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ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

- Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod -

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Today's Worship

Order of worship:

Setting Three - p.184

Hymns:

573; 637, 685; 744

Ushers serving in February: John Wohltman & BJ Voelker

Reserve: Dennis Stuemke

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 Gospels, 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.

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

Happy Birthday today to Beverly Suckow (02/15)

Upcoming February Birthday

Dennis Stuemke (02/22)

March Birthdays & Anniversaries*

Mike & June Carey* (03/01), Andy & Melissa Voelker* (03/07),
Anna Manley (03/19), Steven Suckow (03/26), Graham Murray (03/27),
Sam Stuemke (03/28), John Manley (03/30)

ALIS News/Upcoming Events

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

Zion "Valentine Movie Night & Pizza Party" – *today* at **6PM** in the church basement. We will be watching King of Kings, a cartoon reenactment of how Charles Dickens writes and shares the greatest story ever told to his children. All are welcome!

Ash Wednesday Service will be held at Bethlehem on Wednesday at 7PM.

NOTICE: If anyone is interested in serving as a representative for Zion for the Lutheran Care Center please speak with Dean Biggs.

NOTICE: If anyone is interested in serving on the Holy Trinity Lutheran High School committee please speak with Rick Conway.

3rd Annual Zion Pancake and Sausage Breakfast at Altamont Lutheran School Gym, 7 S Edwards St, Altamont, on Sunday, March 15, 2026. Serving is 9:30AM to 1:00PM. Menu: Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, potatoes and drinks for a free-will donation. A bake sale will be held. Proceeds from the benefits will be divided into thirds to: ALIS, LCC, and Zion Lutheran Church.

THRIVENT CHOICE Consider directing your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Zion Lutheran Church. The deadline to designate is March 31, 2026.

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! **Today**, Sunday, February 15, 2026 Serving starts at 5:00 pm. Carry Outs available.

Annual PTL Dinner Auction – Sat., Feb. 28, at the Carriage House Event Center, Altamont. The event begins with a social hour, silent auction, & meal from 4:30-6PM. The Live Auction begins at 6:30pm. If you would like to donate an item for the auction you may drop it off at ALIS during school hours by Feb. 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 *today* from 7:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. 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. Registration deadline is March 16, 2026.

ATTENDANCE

02/08

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OUR CURRENT GIVING

Weekly amount needed:	\$ 1,300.00
(ALIS tuition per week = \$710)	
Received 02/08	\$ 983.00
Received YTD:	\$ 4,748.00
Difference in actual needed YTD:	\$ -3,052.00



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.

Faith Alone

The seeing are blind, while the one who is blind can see (Luke 18:31–43). Jesus tells the twelve that He is going up to Jerusalem to suffer and die and rise again, but they cannot understand or grasp what He is saying. The meaning of His words is hidden from their sight. However, as Jesus makes His way up to Jerusalem, a blind man calls out to Him for mercy. This blind man sees that Jesus is the Messiah, the Savior, for he calls Him “Son of David.” Indeed, Jesus is the Lord’s anointed, the keeper of sheep (1 Sam. 16:1–13) who goes to lay down His life for the sheep. He is the incarnate love of the Father who suffers long and is kind, who is not puffed up, who never fails us (1 Cor. 13:1–13). Jesus opens the eyes of the blind (Is. 35:3–7) to see Him not according to outward appearances of lowliness, but according to His heart of mercy and compassion. Those who behold Him thus by faith follow Him to the cross through death into life.

Coles County Chorus is looking for ladies to join as guest singers for their upcoming Lenen concert on Sunday, March 29, at 4PM. Full details including rehearsal times are posted on the bulletin board. If you would like to join, or need more information, please call Charlie Niehaus at 618-335-9237 or email cniehausacUSD@gmail.com.

CID Newsletter: Want to know what's going on in our District? Sign up to receive our CID Newsletter by email at: www.cidlcms.org/news-gatepost-newsletter.html. Or speak with Pastor Manley for assistance. The Gatepost has 5 Issues every year and this latest one features a letter from Acting District President Rev. Mark Eddy.

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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.