries*

Dwayne Beccue (20th)

Notice: The Zion Treasurer position is open. If any Zion voter is interested in learning more about the responsibilities and skills necessary for this position, please speak to Steve Suckow or a member of the Council.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome: Seminarian Joshua Bieri will be serving as lector for the readings this morning. Seminarian Bieri attends Concordia Theological Seminary-Fort Wayne, where he lives with his wife Chrystal, and their children Jake & Isaac.

LCC Care Campaign - Door Collection will be taken *this morning*. Zion's general treasury will contribute matching funds from what is collected. 2023 Care Campaign Projects include a Tub Room Upgrade (\$35,000) and the Luther Terrace Kitchen Remodel (\$25,000).

TODAY - Donuts will be served immediately following our worship service. Guests are welcome to join us. A free will donation will be taken.

Seminary Food Drive – The LWML is collecting non-perishable food items for St. Louis Seminary students and families. Items may be left in the narthex.

Bethlehem-Zion LYF Groups Christmas Greenery Fundraiser - The BZ youth group is selling decorated and undecorated Christmas wreathes, garland, swags, grave blankets, and more. Items are supplied by The Green Works, Cowden, IL. Orders are due by November 19. Pick up will be in the Bethlehem Church parking lot on or near December 1-3. An order form is available on the bulletin board. Checks should be made to Bethlehem Youth Group.

St. Paul-Blue Point Lutheran Ladies Aid, Altamont will host their annual Soup Supper today beginning at 4 PM. The menu includes Chili, Chicken noodle soup, BBQ, chicken salad sandwich, hot dogs, homemade pie, cake, and drinks. Cost is a free will donation. There will also be a bake sale and craft bazaar.

ZION UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

Thanksgiving Eve Worship - Wednesday, November 22, 7 P.M.

Offerings will go towards Missions unless otherwise marked.

Zion Christmas Party will be held on **Friday, December 1, at 6:30 PM**. We'll sing some Christmas carols, play games, and enjoy snacks, sweet treats, hot cocoa, and punch. There is no gift exchange. Just bring finger foods, snacks, or your favorite Christmas treat.

ALIS News/Upcoming Events:

Fri., Nov. 10 – Early Dismissal - 11:10 am with Bussing, no after school care.

Tues., Nov. 14 – PTL Meeting 7 P.M.

Mon., Nov. 20 – School Board Meeting 7 P.M.

Wed., Nov. 22 – Early Dismissal - 11:10 am with Bussing, no after school care.

Thurs., Nov. 23 & Fri., Nov. 24 – No School – Thanksgiving Break

Thought for the week...

Philippians 1:5 – “I thank my God ... because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.” God doesn't need anything we have. Yet He invites us to give so that we can indeed become “partners in the Gospel.” This is a gift of His grace: inviting us to do significant work in the kingdom of God.

ATTENDANCE

11/05

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OUR CURRENT GIVING

Weekly amount needed:	\$ 1,200.00
Received 11/05	\$ 1,282.00
Received YTD:	\$ 49,648.25
Difference in actual needed YTD:	\$ -4,351.75
Missions budget goal:	\$ 2,000.00
Received 11/05	\$ 0.00
Missions received YTD:	\$ 1,200.00



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.

Render to God the things of God

When confronted with the civic duty of paying taxes, our Lord Jesus, Wisdom incarnate, *walked "in the way of righteousness, in the paths of justice"* (Prov. 8:20) and discerned that wisdom *"is better than jewels" and "better than gold, even fine gold"* (Prov. 8:11, 19). When we set our minds on earthly things, such as wealth and passing glory, our *"end is destruction"* (Phil. 3:19). However, our humble and prudent Lord has rendered *"to God the things that are God's"* (Matt. 22:21), namely, perfect fear, love, and trust, as well as the complete sacrifice for our sin. In so doing, He also rendered to Caesar the things of honor and justice, submitting to the law of the land that put Him on the cross. The true *"riches and honor are with [Him],"* because *"enduring wealth and righteousness"* (Prov. 8:18) are found in our heavenly citizenship from which *"we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ."* He *"will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself"* (Phil. 3:20-21).

Annual Christmas Benefit Concert - For more than 30 years, the Coles County Barbershop Chorus with quartets and ensembles have presented their annual one-hour concert. This year it will be held at the United Methodist Church on South 4th Street in Charleston at 3PM on December 3. There is no cost to attend, but a free will offering is collected...each year more than \$8,000 is provided for area homeless shelters and food pantry programs funded by these community outreach events. The first half of the program features secular songs, such as Christmas Island, White Christmas, Jingle Bell Rock etc. while the last portion is of a more spiritual nature: Angels We Have Heard On High, Silent Night, Mary, and Did You Know. A feature this year will be the World Drum Corp Club from the Jefferson Elementary School in Charleston.

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.

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