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ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

- Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod -

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Today's Worship

Order of worship:

Matins - p. 219

Hymns:

437; 658; 662

Ushers serving in March: Rick Conway & Jason Suckow

Reserve: Dwayne 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 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: Wendy Blurton, Karly Brummer (leukemia), Heather Davis (cancer), James & Kathryn Fields (vehicle accident), Lillian Grobengieser, Janice Heiden (lung cancer), Brad Suckow (recovering), Kathryn Suckow (cancer), Steve Voelker, Shirley Wohltman, Catherine Zumwalt (cancer)

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

Serving in the military: Cole Stuemke, Brandon Voelker

March Birthdays & Anniversaries*

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., Mar. 16 – ALIS Board of Directors Meeting - 7PM

Thurs., Mar. 19 – **ALIS KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION** 6-6:45pm. Please bring a copy of your child's certified birth certificate. RSVP to the school office by emailing alisoffice2@gmail.com or call 618-483-6428.

Fri., Mar. 20 – Early Dismissal 11:15 am with bussing. No After School Care.

Thought for the week... Luke 11:21–22 – “When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil.” Jesus has disarmed Satan in a most unusual way: He has disarmed him by allowing Satan to cast all his weapons into Jesus. Satan has nothing left to attack us with — he spent it all on Jesus. And now Jesus is our stronger man. He guards and keeps us and ours. We have none to fear.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP – Saturday, March 14 @ 7PM.

There will be **NO** 8 AM worship service on **Sunday, March 15.**

****EVENT HELP NEEDED****

Set up will be at 2PM on SATURDAY, March 14 at ALIS.

BAKE SALE items are needed.

Zion's 3rd Annual Pancake and Sausage Breakfast will be held at Altamont Lutheran School Gym Sunday, March 15. 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, Lutheran Care Center, and Zion Lutheran Church.

Zion Donut Sunday - TODAY immediately following divine worship.

Mid-Week Lenten Service will be held at Zion on Wednesday, March 11, at 7PM.

Congregational meeting following the service on Sunday, March 22.

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

Re-scheduled: Bethlehem Lutheran, Ferrin, IL to Hold Its Necessary Masculinity Workshop today, March 8th. See the flyer on the bulletin board for details.

Tre Ore 2026 – Tre Ore “3 hours” will be held at Bethlehem, Altamont, on Good Friday, April 3, 12pm-3pm. All Christians are welcome to remember the 3 hours of darkness Christ hung for us, meditating on the words He spoke from the cross. The service is led by Reverends Manley, Cornelius, Speers, Meyer, Bartens, Hart, Landskroener. You can come for any portion of the service or for its entirety. Bethlehem is located at 6351 N. 200th St. Altamont, IL.

The Symphonic Band of Martin Luther High School, Greendale, Wisconsin will be performing a concert on Saturday, March 14 at 6:00 PM at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Altamont. A free-will offering will be accepted.

CID LLL District Convention

Join us for a day of spiritual growth with inspirational presentations to encourage and equip you and your household. Last chance to register for the Central Illinois LLL District 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 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

02/25	50
03/01	36

OUR CURRENT GIVING

Weekly amount needed:	\$ 1,300.00
(ALIS tuition per week = \$710)	
Received 02/25	\$ 324.00
Received 03/01	\$ 745.00
Received YTD:	\$ 9,009.00
Difference in actual needed YTD:	\$ -2,691.00



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.

Jesus Overcomes the Strong Man

Jeremiah was charged with speaking evil when he spoke the Word of the Lord (Jer. 26:1–15). So also, Jesus is accused of doing evil when in fact He is doing good. He casts out a demon from a mute man so that he is able to speak (Luke 11:14–28). But some said Jesus did this by the power of Beelzebub, Satan. Like Pharaoh of old, their hearts were hard (Ex. 8:16–24). They did not recognize the finger of God, the power of the Holy Spirit at work in and through Jesus. Jesus is the Stronger Man who overcomes the strong man. He takes the devil's armor of sin and death and destroys it from the inside out by the holy cross. He exorcizes and frees us by water and the Word. We were once darkness, but now we are light in Christ the Lord (Eph. 5:1–9). As children of light, our tongues are loosed to give thanks to Him who saved us.

LCC Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Mon., March 30, at 7 PM.

Coles County Barbershop Concert - Sunday, March 29th - 4:00 PM, First Baptist Church, 1804 S. 9th St., Mattoon, IL 61938. Join the Coles County Chorus for a heartfelt afternoon of faith-inspired songs in exquisite four-part barbershop harmony. This uplifting Lenten concert features timeless songs of worship. Special collaboration pieces will feature talented ladies and gentlemen from the Mattoon and Charleston area, who will be joining the chorus on two songs, Someone's Walkin' and God So Loved The World. Admission: Free. A free will offering will be received. Additional information is posted on the bulletin board.

KFUO - 850AM / KFYO.org – Programs are archived for 24/7 on-demand listening **Issues, Etc.** broadcasts live weekdays from 3:05 to 5:00 P.M. Central.

KARAOKE FOR CHRISTIAN HYMNS... You can sing hymns like "The Angel Gabriel," "Silent Night," "This Joyful Eastertide," "The Day of Resurrection," "Come Holy Ghost, Creator Blest" and more. Lutheran Public Radio has produced YouTube videos of more than 55 hymns featuring the Lutheran Public Radio Choir. Sing along at lutheranpublicradio.org/karaoke.

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