# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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† FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER †
MAY 11, 2025

#### ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

- Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod -

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#### **Today's Worship**

Order of worship: Matins - p. 219 Hymns: 478, 464, 818

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

Reserve: Brock Murray

<u>We welcome our visitors</u> 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.

#### In Our Prayers This Week

<u>In need of healing:</u> 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

Happy Birthday to Stephanie Voelker on Friday (05/16)

## **Upcoming May Birthdays**

Tonya Suckow (05/20)

## June Birthdays & Anniversaries\*

David & Beverly Suckow\* (06/01), June Carey (06/04), Mary Stuemke (06/04), Herb Stuemke (06/07), Arlon Beccue (06/16), Brock & Jenna Murray\* (06/16), Ron & Bert Siebert\* (06/28)

A Mother's Day Prayer: Gracious Father, You promised through Eve salvation in Your Son, and the gift of motherhood to bear all people in Your image. You likened Your own compassion to the mothering wings of a hen which nestles her young. Make us grateful for all mothers and by grace give them holy faith in You, that they would tend and sooth Your children from the sorrowful life of this world to the joy of life eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Baby Bottles for Family Life Center are available today. Simply pick up a baby bottle, 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!

Zion Donut Sunday will be next Sunday, May 18, after divine worship.

**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.

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

<u>Immanuel VBS</u> - May 27-30, 9:00-11:30am. VBS will be held in the Immanuel Church Sanctuary and Parish Hall this year. The theme will be EPIC AUSTRALIAN ADVENTURE-*An unforgettable Journey with Jesus*.

<u>Bethlehem VBS</u> - 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.

<u>Upcoming Graduations/Promotions:</u> We celebrate with Zion's students as the end of another school year approaches. Congratulations to our ACHS graduate Ben Roedl and all our students as they are promoted to the next grade. We pray for God's blessings and guidance upon them. Graduation dates: <u>ALIS</u> – Wed., May 14, 7PM; <u>ACHS</u> – Sat., May 17, 5PM.

## **ALIS News & Upcoming Events:**

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

Mon., May 19 - ALIS Boar of Directors Meeting - 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

## Thought for the week...

1 Peter 2:11 – "Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul." Passions of the flesh — that means the things our flesh desires. One way to sum up all the "passions of the flesh" is to call them greed: the desire to have more things to bring us comfort and peace of mind. But that shows us the real problem with greed. It wages war against our soul, and it urges us to place our trust in the things of this world and not in God. But St. Peter reminds us that we are sojourners and exiles. We belong to the kingdom of God. We have been purchased by the blood of Christ and belong to Him. That knowledge frees us from greed, and it frees us for generosity.

ATTENDANCE	
05/04	40
OUR CURRENT GIVING	
Weekly amount needed:	\$ 1,300.00
(ALIS tuition per week = $$710$ )	
Received 05/04	\$ 1,265.00
Received YTD:	\$ 22,753.25
Difference in actual needed YTD:	\$ - 646.75
Missions budget goal:	\$ 2,000.00
Received 05/04	\$ 0.00
Missions received YTD:	\$ 300.00



<u>The following Lectionary Summary</u>, 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.

#### Those Who Wait on the Lord Shall Rejoice

The people of God are pilgrims and sojourners in this world, looking ahead to a destination yet to come (1 Peter 2:11–20). Though we are now children of God, the fullness of what we shall be has not yet been revealed (1 John 3:1–3). We are those who wait on the Lord. "The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him" (Lam. 3:25). Jesus tells us that the wait is just a little while. "A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me" (John 16:16). Though you must experience sorrow for a time, though you must live as strangers in a world that is at enmity with Christ, yet your sorrow will be turned to joy when He returns. "But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength" (Is. 40:31). The little while of weeping shall be replaced with an eternity of rejoicing in the presence of Christ the crucified and risen Savior. "And no one will take your joy from you" (John 16:22).

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