

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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FEBRUARY 8, 2026

# ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

- Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod -

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## Today's Worship

Order of worship:

Matins - p. 219

Hymns:

729, 577, 655

***Ushers serving in February:*** John Wohltman & BJ Voelker

Reserve: Dennis Stuemke

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*Greetings in Christ. It's Gesima-time! Gesima (days) is a time when we focus on God's grace and gift of salvation to us. With a family member or friend, you could circle all the Gospelly, graceful, gift words in the readings. The Lord's Supper is a celebration of God's grace in the giving of Jesus' body and blood for our forgiveness. All those in altar fellowship and good standing in the LC-MS are welcome to celebrate the Sacrament with us. Please speak with Pastor Manley if you'd like to learn more about our confession and practice of the Lord's Supper and altar fellowship in our church.*

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## In Our Prayers This Week

***In need of healing:*** Wendy Blurton, Karly Brummer (leukemia), Heather Davis (cancer), Lillian Grobengieser, Janice Heiden (lung cancer), Brad Suckow (recovering), 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

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***Happy Birthday this week to Christy Beccue on Tuesday (02/10)  
and Jenna Murray on Wednesday (02/11)***

## Upcoming February Birthdays

Beverly Suckow (02/15), Dennis Stuemke (02/22)

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## ALIS News/Upcoming Events

**Fri., Feb. 13** – Early Dismissal 11:15AM with bussing, no after school care

**Mon., Feb. 16** – No School – President's Day

**Wed., Feb. 18** – Ash Wednesday

**Sat., Feb. 28** – ALIS PTL Dinner Auction

**Mon., Mar. 2** – No School – Casimir Pulaski Day

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Zion's Quarterly Voter's Meeting** will be held **today**. The Council will meet at 1:30 PM, the Voters will meet at 2 PM.

**Parish Hall Feasibility Meeting** - Those interested in participating in the feasibility study of a parish hall are asked to meet after the service this morning.

**Zion "Valentine Movie Night & Pizza Party"** – A movie night will be held on Sunday, **February 15**, at **6PM** in the church basement. All are welcome!

**St. Peter's Lutheran Men's Club, St. Peter - Annual Sausage Supper** with full menu at St. Peter's Lutheran Church-School Gym St. Peter, IL All You Can Eat! Sunday, February 15, 2026 Serving starts at 5:00 pm. Carry Outs available.

**Annual PTL Dinner Auction** - Saturday, February 28, at the Carriage House Event Center, Altamont. The event will begin with a social hour, silent auction, & meal from 4:30-6PM. The Live Auction begins at 6:30pm. 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. More information is on the bulletin board.

**Sausage Breakfast** - St. Clare Catholic Church in Altamont will be having a sausage breakfast on Sunday, February 15, from 7:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. The menu includes sausage patties, ham, scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy, pancakes, sweet rolls, sweet breads, milk, juice, and coffee. Free will donation.

**CID LLL District Convention** The majority of practicing Christians inherited their faith from someone in their house of origin. Twenty three percent say they are a Christian despite the sort of Christianity they saw in their household growing up. The Central Illinois LLL District invites you to learn more on Faith Formation in the Household at the annual convention on Saturday, March 21 at Christ Lutheran Church, 311 Hershey Road in Normal, Illinois.

The keynote speaker is Rev. Dr. Peter J Scaer, Chairman and Professor of Exegetical Theology, Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne. His presentation topic "Act Like Men: Be Strong in Christ". Rev. Dr. Scaer is often on CTSFW Lectionary Podcasts, Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty podcasts, Facebook and YouTube.

The registration fee is \$25.00 per person including lunch. Please complete the registration form (found on the bulletin board in the narthex) and mail with your registration fee to Deloris Blessman, 20204 CR 1850N, Topeka, IL 61567. Please make checks payable to CID LLL District. For more information you can contact Deloris by phone 309.361,1461 or by email [delorisblessman@yahoo.com](mailto:delorisblessman@yahoo.com). Registration deadline is March 16, 2026.

*If there are Sunday mornings when you or someone you know cannot make it to church, consider this free*



**Worship Anew**

*resource from Ft. Wayne Seminary: Worship Anew. Services are prepared for every Sunday and can be viewed in four different ways: on their website ([worshipanew.org](http://worshipanew.org)), Local TV stations and TCT Network, DVD, and through their Mobile App. You can also find it by searching on your TV for Worship Anew.*

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**ATTENDANCE**

02/01

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**OUR CURRENT GIVING**

Weekly amount needed:	\$ 1,300.00
(ALIS tuition per week = \$710)	
Received 02/01	\$ 1,156.00
Received YTD:	\$ 3,765.00
Difference in actual needed YTD:	\$ -2,735.00

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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.

***Scripture Alone***

The Sower sows the seed of His Word (Luke 8:4–15). This Word is living and powerful (Heb. 4:9–13) to conceive new life in those who hear it. But the planting of Christ is attacked by the devil, the world, and the flesh. Satan snatches the Word away from hard hearts. The riches and pleasures of this life choke off faith. Shallow and emotional belief withers in time of temptation and trouble. But see how Christ bears this attack for us! Christ's cross was planted in the hard and rocky soil of Golgotha. A crown of thorns was placed upon His head. Satan and His demons hellishly hounded and devoured Him. Yet, through His dying and rising again, He destroyed these enemies of ours. Jesus is Himself the Seed which fell to the ground and died in order that it might sprout forth to new life and produce much grain. In Him, the weak are strong (2 Cor. 11:19–12:9). He is the Word of the Father which does not return void (Is. 55:10–13) but yields a harvest hundredfold.

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

**Luke 8:11 – “The seed is the word of God.”** It all starts with the Word. “In the beginning...the Word was with God” (John 1:1). “He saved us by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit” (Titus 3:5). “The word of our God will stand forever” (Isaiah 40:8). We never outgrow our need to hear the Word of God. We never achieve such greatness that we don't need the blessings of God's Word. Rather, the Christian life is one of always striving to conform our lives to God's Word by living out the truth of our Baptism: that we are God's children by the power of His Word.

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**Issues, Etc.** broadcasts live weekdays from 3:05 to 5:00 P.M. Central.

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