

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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† TRINITY 8 †  
JULY 21, 2024

# ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

- Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod -

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## Today's Worship

Order of worship: Setting Three with Holy Communion - p.184

Hymns: 745, 623, 531, 816

**Ushers serving in July:** Dwayne Beccue & John Wohltman

Reserve: Jason Suckow

**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.

**Prayer Before Worship:** *O Lord, our creator, redeemer, and comforter, as we come together to worship You in spirit and truth, we humbly pray that You would open our hearts to the preaching of Your Word so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear us for the sake of His name. Amen.*

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## In Our Prayers This Week

**In thanksgiving** for the birth of a daughter, Sydney Alwardt, to Darin and Andrea Alwardt on July 18.

**In need of healing:** Alice Harmon (recovering), Florence Leppin (cancer), Todd Luedtke, John Putnam, Shirley Siddens (heart procedure), Steve Voelker (shut-in), Catherine Zumwalt (cancer)

**Receiving care at LCC:** Lucille Beccue, Bernice Graumenz, Marybeth Potts, Judy Stuemke, Mildred Wolf

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

**Imprisoned:** Alex Beccue

***For Pastor Rikli, in preaching God's Word and for Immanuel, Altamont, and all who are in need of a pastor.***

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**Happy Birthday this week** to Hope Roedl on Saturday (7/27)

## Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries\*:

Matthew Manley (8/06), Ellie Conway (8/09), Dennis & Mary Stuemke\* (8/09),

Lloyd Alwardt (8/10), Myrna Suckow (8/14), Morris Suckow (8/20),

Allison Conway (8/31), Melissa Voelker (8/31)

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**Welcome** This morning we welcome back Rev. Richard Rikli, Emeritus.

**Mite offering for LWML** – An offering basket is available this morning for anyone wishing to donate to Zion’s LWML Mite offering contribution.

**New Weekly Devotions-** We are changing our devotions from Congregation at Prayer to Around the Word Devotions. These new devotions are available by the bulletins and offer weekly Psalm, prayer, verse, hymn, and daily readings and short devotions on the daily bible readings. Names for the sick or in need are now all found in the bulletin section for prayers. Continue to include those names in your personal prayers and please take an Around the Word Devotion and give feedback to pastor.

**Ladies - LWML Mite Boxes** – Please remember to turn in your mite boxes to Imogene.

**LCC Full Board Meeting** has been canceled for Monday, July 22.

**July 28 Church Music Presentation From Brandon Beccue-** Brandon Beccue was one of many gifted musicians who attended our Synod's Institute on Liturgy, Preaching, and Church Music at Concordia Seward July 9-12. After Church Service on July 28, Brandon will share what he has learned on (1) David's Harp: organization to help churches/communities connect and grow musicians. (2) Psalms: How we can use music more creatively in the service and the purpose of the psalms. (3) Music Events: Hymn Festivals, Cantatas, and Recitals and their joyful place in the church.

**LLL State Fair Booth-** Volunteers are needed from the Shelby, Effingham, Altamont Circuit Congregations to man the LLL State Fair booth on Aug. 10th and 13th at the Illinois State Fair. Those who man the booth are given admission passes to the fair for that day and help to give away hundreds of Bibles, numerous tracts, and children’s books each year. If you are interested please call Raymond Stuckemeyer (618) 267-6909.

**SAVE-THE-DATE - ALIS 4th Annual BBQ Cook Off Fundraiser** will be held at the Effingham County Fairgrounds on Saturday, September 14, 2024, from 1-9PM. Dinner consisting of brisket, pulled pork, baked beans, cole slaw, potato salad and chips will be served from 4PM until the food runs out (free will donation). There will also be a Lutheran Ladies bake sale. Activities include bounce houses, games, bags tournament. Entertainment by: Josh Holland from 6-9pm.

**SAVE-THE-DATE LWML Fall Rally** will be at St. Paul (Blue Point) Lutheran Church on Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. Registration at 4:30 PM, the rally begins at 5PM.

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

**Romans 8:16 – “The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.”** Children are called to grow up into the image of their Father. That’s the basis not only of our generosity, but of our entire life as Christians. God sets the pattern and we follow. God is kind to us in Christ, and so we desire to be kind. God is loving to us in Christ, and so we desire to love. God is generous and open-handed to us in Christ, and so we desire to be generous and open-handed.

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**ATTENDANCE**

7/14

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**OUR CURRENT GIVING**

Weekly amount needed:	\$ 1,300.00
(ALIS tuition per week = \$675)	
Received 7/14	\$ 1,172.00
Received YTD:	\$ 37,603.50
Difference in actual needed YTD:	\$ + 1,203.50
Missions budget goal:	\$ 2,000.00
Received 7/14	\$ 0.00
Missions received YTD:	\$ 1,575.00



**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.*

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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.

***Beware of False Prophets***

*"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves" (Matt. 7:15). Deceit has its strength in masquerading as the truth. False prophets speak a vision of their own heart, not from the mouth of the Lord (Jer. 23:16–29). They deny the judgment of the Lord, speaking peace to the unrepentant, when in truth there is condemnation and wrath. "You will recognize them by their fruits" (Matt. 7:20). The "fruits" of a true prophet are not outward righteousness or success but faithfulness in proclaiming the Word of the Lord. This is the will of the Father in heaven, that pastors take heed to the flock, the Father's adopted ones (Rom. 8:12–17), warning them against the wolves and their lies, and shepherding the Church of God which He purchased with His own blood (Acts 20:27–38). For indeed, the cross is that good tree bearing good fruit—namely, the body and blood of Christ, given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.*

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**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.