

# 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.

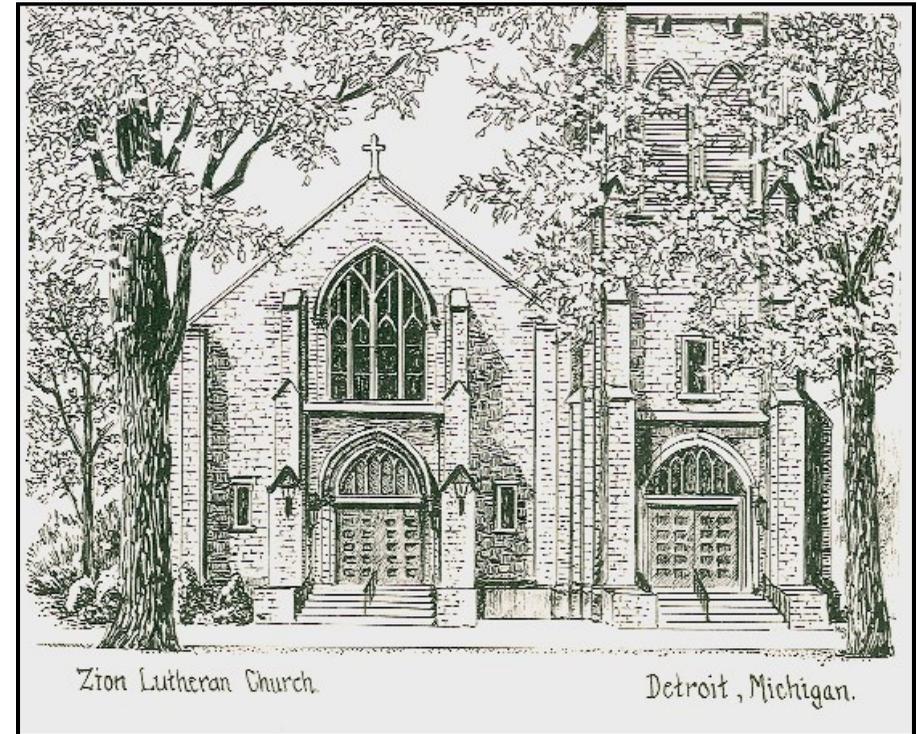
**SICK AND HOMEBOUND** are visited regularly by the Pastor with the Scriptures and Sacrament. Please contact the Parish Office if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation.

**PARISH OFFICERS** DEACONS: William Gramzow, III, 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”



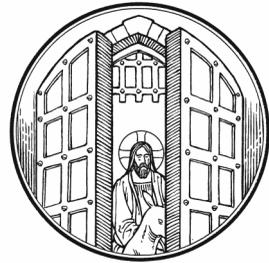
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# Ad Te Levavi—First Sunday in Advent

December 1, 2013

The Lord Who Comes



In this place Our Lord Jesus comes both for us and to live within us. But most of all He comes to save us and deliver us from whatever threatens us. May you also greet Him joyfully and join Him as He comes for you in His Word and Supper.

## The Theme of Today's Liturgy

While the world prepares for parties and presents, the Church prepares for the coming of Her Lord by the lifting up of the souls of the faithful unto Him (*Introit*). For your salvation is near (*Epistle*) as our

Savior comes in poverty and humility (*Gospel*). He comes to forgive your sin and save your life (*Old Testament*). So we pray that Christ would stir up His power and come (*Collect*), as we await Him in true faith (*Gradual*).

## The Sermon

Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord! Blessed indeed, for He is from of old, without beginning or end yet begotten. Through Him all things were made. He entered His creation through the womb of the Virgin to redeem men dead in sin, men who in darkness did not walk properly, men who broke the Covenant of God. So now it is high time to awake out of sleep, for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. He stirs up His power and comes. He brings you salvation in the Gifts of His New Testament. Behold, your King is coming to you!

## The Holy Eucharist

The Blessed One who comes in the Name of the Lord comes most certainly in His Body and Blood to be our food and drink. There both His heart's desire and our hopeful expectation combine as one.

## The Readings

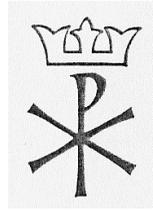
Jeremiah 31.31-34; Romans 13.11-14; St. Matthew 21:1-9

**The Prelude** Savior of the Nations, Come (BWV 661) —J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

## The Hymns for Today's Mass

Processional Hymn	58:1-5 (Second Tune)
Chief Hymn	95
Offering Hymn	68
Distribution Hymns	55; "Creator of the Stars of Night" (insert)
Retiring Procession Hymn	58:6-9

## Music for the First Sunday in Advent



**Savior of the Nations, Come** The CHIEF HYMN (# 95) is one of the most significant hymns in the history of the Church. The roots of the hymn are the Latin *Veni, Redemptor Gentium* by St. Ambrose (340-397), bishop of Milan.



