

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Altamont, Illinois*



† SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER †

APRIL 27, 2025

# ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

- Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod -

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**EASTER 2**

**APRIL 27, 2025**

## **Today's Worship**

Order of worship:

Matins - p. 219

Hymns:

475, 480, 490

**Ushers serving in April:** 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 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.

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## **In Our Prayers This Week**

**In need of healing:** Karly Brummer (leukemia), Heather Davis (cancer), Steve Flood (knee), Lillian Grobengieser, Luke Grobengieser (hip), Janice Heiden (lung cancer), Pastor Heimgartner, Kathryn Suckow (ovarian cancer), Steve Voelker, Catherine Zumwalt (cancer)

**Receiving skilled care:** Lucille Beccue (LCC), Bernice Graumenz (LCC), Shirley Siddens (LCC), Judy Stuemke (LCC), Mildred Wolf (LCC)

**Serving in the military:** Cole Stuemke, Brandon Voelker

**Imprisoned:** Alex Beccue

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**Happy Birthday this week** to LaShay Suckow today (04/27)  
and Hona Roedl on Saturday (05/03)

## **May Birthdays & Anniversaries\***

Gary Wendling (05/07), Stephanie Voelker (05/16),

Tonya Suckow (05/20)

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## **ALIS News/Upcoming Events:**

**Thurs., Apr. 17 – Sun., Apr. 27** – Easter Break

**Sun., May 4** – Retirement Celebration for Mrs. Mathias – Carriage House Event Center 1-3PM

**Wed., May 14** – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation – 7PM

**Tues., May 20** – Last Day of School – 11:15AM Dismissal, No bussing or After School Care. Closing Chapel – 8:45AM, Awards Ceremony – 9:30AM

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Zion's Quarterly Voters Meeting - TODAY** 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 to Imogene.

**St. John's Lutheran, Effingham** - We invite you to celebrate with us as we hold the Dedication Service of our renovated Sanctuary on Sunday, April 27, 2025. The Service will begin at 6:30pm. Our guest preacher will be Rev. Dr. Dean Wenthe, a dear son of our congregation. Come, join us in celebration!

**165<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - St. John Lutheran Church, Dieterich** will have a special worship service on Sunday, April 27, 2025 at 10:00 am in celebration of 165 years of ministry. Rev. Dr. Dean Wenthe, former President of Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN will be the guest preacher. A luncheon will follow the service for all present.

**Retirement Party** – You are invited to an open house retirement party in honor of Mrs. Connie Mathias on Sunday, May 4, from 1:00-3:30PM at the Carriage House Event Center. Mrs. Mathias has served 45 years in the teaching ministry.

**The Lutheran Layman's League** of the Shelby-Effingham-Altamont Circuits invites you to attend a presentation by LCMS Missionary David Baker on his mission to Mongolia. Mongolia is a unique and remote country of Asia lying between China and Russia where Christianity is growing among Buddhist and Muslim traditions. Pastor Baker and his family have been serving in Asia to the Kazakh people for 20 years. He will share their experiences as a missionary at Faith Lutheran Shumway on May 4 at 6:30 PM. Refreshments will follow the presentation.

**Altamont Area Life Meeting** - All are welcome to attend - May 7, 7pm at Immanuel, Altamont Parish Hall to present a new Altamont Area Lutherans for Life Chapter constitution for approval. With the approval of this constitution there will be plans for future pro life participation and events. Lutherans for Life exists to equip Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices for life. Learn more at: [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org).

**COMING UP: Family Life Center Baby Bottle Project** – Simply pick up a baby bottle at church on Mother's Day, fill it with spare change between Mother's and Father's Day, and return it on Father's Day to the church. Every bottle helps provide free, lifesaving services and education to families in need. It's an easy, meaningful way for all ages to get involved and make a difference right here at home! Your change can change a life!

**LCC Needs Volunteers:** On Sundays the residents of LCC attend worship service in the chapel at 2:30 pm. Volunteers are needed to assist in getting the residents back to their rooms, dining room, etc. (pushing wheelchairs) after the service. Two volunteers are needed each Sunday. This will not take too much time; volunteers are even welcome to attend the service if they'd like. If you are interested, please contact **JoAnn Schultz (Monday-Friday 8:30-3:00 @ 618-483-6136)** to sign up for a date.

**Stay Connected with the Central Illinois District**

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

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

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## ATTENDANCE

04/20

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## OUR CURRENT GIVING

Weekly amount needed:	\$ 1,300.00
(ALIS tuition per week = \$710)	
Received 04/20	\$ 1,112.25
Received YTD:	\$ 20,967.25
Difference in actual needed YTD:	\$ + 167.25
Missions budget goal:	\$ 2,000.00
Received 04/20	\$ 0.00
Missions received YTD:	\$ 300.00

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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.

### *The Wounds of Christ Give Us Life*

*"For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood"* (1 John 5:7). These three point to Christ and flow from Christ. Jesus shows His disciples His hands side, from which blood and water flowed, saying *"Peace be with you."* He presents the wounds which turn our fear to gladness and which restore us to the Father. Jesus breathes on His disciples and says, *"Receive the Holy Spirit"* (John 20:23). His breath, His words are Spirit and life. They raise up our dry, dead bones and give us new and everlasting life (Ezek. 37:1–14). Christ now gives His ministers to speak His forgiving, Spirit-filled words to the penitent in His stead. Our Lord continues to come to His people, presenting His wounds to us in the Sacraments of water and blood. He bids us to touch His side at His table, to receive His risen body and blood in true faith, that believing we may have life in His name.

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

**John 20:19** – *"On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'"* Fear is the opposite of faith. That is, the kind of cringing fear we have in the face of something that is hostile to us and more powerful than we are. Jesus spends a lot of His time telling the disciples to not be afraid. Our fears constantly hem us in and prevent us from following the Lord's will. But there is no need to fear. Jesus has conquered. No fear can keep us locked up. We have been set free by Jesus for lives that declare His marvelous deeds.

**BOOK OF PHILEMON BIBLE STUDY...** The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon begins a study this week on the Book of Philemon. You can listen at your convenience at [thewordendures.org](http://thewordendures.org), Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

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