

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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† THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER †

MAY 4, 2025

# ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

- Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod -

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**EASTER 3**

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## **Today's Worship**

Order of worship:

Setting Three with Holy Communion - p.184

Hymns:

710; 618,488; 740

**Ushers serving in May:** Mark Suckow & Dennis Stuemke

Reserve: Brock Murray

**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** to Gary Wendling on Wednesday (05/07)

## **Upcoming May Birthdays**

Stephanie Voelker (05/16), Tonya Suckow (05/20)

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

**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

**Upcoming Graduations/Promotions:** We celebrate with Zion's students as the end of another school year approaches. We pray for God's blessings and guidance upon each of them. Graduation dates: **ALIS** – **Wed., May 14, 7PM;** **AGS (Promotion)** – **Tues., May 20, 2PM;** **ACHS** – **Sat., May 17, 5PM.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**THIS MORNING:** A brief congregational meeting will be held after the service.

**Zion Ladies Birthday/Secret Pal Supper** will be held on Monday, May 19, at 6 PM at Jeanine Wendling's home. All ladies are invited whether you choose to have a secret pal or not. Bring your favorite salad and come for an evening of food and fun. Secret pals, bring your birthday gift for your secret pal.

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

**TODAY - 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 – Wednesday, 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!

**Installation – Immanuel Lutheran, Altamont** – You are invited to the installation of Rev. Scott Niermann on Sunday, June 8, at 5PM. A light meal will follow.

**Immanuel VBS** - Save the Date: May 27-30, 9:00-11:30am. VBS will be held in the Immanuel Church Sanctuary and Parish Hall this year.

**Bethlehem VBS** - Will be June 8-12, 6-8pm. All Zion children and friends are welcome to come Prek-6th Grade. On June 12 there will be a wienie roast starting at 7pm, side dishes are welcome. Kids can stay and play afterward.

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

**John 10:16 – “And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice.”** On their own sheep are in great danger. They need a shepherd to guide them. The sheep know the Shepherd's voice, and we delight to go where He leads. Of course, the world, the devil and our own sinful flesh want to pull us in another direction. Namely, they want to pull us in the direction of death. But following the Shepherd means life. So, no matter how difficult the path is, let us follow the Shepherd!

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## ATTENDANCE

04/27

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## OUR CURRENT GIVING

Weekly amount needed:	\$ 1,300.00
(ALIS tuition per week = \$710)	
Received 04/27	\$ 521.00
Received YTD:	\$ 21,488.25
Difference in actual needed YTD:	\$ - 611.75
Missions budget goal:	\$ 2,000.00
Received 04/27	\$ 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 Good Shepherd Cares for His Sheep***

Our Lord Jesus is the Good Shepherd (John 10:11–16). He is not like the hireling, who cares nothing for the sheep and only for himself, who flees when he sees the wolf coming. Rather, Jesus is the Good Shepherd who seeks out His scattered sheep to deliver them (Ezek. 34:11–16). He gathers them and feeds them in rich pasture. He binds up the broken and strengthens the sick. He lays down His life for wandering and wayward sheep. On the cross, Christ bore in His body the attacks of the predators of sin and death and the devil for you that you might be saved. He now lives to restore your soul in the still waters of baptism, to lead you in the paths of righteousness by the voice of His Gospel, to prepare the table of His holy supper before you, that you may dwell in the house of the Lord forever (Psalm 23). *“For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls”* (1 Peter 2:25).

**HOLY COMMUNION:** *The Lord’s Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.*

*Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive this sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder.*

**Bulletin Announcements** E-mail [zion.altamont@gmail.com](mailto:zion.altamont@gmail.com) or call/text Tonya at 618-780-7732. Please submit announcements by 12 P.M. on Friday.