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Today's Worship

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

Hymns: 730, 602, 901

Ushers serving in September: 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 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: Karly Brummer (leukemia), Heather Davis (cancer), Lillian Grobengieser, Janice Heiden (lung cancer), Kathryn Suckow (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

Happy Birthday this week to Robert Roedl on Thursday (9/25)

Upcoming October Birthdays & Anniversaries*

Ron Siebert (10/07), Rick Conway (10/10), Deb Wohltman (10/10),
Grace Manley (10/15), John & Deb Wohltman* (10/17), Mila Camp (10/19),
Marcella Biggs (10/23), Brock Murray (10/25), Riley King (10/31)

ALIS News/Upcoming Events

Tues., Sept. 23 – PTL Meeting – 7PM

Fri., Sept. 26 – Grandperson's Day – 1pm

Thurs.-Fri., Oct. 2 & 3 – No School - LEA Convocation

Fri., Oct. 10 – No School

Mon., Oct. 13 – No School – Columbus Day

Mon., Oct. 20 – ALIS Board of Directors Meeting – 7PM

SAVE-THE-DATE - Zion's 3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off will be held on Sunday, November 9, at Barn & Bottle Winery, 10810 N 1st St, Altamont.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Zion Family Night/Wiener Roast will be held on Sunday, October 12. Play games, then eat around 6 PM with a hayride to follow. Food will be provided but you are welcome to bring a dish to share. Bring your lawn chair.

St. Peter's Lutheran Church, St. Peter, Fall Dinner – Today from 10:30AM - 1PM. Held in the school gym. Menu includes: Pulled pork, Fried chicken, Potato salad, Coleslaw, Baked beans, homemade desserts, lemonade, coffee, & water. Carry-outs available. Free will donation.

Annual LCC Family Day will be held today from 1-3PM in the courtyard. There will be live music from the Burdick family, a courtyard dedication in honor of Linda Schmidt, popcorn, ice cream, door prizes, as well as a bake sale. If you would like to provide an item for the bake sale, we would be very grateful, funds raised will go to the Activity Department.

Bethlehem Mission Festival – Sunday, September 28th, 7PM with guest, Rev. Chris Hull, pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church and Student Center, Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL. Mission Festival starts at 7PM with a worship service celebrating St. Michael & All Angels. Following the service, Pastor Hull will have a presentation on Campus Ministries. Ice Cream & Desserts will be provided by the Bethlehem-Zion Youth Group in the Parish Hall.

LCC Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Mon., Sept. 29, at 7 PM.

LLL Pork Burger Sale on The Triangle The SEA (Shelby-Effingham-Altamont) Zone will have a Pork Burger Sale on the Triangle in Altamont on Sat., Oct. 4, from 10AM - 1PM. A Bake Sale will also be held. Donation of items for the Bake Sale will be appreciated. Proceeds will go to maintain the airing of the Lutheran Hour on WPMB/WKRV radio in Vandalia IL. Any questions contact Raymond Stuckemeyer, 618-267-6909. More information is on the bulletin board.

Corn Maze with Scavenger Hunt & Harvest Festival at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Wheeler. Dates: Sept. 26-28; Oct. 3-5; Oct. 10-12; Oct. 17-19. Event Times: Fridays - 6-10PM; Saturdays - 11AM-10PM, Sundays - 11AM-5PM. Admission into the Corn Maze is \$5 per person (ages 5 and under are FREE-must be accompanied by an adult). Concessions available. Flashlight recommended for evening hours. Proceeds benefit Renewal Team community projects.

Every week Zion supports ALIS so that our children can be taught the Bible, pray, and learn in a Lutheran school from Lutheran teachers. Here is just one of those teachers who we support with our offerings, to teach our children the Christian faith:

ALIS Head Cook - Mrs. Heather Davis

I'm a mom to four boys Kaden (19), Kale (14), Keaton (11) & Kyson (8). My husband Mike & I have been married for 17 years. I enjoy seeing all the kiddos as they come through for lunch! Being a lunch lady is so rewarding & enjoy it so much! I'm not a teacher but when the opening became available for the lunch lady position I hesitated at applying at first but I'm ever so glad that I did! I LOVE to watch my boys play sports & enjoy spending a lot time with my family. I'm fighting

Stage IV colon cancer & getting to go to work with my ALIS family & getting to see & interact with all the kiddos helps me in my fight tremendously!



ATTENDANCE

09/14

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OUR CURRENT GIVING

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| Weekly amount needed: | \$ 1,300.00 |
| (ALIS tuition per week = \$710) | |
| Received 09/14 | \$ 1,436.00 |
| Received YTD: | \$ 47,181.25 |
| Difference in actual needed YTD: | \$ - 918.75 |
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| Missions budget goal: | \$ 2,000.00 |
| Received 09/14 | \$ 0.00 |
| Missions received YTD: | \$ 450.00 |



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.

St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Our Ascended Lord *gives gifts* to His Church. In particular He gave *apostles and evangelists* like St. Matthew, *prophets* like Ezekiel, and still gives *pastors and teachers* (Eph. 4:8, 11). All are *for the common good, empowered by the same Spirit* (1 Cor. 12:7, 11). They *speak Christ's truth in love to wind- and wave-tossed children* so that the *saints may be equipped, served, and built up as the body of Christ* (Eph. 4:12–15). Christ is not only the *Head* of this body; He is her *Good Physician* (Matt. 9:9–13). He has *come not for the well but for the sick, not for the righteous, but for sinners*—even notorious tax collectors like Matthew. Christ's team of spiritual physicians must serve faithfully. Their instrument is "*Thus says the Lord God,*" to be spoken "*whether they hear or refuse to hear*" (Ezek. 3:11). To those *stubborn, rebellious* patients who believe they need no physician, the *Word of lamentation, mourning, and woe* must be *fearlessly* spoken: God's Law calls to repentance. To those who recognize their trouble and sickness, the *salve of the Gospel* is to be applied. So Christ works to save us, as Matthew's Gospel records.

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.

Bulletin Announcements E-mail zion.altamont@gmail.com or call/text Tonya at 618-780-7732. Please submit announcements by 12 P.M. on Friday.