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MARCH 14, 2026

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

- Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod -

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Today's Worship

Order of worship:

Setting Three - p.184

Hymns:

757; 623, 566; 774

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), Lillian Grobengieser, 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 this week to Anna Manley on Thursday (03/19)

March Birthdays & Anniversaries*

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...

John 6:5 – “Jesus said to Philip, ‘Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?’” Of course Jesus knows the answer to that question — He knows how He means to care for His people. The Lord provided, and He still provides. This knowledge frees us for generosity without fear.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

****EVENT HELP NEEDED****

SUNDAY, March 15, at ALIS: Preparations will start at 7:30 AM.
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.

Mid-Week Lenten Service will be held at Bethlehem on Wednesday, March 18, at 7PM.

Congregational meeting following the service on Sunday, March 22.

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

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

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.

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.

Stay Connected with the Central Illinois District

CID's website: <http://www.cidlcms.org/>

CID's Gatepost (newsletter) <http://www.cidlcms.org/gatepost.html>

ATTENDANCE

03/08	38
03/11	42

OUR CURRENT GIVING

Weekly amount needed:	\$ 1,300.00
(ALIS tuition per week = \$710)	
Received 03/08	\$ 3,650.00
Received 03/11	\$ 330.00
Received YTD:	\$ 12,989.00
Difference in actual needed YTD:	\$ - 11.00



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 Feeds His People

The Lord provided bread from heaven for His people in the wilderness (Ex. 16:2–21). Now He who is Himself the living bread from heaven miraculously provides bread for the five thousand (John 6:1–15). This takes place near the time of the Passover, after a great multitude had followed Jesus across the sea, and when He went up on a mountain. Seen in this way, Jesus is our new and greater Moses, who releases us from the bondage of Mount Sinai and makes us free children of the promise (Gal. 4:21–31). Five loaves become twelve baskets—that is, the five books of Moses find their goal and fulfillment in Christ, whose people continue steadfastly in the doctrine and fellowship of the twelve apostles, and in the breaking and receiving of the bread of life, which is the body of Christ together with His precious blood, and in the prayers (Acts 2:41–47). So it is that God’s people “*shall not hunger or thirst*” (Is. 49:8–13). For He abundantly provides for us in both body and soul.

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

EXPLAINING LUTHERANISM TO NON-LUTHERANS... *Issues, Etc.* is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen to a series of interviews with Dr. Jordan Cooper, author of the new book “*Lutheranism for Non-Lutherans*,” at issuesetc.org/nonlutherans.

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