

Zion Evangelical-Lutheran Church of Detroit

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HOLY MASS is celebrated every Sunday and Wednesday at 10am, and on holy days as announced.

COMMUNICANTS ARE BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS who have been instructed in and publicly confess the Evangelical-Lutheran Faith. If you desire to commune at Zion, please speak with the Pastor before approaching the Altar.

THE DIVINE OFFICE OF MATINS is prayed Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 8:45am in the Chapel of the Holy Incarnation in the Rectory.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION is taught every Sunday immediately following Holy Mass.

SUNDAY SCHOOL for children ages 3-12 is every Sunday from September through May. Lessons are Bible-story based and activities are designed to reinforce the biblical lesson.

PRIVATE ABSOLUTION is available on Saturdays from 9 – 10am and by appointment.

PASTORAL COUNSELING based on the Holy Scriptures is available from the Pastor. An appointment is necessary.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM is for infants and adults, and may be arranged by contacting the Pastor for an appointment.

COUPLES DESIRING HOLY MARRIAGE should contact the Pastor before finalizing the wedding date. Biblical instruction in Holy Marriage is required. All marriages are conducted by the Pastor according to Zion's usual order.

NEW MEMBERS are received by Baptism, Confirmation, Transfer or Profession of Faith. Instruction in Luther's Small Catechism and Private Absolution are required for all new members. Please ask the Pastor for further details.

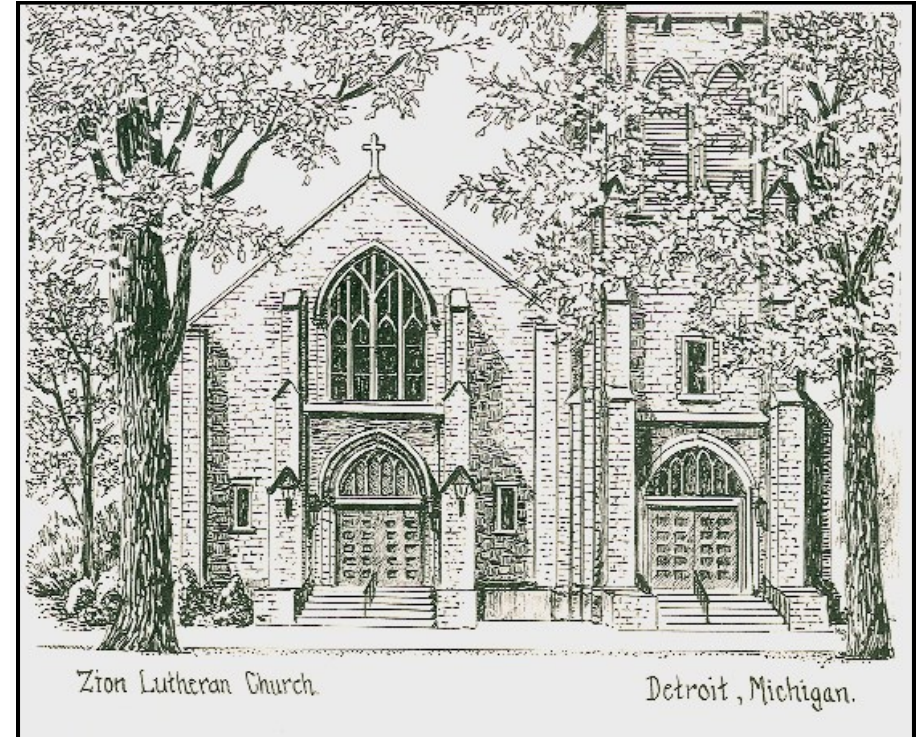
SICK AND HOMEBOUND are visited regularly by the Pastor with the Scriptures and Sacrament. Please contact the Parish Office if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation.

PARISH OFFICERS DEACONS: William Gramzow, Thomas Habitz, Jr., Eric Russell TRUSTEES: Roderick Atkins, Gregory Gramzow, Paul Snoes; PARISH EDUCATION: Shirley Cross, Alan Kroske, Pamela Ruffin; OFFICERS OF THE VOTERS: Roderick Atkins (chairman), Jason Balaska (vice-chairman), Kristi Russell (secretary), Gregory Gramzow (treasurer), Jessica Chavez (financial secretary).

