

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. *Wednesday Masses are at 9:30am and 7pm during Advent.*

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 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"



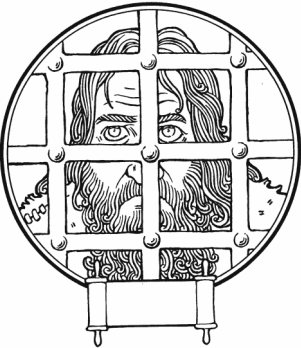
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Gaudete—Third Sunday in Advent

December 15, 2013

Rejoice!



If you feel the weight of your sin, if you are caught up in the stress of life, if you long for rest and peace in the Lord, if you know of no place to turn for comfort – then enter into the joy of your Lord. For at this Mass He relieves you in your tribulations!

The Theme of Today’s Liturgy

We rejoice (*Introit*) because there is comfort in the pardon of our iniquity (*Old Testament*). That pardon comes through the Mysteries of God (*Epistle*), the Mysteries that bring Christ to us. Rejoicing, pardoned, we yearn for the coming of our Lord (*Gradual*), knowing that our God will come and save us (*Communio*).

The Sermon

John peers through prison bars and asks “Are you the Coming One?” His faithful question was not simply the terrified speculation of a death-row prisoner. John knew that this Man was the One upon whom the Holy Spirit descended and remained. So John sent His disciples to the Christ. That’s what any good Pastor does. And so even with his last earthly acts, John does a Prophet’s work – he sends his disciples to Christ. You too peer through bars. You peer through the bars of the sin that has imprisoned you. But your freedom comes as John’s did – by grace, through faith in the Coming One. And His promise of comfort for John is His promise of comfort for you: “Blessed is he who is not offended because of me.”

The Holy Eucharist

The comfort that Isaiah announces in today’s Old Testament, that faithful preachers deliver in the mysteries of God, and that Jesus points to in His help of the poor and sickly and distressed – that comfort is given to you today in the Blessed Sacrament.

The Readings Isaiah 40.1-8; 1 Corinthians 4.1-5; St. Matthew 11.2-10

The Prelude Partita on “Savior of the Nations, Come” –K. Kosche (b. 1947)

The Postlude Savior of the Nations, Come (BWV 599) –J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

The Hymns for Today’s Mass

Processional Hymn	63 (stanzas 2 and 4: choir)
Chief Hymn	60
Offering Hymn	choir: “Rejoice in the Lord Alway” –H. Willan (1880-1968)
Distribution Hymns	272, 66
Retiring Procession	61

Music for the Third Sunday in Advent

Advent is about Christ’s coming. We celebrate three “comings” of Christ: as an infant in the manger; today in His Word and Sacraments; and at the last day. The CHIEF HYMN, “Hark A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding” (# 60) expresses these Advent themes.

We hear the “thrilling voice” saying “Christ is nigh” in the preaching of the Prophets – notably John the Baptizer (st 1). We “haste to be forgiven” in Mass (st 3) and we prepare for His coming in glory, shielded in His mercy (st 4). This anonymous Latin hymn connects us with Christians a millennium ago!

Savior of the Nations, Come The PRELUDE is a setting of Luther’s translation of the great Ambrose hymn (# 95). This setting is a partita in eight movements by Kenneth T. Kosche (b. 1947), professor of music emeritus at Concordia University – Mequon, Wisconsin. Dr. Kosche was Kantor Schultz’s choir director in college, and also taught music theory, composing and arranging, and conducting.

The eight settings each illustrate a stanza of the hymn:

- I: Chorale *Savior of the Nations Come* [Standard Organ Registration] (st 1)
- II: Bicinium (Two voices) *By the Spirit was the Word made flesh* [Quiet Solo Melody] (st 2)
- III: Trio (Three voices, one in each hand and the pedal) *Wondrous Birth of the Virgin Undeified* (st 3)
- IV: Chorale *From the Father He Came* [Loud Registration/Trumpet melody in left hand] (st 4)
- V: Fughetta (Repeated Theme) *And Returneth to the Same* [Pedal Solo] (st 4)
- VI: Tricinium *The Father’s Only Son* [Canon (“Round”) with Tremulant on Main Organ / Accompaniment on Chancel Organ] (st 5)
- VII: Chaconne (Variations in triple time over repeated bass line) *Darkness Can not Overcome the Light* (st 6)
- VIII: Toccata (Finger Dance, with melody in the pedal) *Gloria Patri...* (st 7)

The POSTLUDE is Johann Sebastian Bach’s (1685-1750) setting of “Savior of the Nations, Come” (BWV 599) from the *Orgelbüchlein*.

Prepare for Next Sunday



Rorate Coeli—The Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 22, 2013

The Approaching Joy

Deuteronomy 18.15-19; Philippians 4.4-7; St. John 1.19-28

Hymns: 74, “Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel” (insert), 57, 95, 69, 58

Special Christmass Donation

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Please put your donation together with this form in an envelope and either place in the offering plate or mail to the Parish Office. Checks should be made payable to Zion Lutheran Church.

To receive proper notification in the Christmass Ordo, please return to the Parish Office no later than Thursday, December 19.

