

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 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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Populus Zion—Second Sunday in Advent

December 8, 2013

The Coming Redeemer



If you seek deliverance from the things that can harm you; if you seek help and salvation; then you have come to the right place. Here, in this Holy Mass, the Redeemer comes to you to be your Rescue and your Savior. Receive Him as He comes to you, as He comes for you, in His Word of Forgiveness and in His Body and Blood.

The Theme of Today's Liturgy

Our Redeemer comes mightily to "cause His glorious voice to be heard" and to give you "gladness of heart" (*Introit*). He is "the Sun of Righteousness" who comes with healing in His wings (*Old Testament*).

This is why we are told the signs of His coming so that "when these things begin to happen" we might "look up and lift our heads" (*Gospel*), because Our Lord will "stir up our hearts and to make ready the way of His only begotten Son" (*Collect*).

The Sermon

The Prophets and Apostles write, as our Lord spoke, that you be prepared. Advent is a time of preparation, a time of making ready, a time established that looks beyond its own season to a more important season. It is a time of repentance, for the signs have come. It is a time of repentance, for although we don't see them now, the flames are not far off. So be warned. But know as well that the things that were written before were written that we, through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures, might have hope. And that hope is in the One who became a Servant to confirm the promises made to the fathers, the Rod of Jesse in whom is your hope.

The Holy Eucharist

True redemption draws near as Christ our Redeemer comes to us in His Body and Blood. He laid down His life for us on the cross, that we might receive Him in His most Holy Sacrament. In Him, we do not fear, rather we pray that He would hasten His Coming.

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

The Prelude Savior of the Nations, Come (BuxWV 211) — D. Buxtehude (1637-1707)

The Hymns for Today's Mass

Processional Hymn	73 (Second Tune)
Chief Hymn	67
Offering Hymn	"O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide" (insert)
Distribution Hymns	59, 65
Retiring Procession	72

Music for the Second Sunday in Advent

In Mansions Fair and Spacious Will God the Feast Prepare! The CHIEF HYMN, "The Bridegroom Soon Shall Call Us" (# 67), is part of a much larger work by Johann Walter (1496-1570), the first kantor of the Lutheran Church.

Walter's original hymn was published in 1552 in Wittenberg, and it was 34 stanzas. The most popular version was published in 1628 and includes stanzas 31, 8,9,16, 18, 17, and 13 of the original.

This hymn makes a gracious transition from the theme of the End Times of the previous church year to Advent and the beginning of a new year. The first stanza calls to mind the Gospel for the Last Sunday in the Church Year, the Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins, Matthew 25:1-13. The stanzas paint a glorious picture of Heaven as we watch for Christ's Second Coming, even as we prepare for the celebration of His Birth.



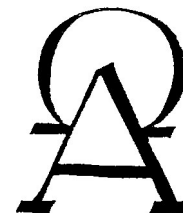
The music for Walter's hymn is by Michael Praetorius (1571-1621) from his collection *Musae Sioniae*. Praetorius served as a musician in Lüneberg and Wolfenbüttel, Germany. His incomplete, three-volume *Syntagma Musicum* is considered one of the most remarkable examples of musical scholarship in existence.

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates The PROCESSIONAL HYMN (# 73-second tune) is based on Psalm 24. Written by Georg Weissel (1590-1635), pastor in Königsberg, Germany, it was published in 1642. From a young age, Weissel possessed poetic talent, and wrote 20 hymns, mostly based on the church year.

The tune is by Johann Freylinghausen (1670-1739) and first appeared with this text in the *Neues Geistreiches Gesangbuch* in 1704. He was pastor in Halle, and his musical work includes the composition of 22 hymn tunes.



Prepare for Next Sunday



Gaudete—The Third Sunday in Advent

December 15, 2013

Isaiah 40.1-8; 1 Corinthians 4.1-5; St. Matthew 11.2-10
Hymns: 63, 60, 61, 272, 66, 75

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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. 3832

The Second Week in Advent

Dec 8—15

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Holy Mass for Populus Zion – Second Sunday in Advent	Today, 10a, Church
Pictorial Directory Photos.....	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
Matins	Tue, 8:45a, Chapel
Vespers	Tue, 5:30p, Chapel
Holy Mass for Wednesday in Advent II.....	Wed, 9:30a, Church
Holy Mass for Wednesday in Advent II.....	Wed, 7p, Church
Matins	Thr, 8:45a, Chapel
Vespers	Thr, 5:30p, Chapel
Matins	Fri, 8:45a, Chapel
Matins	Sat, 8:45a, Chapel
Private Confession and Absolution.....	Sat, 9a, Chapel
Youth Catechism.....	Sat, 10a, Rectory
Ladies' Group.....	Sat, 1p, Rectory
Adult Choir.....	Sun, 8:30a, Choir Loft
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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, Alexis Ruffin (surgery Dec 9), and Sylvia Schleif.

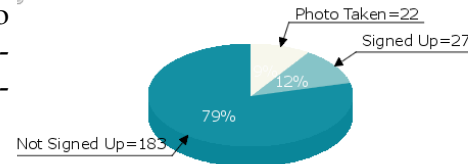
THE PSALM FOR THIS WEEK IS PSALM 80. PRAY IT EVERY DAY!

Verse 3 (repeated in v. 7 & 19) is the key verse in Psalm 80. It is a prayer that the Lord restore us and look on us with His compassion and mercy. For only then are we saved. The rest of the Psalm is built on that prayer. It acknowledges that we are troubled, in need of help, and deserve God's anger (v. 1-6). It questions why God has destroyed what He built (v. 8-13) and it pleads with God to return. But in all that, the hope is the same—that the Lord will not treat us as we deserve but look on us with the kindly affection of a Father. For that is our only hope.

Today's Announcements

ZION 2014 PICTORIAL DIRECTORY Photographs will be taken today from 9-9:45am and 11:30am-12:30pm, and continue next Sunday Dec 15. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex today. 22 people have had their photo taken; 27 more are signed up. There are still times available today after Mass to get your photo taken. Please encourage family and friends who are members of Zion to come next week to have their photo taken. Please encourage those who are unable to come to church to submit a photo to the church office.

Zion 2014 Pictorial Directory



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

LADIES' GROUP will meet this Saturday, December 14. All ladies are welcome to attend. We are beginning a new study on the *Formula of Concord*, one of the documents that expresses what Lutherans believe, teach, and confess. **This is a great time to join** if you haven't been in a while.

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

DETROIT LUTHERAN SINGERS CHRISTMASS CONCERT Today, Dec 8, 3:30pm, Historic Trinity; Today, 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."

DECORATING On Sunday, December 22, volunteers are needed to help decorate the church for Christmass. Decorating will begin following Holy Mass.

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 8 and Dec 15

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