

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 during Lent are at 9:30am and 7pm.*

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 and Wednesday 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 CONSULTATION 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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Invocabit—First Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2014

Lead Us Not Into Temptation



You are among the Faithful today! Gathered around the Word and Altar of Our Lord you receive strength for your faith and comfort in the face of fear. Our prayer is that your trust in the Savior may also be bolstered by His Word and Supper.

The Theme of Today’s Liturgy Doubt, lack of faith, unbelief – that is ultimately what Satan wanted from Jesus (*Gospel*), and that was the test for Abraham (*Old Testament*). It all goes back to the old question “Did God really say...” (Gen 3). Therefore we pray that our Lord “mercifully

hear our prayer and stretch forth the right hand of [His] majesty to defend us from all those who rise up against us” (*Collect*). For our confidence is that we shall call upon the Lord, and He will answer and deliver us (*Introit*), by grace, through faith in Jesus Christ.

The Sermon The devil couldn’t attack the Christ. So the Christ went to attack the devil. He went willingly. He went to wage war. He went for the life of the world. The Father proclaimed Him His beloved Son. But the temptation of the devil was to question that. The temptation to pride worked on the first man. So the devil tries it again on this Man. Beaten but persistent, the devil tries again. You know what that means. You too have known the persistence of temptation, the regularity of satan’s attacks. But faith doesn’t test God. Faith trusts in God. Christ’s temptation was real. He bore real flesh. It was a temptation you could not bear. Although He was tempted, He did not sin. He rebuked the devil with the saving Word. In His Flesh, He overcame temptation. He defeated the devil. Yes, He is the Son of God, without doubt. And His victory over temptation and the devil, dear Christian, is for you.

The Holy Eucharist The Blessed Sacrament is given to us by God to strengthen and preserve against the assaults of the devil. The Sacrament is also a pledge and constant reminder of the One who not only has overcome the devil, but also promises to fight him for us in our flesh.

The Readings Genesis 22.1-14; 2 Corinthians 6.1-10; St. Matthew 4.1-11

The Hymns for Today’s Mass

Processional Hymn	446
Chief Hymn	262
Offering Hymn	437
Distribution Hymns	144; 383
Retiring Processional Hymn	369

Prepare for Next Sunday

Reminiscere—Second Sunday in Lent

March 16, 2014

Exodus 33.12-23; 1 Thessalonians 4.1-7; St. Matthew 15.21-28

Hymns: 319, 522, 526, 517, 142, 393

He's by our side upon the plain, With His good gifts and Spirit The CHIEF HYMN, "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" (# 262) is Martin Luther's (1483-1546) hymn on Psalm 46. This beloved hymn of many has been translated into more languages than any other and is sung by Christians throughout the world.

It is a fitting hymn for today's Gospel. Our Lord endured temptation for us to defeat our great enemy Satan. He is the Valiant One, the Lord of Sabaoth (Hebrew: "angel armies"), our Word, who fights for us on the plain of the battlefield of sin, death, and temptation of this earthly life.

Our Lord Jesus Christ defeats the devil with His Word, and sends His Spirit in His gifts of Preaching and the Sacraments. Although all else be taken from us, He sustains us and wins the victory.

It was likely written for the Diet of Speyer on April 20, 1529, when the German princes made their formal protest against the removal of their liberties. With this hymn Luther protested against any endeavor to obstruct the Gospel.

Who Trusts in God, A Strong Abode The OFFERING HYMN (# 437) is based on Psalm 73:25-26, "Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee. My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever."

Written by Joachim Magdeburg (1525-1583), it, too, fits in with the temptation of Jesus in the Gospel. The wrath of Satan comes our way, the world scorns us, and temptation is always near. But our confident prayer in the face of adversity ever remains: "O God, renew with heavenly dew, Our body, soul, and spirit. Until we stand at Thy right hand, Through Jesus' saving merit."

Magdeburg studied at Wittenberg and, opposing the doctrines of the Roman church, was banished from his pastorate in 1552. He later became pastor in Hamburg, and together with Matthias Flacius (1520-1575) he compiled the historical work "The Magdeburg Centuries."



THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Holy Mass for Invocabit-First Sunday in Lent..... Today, 10a, Church
Adult Bible Class..... Today, 11:30a, Undercroft
Sunday School Today, 11:30a, Activities Center
Matins Mon, 8:45a, Chapel
Vespers Mon, 5:30p, Chapel
Matins Tue, 8:45a, Chapel
Pastors' Circuit Meeting at Ascension of Christ – Beverly Hills 10a
Vespers Tue, 5:30p, Chapel
Holy Mass for Ember Wednesday in Lent Wed, 9:30a, Church
Bible Class Wed, 10:45a, Rectorry
Holy Mass for Ember Wednesday in Lent Wed, 7p, Church
Matins Thr, 8:45a, Chapel
Matins Sat, 8:45a, Chapel
Private Confession and Absolution..... Sat, 9:15a, Chapel
Youth Catechism..... Sat, 10a, Rectorry
Adult Choir Rehearsal.....Sun, 9a, Rectorry
Holy Mass for Reminiscere-Second Sunday in Lent Sun, 10a, Church
Adult Bible Class.....Sun, 11:30a, Undercroft
Sunday SchoolSun, 11:30a, Activities Center

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, and Sylvia Schleif.

Gifts and Donations From Fr. Schultz for the Benevolence Fund in memory of Dale Bussing (✕ Mar 10, 1992)

THE PSALM FOR THIS WEEK IS PSALM 91. PRAY IT EVERY DAY!

What a fitting Psalm to pray throughout the week when we contemplate Our Lord's fasting and temptation. In it we boldly confess that Our Lord delivers us from every evil, past, present and to come. The angels (v 11), the "feathers" of His "wings" (v 4) and even His "shadow" (v 1) He uses for your protection and rescue. Therefore we gladly make the Lord our habitation (v 9), the One in whom we trust (v 2), and the One we call upon in trouble (v 15). For He delivers us and satisfies us with the long life of eternal salvation. (v 15-16)

Today's Announcements

INVOCABIT The First Sunday in Lent takes its name “Invocabit” from the first words of the Introit in Latin, “He shall call” (Ps 91.15).

ADULT CHOIR The Zion Adult Choir will sing for Laetare (Mar 30), Good Friday (Apr 18) and Easter (Apr 20). Rehearsals continue Sundays at 9am in the Rectory.

VESPERS In addition to Tuesdays and Thursdays, Vespers will also be prayed on Mondays during Lent at 5:30pm in the Chapel of the Holy Incarnation in the Rectory.

SCHEDULE CHANGES THIS WEEK There will be no Vespers this Thursday or Matins this Friday as Fr. Schultz will be out of town.



ZION HAS FACEBOOK PAGE Zion has recently added a page on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ZionDetroit. For years we have had a Facebook group. The new Facebook page will make it possible for more people to find us on the internet. “Like” us on Facebook!

LENT BROCHURES Brochures about the season of Lent are in your bulletin today to give an overview of the history, themes, and disciplines of the season. Additional copies are available the tract rack. Share them with your friends and family.

LENT REFLECTIONS BOOKLETS Lent is a time for increased prayer, together as a parish and individually at home. To assist with your daily prayer, booklets with meditations for each day from the organization *Higher Things* are available in the Narthex. They are available online, along with other helpful resources at www.HigherThings.org.



REV. JACOB GAUGERT, MISSIONARY TO TOGO Fr. Gaugert presented his work in Togo to us in December. His newsletter “Handling the Word of Truth” for March/ April 2014 is available in the Narthex. Please remember Fr. Gaugert and his work in your prayers. Fr. Gaugert, like many missionaries in the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod today, must raise his own funds. Information for supporting Fr. Gaugert financially is available in the newsletter.

LITURGICAL OBSERVANCES DURING LENT During Lent, the Prelude, Postlude, and the *Gloria in Exclesis* are omitted from the Mass, “Alleluia” is not used in the Mass or the Divine Office, and the *Benedicamus* is used in place of the *Ite, missa est*.

LENT IS A SEASON OF INCREASED FASTING The brochure “On Fasting,” available in the tract rack, includes guidelines for Christian fasting.

LENT IS A SEASON OF INCREASED CATECHESIS Our catechism students are studying the Our Father in Luther’s *Small Catechism*. Consider reviewing the petitions and their meanings as part of your daily prayer this Lent.

LENT IS A SEASON OF INCREASED ALMSGIVING Coin folders as a guide for additional giving during Lent are available in the Narthex.



WEDNESDAYS IN LENT Join us for additional opportunities for worship during Lent at **9:30am** and **7pm** in the Church. The sermon themes will be based on the Wednesday Psalm for each week.

Invocabit— March 12	Psalm 25	“Pardon my iniquity, for it is great”
Reminiscere— March 19	Psalm 38	“You will hear, O Lord my God”
Oculi— March 26	Psalm 31	“Be my rock of refuge”
Laetare— April 2	Psalm 34	“Blessed is the man who trusts in Him”
Judica— April 9	Psalm 18	“Your Right Hand has held me up”