The history of Western Christian hymns begins with Ambrose. He wrote catholic hymnody in opposition to Arian heresy (the belief that the Son was not equal to and eternal with the Father). Ambrose's simple and beautiful hymns set forth the true faith with dignity, directness, and evangelical fervor.



Martin Luther (1483-1546) translated *Veni, Redemptor Gentium* into German as *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*. Luther prepared this hymn for Advent 1523, and it was included in two of the earliest Lutheran hymnals *Eyn Enchiridion* (Erfurt) and *Geystliche Gesangk Büchleyn* (Wittenberg).

The tune was modified by Luther, based on the original plainsong chant tune.

The PRELUDE is one of the many settings of this tune by J.S. Bach (1685-1750). We will hear several more of his settings of *Savior of the Nations* during Advent. Today's setting (BWV 661) features the melody in the pedal. This chorale prelude is from Bach's *Great Eighteen Chorale Preludes* in Leipzig during the final decade of his service as kantor before his death. They are one of the collections representing the pinnacle of Bach's solo organ works.



Also of great significance is the PROCESSIONAL and RETIRING PROCESSION HYMN, "O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee" (# 58, second tune), by Pastor Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676). Also one of our finest Advent hymns, it was written during the Thirty Years' War and is based on Matthew 21:1-9. The tune is by his kantor, Johann Crüger (1598-1662).

## Prepare for Next Sunday

**Populus Zion—The Second Sunday in Advent**

**December 8, 2013**

*The Coming Redeemer*

Malachi 4.1-6; Romans 15.4-13; St. Luke 21.25-33

Hymns: 73 (*second tune*), 67, "O Savior Rend the Heavens Wide" (insert), 59, 65, 72



## Today's Announcements

**ADVENT WEDNESDAY MASSES** As part of meditating on Our Lords Coming, we have additional opportunities for worship in Advent. Make mid-week Mass part of your preparation for Christmass on Wednesdays at 9:30am or 7pm. The homily themes will be based on the Introit for the week. This week's theme: "Unto You, O Lord, I lift up my soul."

**VESPERS** is the Church's evening prayer office, and will be prayed Tuesdays and Thursdays during Advent at 5:30pm in the Chapel of the Holy Incarnation in the Rectory.

**ZION 2014 PICTORIAL DIRECTORY** Photographs will be taken today from 9-9:45 and 11:30-12:30, and continue on Sundays, Dec 8 and 15. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex today. See the insert in today's bulletin for more information. 17 people have had their photo taken; 26 more are signed up. Please encourage any members who are family and friends but have not been to Zion in a while to get their picture taken and become active in our parish again!

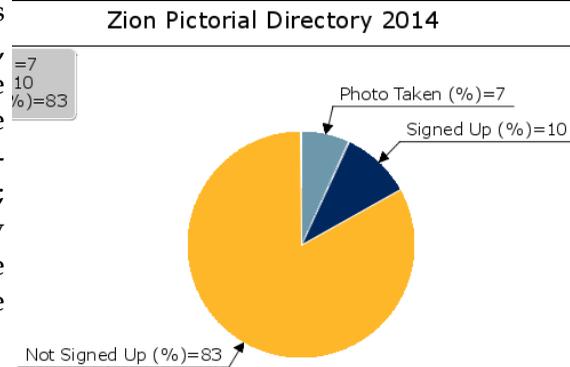
**CHURCH YEAR BROCHURES** In today's bulletin, there is a brochure addressing Advent. Please consider sharing this with your family members, friends, and co-workers.

**ADULT CHOIR** The Adult Choir will sing for Gaudete (Third Sunday in Advent) (Dec 15) and Christmass Midnight. Rehearsals continue next Sun, Dec 8 from 9-9:45a in the Rectory, and Sundays, Dec 15 and 22 from 8:30-9:30a in the Choir Loft.

**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.

**ALTAR FLOWERS FOR GAUDETE (ROSE) SUNDAY** Donations are now being accepted for for Gaudete which is December 15. This is the only Sunday during Advent when flowers adorn the altar. Please place your donation in the offering plate in an envelope marked "Gaudete Flowers."

**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 enjoy or 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.

**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, Dec 1, Dec 8, Dec 15

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