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS Adult Choir, Altar Guild, Children's Choir, Jubilate Deo Women's Choir, St. Seraphim Prayer Guild, Society of St. Samuel (Altar Boys), Usher Club, Zion Endowment Board.

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“THE LORD HAS CHOSEN ZION;
HE HAS DESIRED HER AS HIS DWELLING PLACE”



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Last Sunday of the Church Year

November 24, 2013

Oh, How Blest Are Ye

Where else can you be united with your loved ones who have fallen asleep in Jesus?
Where else can you partake with them in the kingdom which has no end? At this Holy Mass – where you commune with all the Faithful, both on earth and in Heaven.

The Theme of Today's Liturgy

As the Church Year comes to an end, we confess that Our Lord is the “Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending” (*Introit*). While we wait in Faith for Our Lord's coming, He gives us to partake of His unending Feast (*Gospel*). That is where Our Lord's promise of a new heaven and earth meet, where we now heed Our Lord's joyful call and feast with him in the nuptial hall of the Lamb of God (*Chief Hymn*). So the Spirit and the Church rightly call out, “Even so, come Lord Jesus” (*Alleluia*).

The Sermon

Lazarus died. He was buried. And yet when the Lord spoke of Him, He said to His disciples “Lazarus sleeps, but I go that I might wake Him up.” So the Kingdom of Heaven is like ten virgins who slumbered and slept. They all slept. But they were not all the same. Indeed all were virgins, all appeared outwardly to be the Church, all had lamps. But when they laid down they were different. Some laid down without faith. And no matter the length of the time they slept, when they awoke, the Lord saw the difference. None of us by nature have the oil of faith, it is a gift of God. And those who receive that rich anointing, those who receive that saving oil, those whom God fills with heavenly things, the invisible Church seen only by the Bridegroom, have the sure Promise of awaking to follow the Groom into the Wedding Feast.

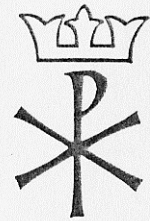
The Holy Eucharist

The Blessed Sacrament is where the Bride of Christ (the Holy Church) receives her Bridegroom (Christ Jesus), where He feeds her and provides for her, and where He shows her all His tenderness and affection.

The Readings

Isaiah 35.3-10; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; St. Matthew 25.1-13

Prepare for Next Sunday



Ad Te Levavi—The First Sunday in Advent
December 1, 2013

The Lord Who Comes

Jeremiah 31.31-34; Romans 13.11-14; Matthew 21.1-9
Hymns: 58, 95, 68, 55, “Creator of the Stars of Night” (insert)

Prepare for Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 28, 2013—10am

Deuteronomy 8.1-10; 1 Timothy 2.1-8; St. Luke 17.11-19
Hymns: 574, 36, 313, 39, 568

Thanksgiving Display Donations

From Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Williams

The hymns for today's Mass are listed in the Ordo.

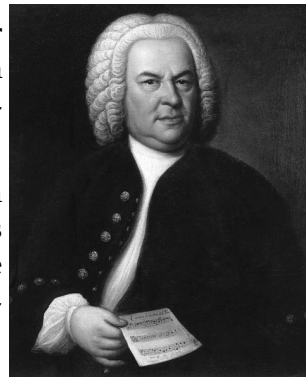
The King of Chorales The CHIEF HYMN, “Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying (# 609) is known as the “King of Chorales,” the most significant hymn (*Chorale* is the German word for “hymn”).



Both text and tune by Pastor Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608), it was written in 1599 for the Gospel for the Last Sunday in the Church Year, Matthew 25:1-13, originally described “Of the Voice at Midnight and the Wise Virgins who Meet Their Heavenly Bridegroom.” The tune has been described: “the greatest and most solemn melody of Evangelical Christendom.”

The hymn is based after *Wächterlieder* (watchmen’s songs) of the middle ages. “In these songs, the voice of the watchman from his turret summons the workers of darkness to flee from discovery; with Nicolai it is a summons to the children of light to awaken to their promised reward and full felicity.”

