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ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

- Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod -

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TRINITY 11

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Today's Worship

Order of worship:

Setting Three - p.184

Hymns:

559; 636 v1-4, 684; 465

Ushers serving in August: Dwayne Beccue & John Wohltman

Reserve: Rick Conway

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, Sam Stuemke (heart), Brad Suckow (recovering), Kathryn Suckow (cancer), Steve Voelker, Catherine Zumwalt (cancer)

Receiving skilled care: Lucille Beccue (LCC)

Serving in the military: Cole Stuemke, Brandon Voelker

Happy Birthday this week to Morris Suckow on Thursday (8/20)

Upcoming August Birthdays:

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

Upcoming September Birthdays & Anniversaries*

Kelsey Hardiek (9/02), Jeff Suckow (9/02), B.J. Voelker (9/02),

Brandon Beccue (9/04), Keifer & Kaci Camp (09/07)*,

Keifer Camp (09/11), Linda Suckow (9/13), Quinn King (9/14),

Myla Voelker (9/16), Jada Suckow (9/17), Robert Roedl (9/25)

ALIS News/Upcoming Events

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

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

Holy Trinity Lutheran High School - Please join us for the INSTALLATION SERVICE OF REV. STEPHEN RUTHERFORD as Principal of Holy Trinity Lutheran High School on August 23, 2026, 3:00 pm at St. John's Lutheran Church, 901 W Jefferson Ave, Effingham, IL. All are welcome to a cake and punch reception following the service.

Ice Cream Social - The LYF of St. John's Lutheran Church, Louisville, IL will be hosting an Ice Cream Social on Sunday, August 23 serving is from 4:30-7:00PM. The menu will include pork burgers, hot dogs, pulled pork sandwiches, potato salad, chips, desserts, homemade ice cream and drinks. This will be a free will donation. All are invited to attend!

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. Served in Bethlehem Parish Hall. Freewill donation. Proceeds go to help with Bethlehem ALIS Tuition. Free Games: Barnyard Basketball, volleyball, badminton, cornhole, cake walk, ring toss. *All are welcome to bring lawn chairs and stay for games, fellowship, and fun.*

ALIS 8th Grade Fundraisers - The ALIS 8th grade students are raising money for their spring class trip to Branson, Missouri, where they will visit the Sight & Sound Theatre. Please support them through these upcoming fundraisers:

Pork Burger and Bake Sale: Saturday, August 22 from 10AM until sold out at Gilbert Park, Altamont.

Panda Express Fundraiser: Tuesday, August 25 from 9:30AM – 9:30PM at 1203 N Keller Drive, Effingham. Order online or in-person. Ordering in person: bring a paper flyer or show the flyer on your smartphone. Online ordering: use the code 3863086 when ordering. Students will receive 20% of event sales. See the flyer posted on the bulletin board for complete information and ordering instructions. Copies of the flyer are also available in the narthex.

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.

ATTENDANCE

08/09

45

OUR CURRENT GIVING & MEMORIALS

Weekly amount needed:	\$ 1,300.00
(Zion's ALIS tuition cost per week = \$747)	
Received 08/09	\$ 940.00
Received YTD:	\$ 41,355.00
Difference in actual needed YTD:	\$ - 245.00
Missions received YTD:	\$ 100.00
Parish Hall Fund 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.

The Lord Lifts Up the Lowly

"And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard" (Gen. 4:1–15). For unlike Abel, Cain's offering did not proceed from a heart that revered and trusted in the Lord. Thus, the lowly tax collector who prayed, *"God, be merciful to me, a sinner!"* was the one who went down to his house justified before God, not the respectable, outwardly righteous Pharisee who trusted in himself and his own good living (Luke 18:9–14). *"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast"* (Eph. 2:1–10). The one who penitently despairs of his own righteousness and relies completely on the atoning mercy of God in Christ is the one who is declared righteous. For Christ died for our sins and rose again the third day (1 Cor. 15:1–10). Therefore, *"everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."*

Thought for the week...

Luke 18:11–12 – "The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.'"

The Pharisees got so much right, and so much wrong. It's a good thing for this Pharisee to be faithful to his wife and faithful in his giving to the Lord's work, but these things are worthless if they proceed from a prideful heart! After all, what do we have to be proud of? If we have followed the Lord's ways, we have only done our duty. Better to be thankful (and amazed!) that the Lord has blessed us by making our giving part of His work!

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