

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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JULY 28, 2024

# ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

- Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod -

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## Today's Worship

Order of worship:

Matins - p. 219

Hymns:

915, 730, 738

***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.*

***Prayer After Worship:*** *Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for our many sins and assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. We thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep us in faith until we inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

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## **In Our Prayers This Week We Remember...**

***In need of healing:*** Heather Davis (cancer), Lillian Grobengieser, Alice Harmon (recovering), Florence Leppin (cancer), Todd Luedtke, John Putnam, Shirley Siddens (heart procedure), Marion Schmidt (cancer), 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 Immanuel, Altamont and all who are in need of a pastor.*

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## **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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**Pastor Out of Town** - July 28-31 Pastor Manley will be in Wisconsin for The Bugenhagen Conference. If you need pastoral care please call Mark Suckow (618) 267-5589.

**NOTICE: SERVICE DATE CHANGE** - Divine Worship will be held on **SATURDAY, August 11 at 7PM** to allow Pastor Manley to serve at the 8:00 a.m. worship service for the Mill Road Thresherman Show. **There will be NO worship service on Sunday, August 12.**

**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.

**TODAY - 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, Sept. 17. Registration at 4:30 PM, the rally begins at 5PM.

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**ATTENDANCE**

7/21

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**OUR CURRENT GIVING**

Weekly amount needed:	\$ 1,300.00
(ALIS tuition per week = \$675)	
Received 7/21	\$ 1,088.00
Received YTD:	\$ 38,691.50
Difference in actual needed YTD:	\$+ 991.50
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Missions budget goal:	\$ 2,000.00
Received 7/21	\$ 0.00
Missions received YTD:	\$ 1,575.00



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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 Steward's Shrewdness Sanctified***

*"The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness"* (Luke 16:1–9). The steward's shrewdness is praiseworthy for two reasons. First, he knew the master would be merciful. He trusted that the master would honor the debts he forgave in the master's name. In the same way, though we have squandered our heavenly Father's possessions in selfishness and sin, Jesus is the Steward who has canceled our debt, knowing that His forgiveness will be honored by the Father because of the holy cross. Secondly, the steward was shrewd in using oil and wheat to provide for his earthly welfare. So also do these earthly elements aid us when pressed into heavenly use in the anointing of baptism and the wheat of the Lord's Supper. Those who have the Sacraments will have an eternal home when their earthly home fails. These provide us aid in times of temptation (1 Cor. 10:6–13). For the Lord is our strength and a shield to all who trust in Him (2 Sam. 22:26–34).

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**ALIS News & Upcoming Events:**

**Aug. 15, Thursday** – First Day of School. Early Dismissal 11:10 a.m.  
NO bussing or After school care.

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

**Luke 16:8–9 – "For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings."** The things of this world, including wealth, are merely tools. They can be used for good or ill. They can be squandered or used efficiently. How we use them will be determined by what is most important to us. What is most important to you in your life? Does the way you use the things of this world reflect that?

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