No. 3833

The Third Week in Advent

Dec 15—22

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Holy Mass for Gaudete – Third Sunday in Advent Today, 10a, Church Pictorial Directory Photos.....Today, 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 Matins Tue, 8:45a, Chapel Vespers Tue, 5:30p, Chapel **Holy Mass for Wednesday in Advent III** **Wed, 9:30a, Church** **Holy Mass for Wednesday in Advent III****Wed, 7p, Church** Matins Thr, 8:45a, Chapel Men's Group Thr, 7p, Rectory Matins Fri, 8:45a, Chapel Private Confession and Absolution..... Sat, 9a, Chapel Youth Catechism..... Sat, 10a, Rectory **Holy Mass commemorating St. Thomas, Apostle** **Sat, 10a, Chapel** Adult Choir..... Sun, 8:30a, Choir Loft **Holy Mass for Rorate Coeli – Fourth Sunday in Advent** **Sun, 10a, Church** Decorating for Christmass and Lunch 11:30a, Church

IN OUR PRAYERS David Beens, Edward Brown, Linda Buskirk, Lela Casey, John Chavez, Gladys Cline, Anna Dalton, Martha Draspa, Sandy Frey, Ellen Hayden, Dru-cilla Huddleston, Florine Kaiser, Lawrence Kasner, Eleanor Luka, Earlene Maynarich, Michael Maynarich, Robert Murdock, Margaret Quinkert, Pauline Rivard, Alexis Ruffin (recovery from surgery), and Sylvia Schleif.

GIFTS AND DONATIONS From Josef and Pamela Ruffin for Altar flowers in thanksgiving for Alexis' successful surgery.

THE PSALM FOR THIS WEEK IS PSALM 85. PRAY IT EVERY DAY!

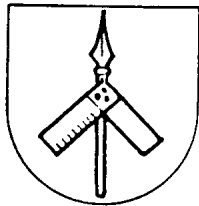
The favor Our Lord shows to His land is not found in material things, but in freeing those bound in sin and death, by granting forgiveness, and by turning away from His justified anger (v. 1-3). Our prayer is that the Lord continue to restore us, that He not lash out in anger but show us His mercy (v. 4-7). And, for our part, we will not get caught up in our foolish worry about the stuff we have, but will hear and take to heart the peace He speaks and the salvation He brings (v. 8-9). This mercy and righteousness of God is ultimately tied to His Son who is the Truth that springs out of the earth (the Blessed Virgin) and the Peace which brings God's goodwill to men (v. 10-11). His Son Jesus is the good Our Lord gives, the Righteous One who goes before Him, and in whose footsteps we walk in our life and living (v. 12-13)

Today's Announcements

TODAY IS YOUR LAST CHANCE! From 11:30a-12:30p, photographs will be taken for the 2014 Zion Pictorial Directory. If you have not had your photo taken, please do so after Mass in the Undercroft hallway at the bottom of the tower stairs. Please encourage those who are unable to come to church to submit a photo to the parish office.

MEN'S GROUP Thursday, Dec 19. Meet in the Rectory before 7pm. At 7, we move to the Church for Vespers. Following Vespers, we continue in the Rectory for study, food and Gemütlichkeit. All men are welcome to attend. We currently are studying Article 24 of the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, "On the Mass." Please RSVP to Fr. Braden so that we have an accurate count for the food.

DONATIONS FOR MISSIONS Donations are now being received to cover \$ 165 of expenses for items needed by the Lutheran Church in Venezuela. Any additional donations received will go to support further needs of the Church in Venezuela. Please leave your donations in the box in the Narthex.



ST. THOMAS, APOSTLE Holy Mass commemorating St. Thomas the Apostle will be celebrated on Sat, Dec 21 at 10am in the Chapel of the Holy Incarnation in the Rectory. The youth catechism students will join us for the Mass and then continue with their lesson.

The symbol of St. Thomas includes a square rule and a saw, because he is reported to have built a church in India, and also a spear, the instrument with which he was martyred after being stoned.

CHRISTMASS SCHEDULE There is an insert in the bulletin announcing the 2013-14 Christmass Schedule at Zion. Please post it on your refrigerator or bulletin board, mark the Masses on your calendar, and invite your family and friends to join us for the celebration of the Twelve Days of Christmass.

ADULT CHOIR The Adult Choir will sing for Christmass Midnight. Rehearsals continue Sun, Dec 22 from 8:30-9:30a, and Tues, Dec. 24, 11-11:30p in the Choir Loft.

DECORATING On Sun, Dec 22, volunteers are needed to help decorate the church for Christmass. Decorating will begin following Holy Mass. Following the decorating, lunch will be served in the Undercroft. The Rev. Fr. Jacob Gaugert, missionary to Togo, Africa, will make a presentation on his work during lunch.

CHRISTMASS BASKETS The Deacons will be distributing Christmass Baskets in December as gifts from the Benevolence Fund. If you know of a member or member family who would benefit from this gift, please notify the church office of their names.

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.

If you haven't had your picture taken,

PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE TAKEN

Sunday, Dec 15

11:30am-12:30pm