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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: 331; 332; 781 vs. 1-2; 618; 348

Ushers serving in December: Jason Suckow & John Wohltman

Reserve: Brandon Beccue

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: Barbara Clifton, Heather Davis, Darren Feldkamp, Florence Leppin, Myrna Suckow, Howard Voelker, Mildred Wolf

Serving in the military: Cole Stuemke, Brandon Voelker

Imprisoned: Alex Beccue



Happy Birthday this week to Ben Roedl on Wednesday (12/06)
and Andy Voelker on Friday (12/08)

Upcoming December Birthdays & Anniversaries*

Pastor Manley (27th), Ken & Imogene Clark* (28th)

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

Mid-week Advent service will be held at Bethlehem on Wednesday, December 6, at 7PM.

Advent Devotionals are available in the narthex.



TODAY AT 1PM - Come help decorate your church for the Advent/Christmas season.

Advent by Candlelight – A Star is Born - Immanuel Lutheran Church, Altamont, is hosting an evening of food, music, and fellowship to help us focus on Christ during the busy holiday season. The event will be held on Sunday, December 3, beginning at 6PM in the Immanuel Church Parish Hall. Donations of non-perishable foods, toiletries, diapers, etc. will also be taken for El Shaddai maternity home in Effingham. More details are on the bulletin board in the narthex. You may call Kendra Walker at (217) 821-7249 or email kmwalker79@gmail.com to sign up or for more information.

You are invited to a SURPRISE 70th birthday party for Pastor Geoffrey Robinson! There will be an open house from 2-4pm, December 9th in the small room at the Carriage House Event Center.

Camp CILCA Volunteer Opportunity - Looking for a way to serve your neighbor? Camp CILCA is holding a **Joyful Hearts Retreat** (one day retreat for adults with disabilities) on December 8-9. Volunteers are needed to help campers participate in activities, get ready for bed, eat meals, and learn about the birth of our Savior. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Lauren at program@cilca.org or call 217-487-7497.

Save the date – CID LLL District Convention - Saturday, March 9, 2024. Mark your calendars! Join the CID LLL District at their annual convention hosted at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Altamont, Illinois. All are welcome to attend. Our guest speaker is Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, Speaker of the Lutheran Hour® focusing on Energizing Mission. Join us for a day of spiritual growth with inspirational presentations to encourage and equip you as partners in His mission. Be on the look-out for more convention details in the new year.

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.

Thought for the week...

Jeremiah 23:6 – “And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’” Jesus is our righteousness, our justification, our all. In Jesus, we are forgiven and receive every blessing from the Father. This knowledge sets us free to live as children of the heavenly Father without fear. Freed from the supposed need to justify ourselves, we can do good works for the right reason: to thank God and to serve our neighbor.

ATTENDANCE

11/26

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OUR CURRENT GIVING

Weekly amount needed:	\$ 1,200.00
Received 11/26	\$ 843.00
Received YTD:	\$ 52,883.25
Difference in actual needed YTD:	\$ -4,716.75

Missions budget goal:	\$ 2,000.00
Received 11/26	\$ 0.00
Missions received YTD:	\$ 1,694.00



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.

The Lord Jesus Comes in Humility to Redeem Us

The new Church Year begins by focusing on the humble coming of our Lord. *“Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey”* (Matt. 21:5). Even as He was born in a lowly manger, so Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a beast of burden. For He bears the sin of the world. He is the Son of David riding to His enthronement on the cross, where He shows Himself to be *“The LORD is our Righteousness”* (Jer. 23:5–6). Our Lord still comes in great humility to deliver His righteousness to us in the Word and Sacraments. Before receiving Christ’s body and blood, we also sing, *“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”* (Matt. 21:9) And as we receive the Sacrament, we set our hearts on His return in glory, for *“our salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed”* (Rom. 13:11).

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SACRED MUSIC FOR THE ADVENT SEASON... “Savior of the Nations, Come,” “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry,” “Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending,” “Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding,” “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.” You can listen to sacred music for the Advent season 24/7 at lutheranpublicradio.org, TuneIn, Amazon Echo, Google Home, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

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