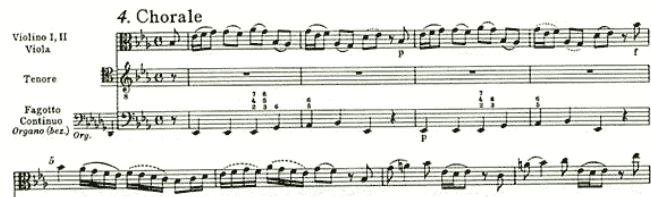
Bach’s Setting of “Wake, Awake” The Lutheran composer Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) wrote a series of *cantatas* for each Sunday and festival in the liturgical year. A *cantata* is a multi-movement musical composition for instruments, choirs, and soloists.



A Special Occasion In the town of Leipzig, Germany, where Bach served as kantor, the Twenty-Seventh Sunday After Trinity (Lessons for the Last Sunday in the Church Year) rarely occurred, unless the date for Easter was very early. This cantata was written for November 25, 1731.

All of Bach’s cantatas show remarkable skill and require many gifted musicians to perform, but the cantata (BWV 140) for “Wake, Awake,” is especially well-known because Bach put extra effort into this rarely-celebrated festival. (In many Church calendars, such as the one we follow, earlier Sundays are skipped so that the last three Sundays in the year are celebrated every year.)

The PRELUDE is based on a movement from Bach’s Cantata 140. In the cantata movement four, the strings play the accompaniment while the tenor soloist sings the words of stanza two of the hymn. In the organ version (BWV 645), the melody is played on a separate keyboard with the left hand with the trumpet pipes, while the right hand plays the accompaniment.



THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

- Holy Mass for the Last Sunday in the Church Year** Today, 10a, Church Pictorial Directory Photos..... Today, 9-9:45a & 11:30a-12:30p, Undercroft Hallway
- Adult Bible Study..... Today, 11:30a, Undercroft
- Sunday School..... Today, 11:30a, Activities Center
- Matins Mon, 8:45a, Chapel
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- Holy Mass for the Last Wednesday in the Church Year**.....Wed, 10a, Chapel
- Bible Study Wed, 11a, Rectory
- Holy Mass for Thanksgiving Day** Thr, 10a, Church
- MatinsFri, 8:45a, Chapel
- Private Confession and Absolution..... Sat, 9a, Chapel
- Holy Mass commemorating St. Andrew, Apostle** Sat, 10a, Chapel
- Youth Catechism..... Sat, 10a, Rectory
- Ladies’ Group..... Sat, 1p, Rectory
- Adult Choir.....Sun, 9a, Rectory
- Pictorial Directory Photos.....Sun, 9-9:45a & 11:30a-12:30p, Undercroft Hallway
- Holy Mass for Ad Te Levavi-First Sunday in Advent** Sun, 10a, Church
- Adult Bible Study.....Sun, 11:30a, Undercroft
- Sunday School.....Sun, 11:30a, Activities Center

IN OUR PRAYERS David Beens (Jennifer Gramzow’s father), Edward Brown, Linda Buskirk, Lela Casey (Lois Meriwether’s sister-in-law), John Chavez, Gladys Cline, Anna Dalton, Martha Draspa, Ellen Hayden, Drucilla Huddleston, Florine Kaiser, Lawrence Kasner, Eleanor Luka, Earlene Maynarich, Michael Maynarich, Robert Murdock, Margaret Quinkert, Pauline Rivard, and Sylvia Schleif.

GIFTS AND DONATIONS From the Altar Guild for new cassocks and surplices for our service assistants.

COMMEMORATION OF THE PARISH FAITHFUL DEPARTED Carol Lucille Trevino (✠ Dec 26, 2012)

THE PSALM FOR THIS WEEK IS PSALM 24. PRAY IT EVERY DAY!

How is it that we can stand before God and enter into His presence—for He is the Mighty One, the Maker of heaven and earth, the holy One? The answer that Psalm 24 gives is that we do not go to the Lord, but that He comes to us. And we ascend to the hill of salvation, the place where He arrives, His Holy church, to greet Him. Like the wise virgins, we have been given faith, and Our Lord comes and invites us to join Him.

