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- Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod -

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Today's Worship

Order of worship:

Matins - p. 219

Hymns:

953, 745, 965

Ushers serving in July: Dennis Stuemke & BJ Voelker

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 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: Dwayne Beccue (recovering), Wendy Blurton, Karly Brummer (leukemia), Lillian Grobengieser, Rev. Gail Heimgartner (cancer), Sam Stuemke (heart), 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 to Hope Roedl on Monday (07/27)

Upcoming August Birthdays & Anniversaries*:

Matthew Manley (8/06), Ellie Conway (8/09),

Dennis & Mary Stuemke* (8/09), Lloyd Alwardt (8/10),

Kaci Camp (8/11), Myrna Suckow (8/14), Morris Suckow (8/20),

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

ALIS News/Upcoming Events

Online enrollment for ALIS started on July 1, 2026. Families were sent an email from Teacherease - Common Goal Systems with directions on how to access your parent account and complete enrollment online. There will also be **in person Registration at ALIS on Tuesday, July 28, 2026 from 4-6pm.**

Tues., Aug. 12 – ALIS Open House – 4:30-5:30 PM / *Bubble Mania* 5-7PM

Mon., Aug. 17 – Board of Directors Meeting – 7PM

Tues., Aug. 18 – 1st Day of School with early dismissal @ 11:10 AM, Coffee and donuts for parents and guests 8-8:50 AM, Opening chapel – 9AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Confirmation Logan Tyler Reardon will be confirmed this morning through his Confession of Faith in the Rite of Confirmation and will be received as a communicant member of Zion Lutheran Church. Please join us in praying for God's continued blessings upon him.

LWML Mite Boxes – Please turn in your mite boxes to Imogene.

LCC - Door Collection will be taken on Sunday, August 9. Donations will go towards replacing the LCC Chapel flooring.

Zion Work Day - A work day has been scheduled for Saturday, September 12, beginning at 8:30 AM.

A new fund has been started to earmark donations towards the future building of Zion's Parish Hall. Place donations in the offering plate in an envelope marked "Parish Hall Fund". The balance will be added to the bulletin each week.

The Lutheran Layman's League of the Shelby-Effingham-Altamont Circuits will hold a Rally Wednesday, Aug 12, 2026 at 6:30 pm at Faith Lutheran Church, 7707 East IL 33; Shumway IL. ***Britt Odemba, Missionary to Kenya, East Africa*** with the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod will be the feathered speaker. Britt has been based in Nairobi since 2012 and works in partnership with Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya (ELCK). Her work focuses on education, childcare and consulting with local Project 24, a childcare program. Britt is originally from Palo Alta CA. She is married to husband Micah and has two children. *There will also be a short business meeting for SEA LLL.* Following the program refreshments will be served by members of Faith Lutheran Church.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church Altamont, IL – BBQ –

August 30th - 11am - until the food is gone.

- Menu: Brisket, pulled pork, smoked chicken, hotdogs, German potato salad, apple pie, baked beans, coleslaw, tea, lemonade, and Bethlehem Ladies Aid famous desserts.
- Free Games: Barnyard Basketball, volleyball, badminton, cornhole, cake walk, ring toss
- Freewill donation.
- Proceeds go to help with Bethlehem ALIS Tuition.
- Meal served in Bethlehem Parish Hall.

All are welcome to bring lawn chairs and stay for games, fellowship, and fun.



Holy Trinity Lutheran High School's Board of Directors is delighted to announce that Rev. Stephen Rutherford has accepted the Call to serve as the school's first principal.

Rev. Rutherford has a deep passion for education and has served as an adjunct instructor at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. In his previous call, he was also heavily involved in secondary education, teaching courses in theology, English, history, and government. He is familiar with our region, having previously served as pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Louisville. He, his wife, and their four children are excited to return to the area, and he is eager to work with the community to establish Holy Trinity Lutheran High School as a distinctly faithful, rigorous, and vocationally oriented school. His installation will be announced in the coming weeks.

ATTENDANCE

07/19

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OUR CURRENT GIVING & MEMORIALS

Weekly amount needed:	\$ 1,300.00
(Zion's ALIS tuition cost per week = \$747)	
Received 07/19	\$ 1,316.00
Received YTD:	\$ 38,974.00
Difference in actual needed YTD:	\$ +1,274.00
Missions received YTD:	\$ 100.00



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.

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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Thought for the week...

Jeremiah 23:17 – “They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’” Jeremiah’s day sounds a lot like our own, with self-appointed prophets in the popular media telling people exactly what they want to hear. But preachers of the true Word of the Lord do us the sometimes-difficult favor of telling us what is actually true. And that often challenges us, shows us our sins and calls us to repentance.