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Today's Worship

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

Hymns: 912; 637, 575; 656

Ushers serving in January: Mark Suckow & Brock Murray

Reserve: Jason Suckow

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 sign our guest register and 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: Karly Brummer (leukemia), Heather Davis (cancer), Lillian Grobengieser, Janice Heiden (lung cancer), Brad Suckow (recovering from surgery), Kathryn Suckow (cancer), Steve Voelker, Catherine Zumwalt (cancer)

Receiving skilled care: Judy Stuemke (LCC), Lucille Beccue (LCC)

Serving in the military: Cole Stuemke, Brandon Voelker

Happy Birthday this week to Charlotte Murray on Monday (01/19), Brad Suckow on Tuesday (01/20), Cash Suckow on Wednesday (01/21), Ella Voelker on Friday (01/23), and David Suckow on Saturday (01/24)

Upcoming January Birthdays

Jason Suckow (01/26)

Next Sunday, Jan. 25, Rev. Gary Fortkamp will be leading our worship service.

ALIS News/Upcoming Events

Mon., Jan. 19 – No School – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Mon., Jan. 19 – ALIS Board of Directors Meeting – 7PM

SAVE THE DATE: ALIS PTL Dinner Auction - Saturday, February 28, 2026.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cancelled – The special Voter’s meeting planned for this morning is cancelled.

Zion’s Quarterly Voter’s Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 25. The Council will meet at 1:30 PM, the Voters will meet at 2 PM.

Ladies - LWML Mite Boxes – Please turn in your mite boxes this month.

LCC Full Board and Congregational Meeting will be held on Monday, January 26, at 7 PM in the Family Gathering Center.

Sausage Sales: St. Peter’s Lutheran Men’s Club, St. Peter, will once again be taking pre-orders for sausage and ribs before their annual Sausage Supper. Orders are offered and encouraged ahead of time, with the deadline to order being January 31, 2026. Sausage will be available in 1lb packages. A limited amount of sausage will be available on the day of the supper – order early! To order, please call St. Peter’s Lutheran Church office 618-349-8321.

50th ANNUAL PRO-LIFE BREAKFAST The Effingham Area Right to Life is hosting its 50th ANNUAL PRO-LIFE BREAKFAST today, January 18, from 7am-Noon at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall (210 Pearl St, Teutopolis, IL). Free-will donations will be accepted, and you’ll enjoy whole hog sausage, eggs, pancakes, homemade breads, and drinks.

Bethlehem Lutheran, Ferrin, IL to Hold Its Winter Workshop on Necessary Masculinity: The world says all sorts of things about masculinity, even that it’s toxic. Yet, Holy Scripture says otherwise. What does true masculinity look like? What are the responsibilities that God gives to men? How do we raise our boys to be godly men? On Sunday, January 25, Bethlehem Lutheran Church (Ferrin, IL) will host Rev. Jeffrey Hemmer for its annual winter workshop, where he will present on “Necessary Masculinity.” Rev. Hemmer is the pastor at Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church (Fairview Heights, IL) and is the author of Man Up: The Quest for Masculinity. He has presented on this topic throughout the synod, which has been well-received. The workshop will be held at the church from 2pm to 5pm, and is open to men in 6th grade and up. Refreshments will be served as well. For those interested in attending, please RSVP to bethlehemferrinchurch@gmail.com

Pancake & Sausage Supper - St. Paul (Blue Point) Lutheran Church Men’s Club will host their annual Pancake & Sausage Supper on Sunday, February 1, from 4 -7 PM. All you can eat menu: pancakes, sausage links, and applesauce for a free will donation. Cooked, bulk, and rope sausage will also be available for a donation.

Annual PTL Dinner Auction will be held on Saturday, February 28, at the Carriage House Event Center in Altamont. This year’s event will begin with a social hour, silent auction, and meal from 4:30-6:00pm. The Live Auction will begin at 6:30pm. The cost is \$25 per person, or you may reserve preferred seating on a first come, first served basis for \$300 (table of 8). RSVP by Feb. 13th. If you would like to donate an item for the auction you may drop it off at ALIS during school hours by February 20. To RSVP, contact Shelby Robertson 618-267-4443, Shelbi Willenborg 618-322-0011, or Mackenzie Bowman 618-267-7593. Additional information is posted on the bulletin board.

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.

Losing Ourselves in the Confession of the One Name of Salvation

St. Peter speaks for all disciples when he confesses, “*You are the Christ*” (Mark 8:29). This confession is the bedrock of the Church, which Christ Himself builds (Matt. 16:18), for “*this Jesus,*” the stone rejected by earthly builders, “*has become the cornerstone*” (Acts 4:11). This was a scandal even to Peter. The Christ must suffer, be rejected, be killed, “*and after three days rise again*” (Mark 8:31), for through this work of salvation received by faith, God’s “*precious and very great promises*” are granted, “*so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature*” (2 Peter 1:4). Wherever Jesus is the Christ, His disciples deny themselves, take up their crosses, and follow Him (Mark 8:34). They have been cleansed from their former sins and increase in faith, virtue, knowledge, self-control, steadfastness, godliness, brotherly affection, and love, effective and fruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Peter 1:5–9). All who trust in Jesus, the Christ of Peter’s confession, will save their life, though for His sake they lose it (Mark 8:35). “*For there is no other name. . . by which we must be saved*” (Acts 4:12).

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.

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Bulletin Announcements E-mail zion.altamont@gmail.com or call/text Tonya at 618-780-7732. Please submit announcements by 12 PM on Friday.