Today's Announcements

BAPTISMS TODAY Elijah, Josiah, and Anna Edwards, children of Michael and Sherry Edwards, will be baptized today. The Mass will begin with the Rite of Holy Baptism. The congregation will gather in the Narthex at the beginning of Mass.

ZION 2014 PICTORIAL DIRECTORY Photographs will be taken today from 9-9:45am and 11:30am-12:30pm, and continue on Sundays, Dec 1, 8, and 15. See the insert in today's bulletin for more information. **Only 22 people have signed up for pictures.** That's about 9% of our members. If you haven't signed up, please do so today. Times are still available to have your picture taken today after Mass in the Undercroft.

CHURCH YEAR BROCHURES In today's bulletin, there is a brochure regarding the church year. Please consider sharing this with your family members, friends, and co-workers. It discusses why Christians worship the way we do. Next week there will be a brochure about the season of Advent.

ADULT CHOIR The Adult Choir will sing for Gaudete (Third Sunday in Advent) (Dec 15) and Christmass Midnight. Rehearsals will be Sundays, Dec 1 and 8 from 9-9:45a in the Rectory, and Sundays, Dec 15 and 22 from 8:30-9:30a in the Choir Loft. Mark your calendars and sign up today on the sheet in the Narthex. **4 people have signed up so far. We need at least 6 more singers.**



THANKSGIVING DAY MASS is Thursday at 10am in the Church.

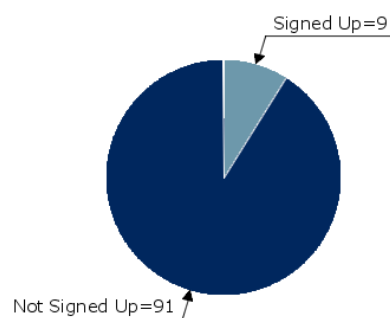
ST. ANDREW MASS Holy Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, November 30, at 10am in the Chapel for the commemoration of St. Andrew the Apostle. The Youth Catechism students will attend the Mass and then continue with their lesson.

SUNDAY SCHOOL Volunteers are needed to teach Sunday School. Please sign up on the sheet in the Undercroft.

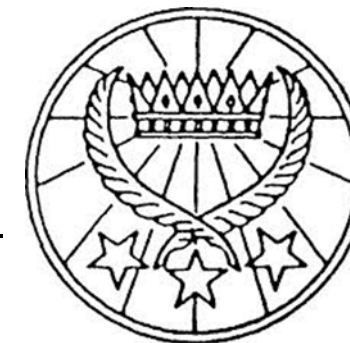
DETROIT LUTHERAN SINGERS CHRISTMASS CONCERT Sun, Dec 8, 3:30pm, Historic Trinity; Sun, Dec 8, 7:45pm, Cherry Hill Presbyterian-Dearborn; Fri, Dec 13, 7:30pm, Good Shepherd-Royal Oak; Sat, Dec 14, 7:30pm, Antioch-Farmington Hills.

ADVENT WEDNESDAY MASSES As part of your Advent meditation, mark your calendars to join us for mid-week Masses at 9:30a and 7p in the Church on Wednesdays, Dec 4, 11, and 18.

2014 Zion Pictorial Directory



Zion Pictorial Directory 2014



We need your help with this project.

In order to help all members of Zion easily identify each other, a photo directory of members and other regular worshippers at Zion is being planned for production in early 2014. This will be especially helpful to our newer members, guests, and Father Schultz to identify our brothers and sisters in Christ by name.

There is no cost.

This project will be created at Zion thanks to Jennifer Balaska, who will take the photographs. There will be no cost and no sales representatives pushing you to buy a package of pictures.

It will be easy.

Photos will be taken in the undercroft hallway at the bottom of the tower stairs.

Update or confirm your contact information.

Please fill out the form with your name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address, *even if nothing has changed*. As we complete the directory, we are going to make our newsletter and other mailings more efficient.

Sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.

Please sign up for the earliest possible time so that we are able to have everyone included.

PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE TAKEN

Sundays, Nov 24, Dec 1, Dec 8, Dec 15

9:00-9:45am and 11:30am-12:30pm