

# 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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HE HAS DESIRED HER AS HIS DWELLING PLACE"



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# Reminiscere—Second Sunday in Lent

March 16, 2014

Remember, O Lord



As they implore the Lord to remember them, so the Faithful also faithfully remember the Lord by heeding His Word and partaking of His Body and Blood. May this Feast bring to your remembrance Christ Jesus and His Passion, Death and Resurrection!

## The Theme of Today's Liturgy

"Of ourselves we have no strength" (*Collect*). So our only comfort is to "cry, O faithful God, to Thee for rescue from our misery" (*Chief Hymn*). And our plea is much like the pleading mother (*Gospel*)—that

the Lord remember His mercies and lovingkindnesses (*Introit*); and that He look upon our affliction and pain, and forgive all our sins (*Gradual*). And our Lord does remember us. He remembers us with His favor and visits us with His salvation (*Tract*).

## The Sermon

Her tribulation is real. Although she has no claim to even approach Him, still she cries out "Have mercy on me Lord." He is silent. Perhaps you know how that feels. Perhaps, acknowledging your sinfulness and unworthiness, you have prayed fervently and seemingly received no answer. But do not despair. You have God's Promise. Learn from the account of the Canaanite woman. The silence of the Lord, even His rebuke, is for her benefit. He elicits from her a confession of great faith. And so it is with you. He sees your tribulation. He sees your need. He hears your cry for mercy. He gives you faith. And faith always receives an answer. So let it be to you as you desire.

## The Holy Eucharist

The "crumb" of help the woman seeks, the food you need is given to you in the Lord's Supper. And that is sufficient, since it is the Food of Our Lord's mercy.

## The Readings

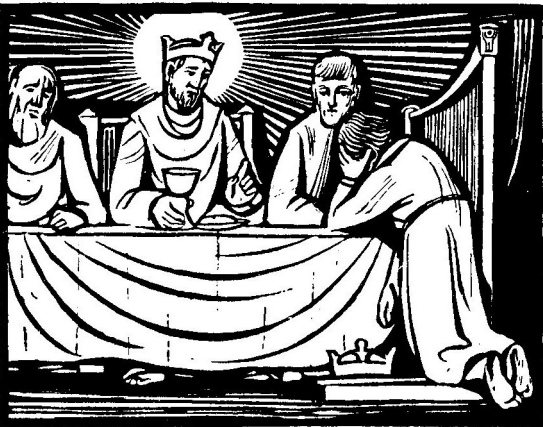
Exodus 33.12-23; 1 Thessalonians 4.1-7; St. Matthew 15.21-28

## The Hymns for Today's Mass

Processional Hymn	319
Chief Hymn	522
Offering Hymn	526
Distribution Hymns	517; 142
Retiring Processional Hymn	393

# The Mass: Preparation

BEFORE YOU SIT down for a meal in your house you mother spends quite some time preparing this meal. Our Lord is also setting a meal before us which took a long time for Him to prepare. Soon after Adam and Eve, our first parents, sinned, God promised the Savior. Throughout the Old Testament, God continued to make similar promises. Finally, Jesus was born. He taught men the great truths about God and showed them what God was like. But that was not all. In order to save us, Jesus suffered and died upon the cross. He also rose from the dead on Easter. This was the great preparation of the Gospel Meal.



Now Jesus invites all to this meal of the Gospel, where He offers us forgiveness of sins, peace with God, power, and strength. But we must come prepared. When we come to the festive Meal of King Jesus, we must have on a festival dress. Where will we get this dress? When we dirty our clothes, it is not so serious. These can be cleaned and they will look like new again. But he who has stained his soul by doing what is wrong cannot cleanse himself; this only God can do.

We do not deserve to come to the Holy Meal, the Holy Communion, to which God has invited us. We can, however, prepare ourselves for receiving His grace by examining ourselves and confessing our sins. It is a wonderful thing to hear the Word of forgiveness when a minister of God, who in His Name, forgives us our sins.

—Berthold von Schenk, "The Little Service Book"

## Prepare for Next Sunday

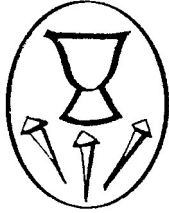


## Oculi—Third Sunday in Lent

March 23, 2014

Jeremiah 26.1-15; Ephesians 5.1-9, St. Luke 11.14-28

Hymns: 151, 258, 145, 367, 263



**Our Savior and Our Advocate** The CHIEF HYMN, “When in the Hour of Utmost Need” (# 522) is based on the words of King Jehoshaphath in 2 Chronicles 20.12: “O our God, wilt thou not judge them? For we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon thee.” Author Paul Eber (1511-1569) also used a Latin hymn of his professor at Nürnberg, Joachim Camerarius (1500-1574), for inspiration.

Eber, physically handicapped by a horse-riding mishap, also studied in Wittenberg, where he studied with Luther and Melanchthon, and later became pastor of the Castle Church.

In faith, in the hour of utmost need, when we know not where to look for aid, we, like the woman of Canaan in the Gospel, cry out to Our Lord.

**O Lord, in mercy stay my heart, On faith’s most sure foundation.** The PROCESSIONAL HYMN, “In Thee Alone, O Christ, My Lord” (# 319), was written by Johann Schneesing (d. 1567) around 1540. Martin Luther included it in a hymnal that he helped to compile in 1545. It has been described as “a presentation of the Christian life in a nutshell” and “an immortal hymn of prayer of a confident faith.”

Schnessing was a leader of Reformation hymnody, writing texts and composing music, having studied under Johannes Stigelius (1515-1562). Schnessing emphasized teaching children through the singing of hymns.

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

<b>Holy Mass for Reminiscere-Second Sunday in Lent .....</b>	<b>Today, 10a, Church</b>
Adult Bible Class.....	Today, 11:30a, Undercroft
Sunday School .....	Today, 11:30a, Activities Center
Matins ( <i>St. Patrick, Bishop and Confessor</i> ).....	Mon, 8:45a, Chapel
Vespers .....	Mon, 5:30p, Chapel
Matins ( <i>St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Doctor</i> ).....	Tue, 8:45a, Chapel
Vespers .....	Tue, 5:30p, Chapel
<b>Holy Mass for Wednesday of Reminiscere.....</b>	<b>Wed, 9:30a, Church</b>
Bible Class .....	Wed, 10:30a, Rectory
<b>Holy Mass for Wednesday of Reminiscere.....</b>	<b>Wed, 7p, Church</b>
Matins .....	Thr, 8:45a, Chapel
Vespers .....	Thr, 5:30p, Chapel
Matins ( <i>St. Benedict, Abbot</i> ) .....	Fri, 8:45a, Chapel
Matins .....	Sat, 8:45a, Chapel
Private Confession and Absolution.....	Sat, 9:15a, Chapel
Youth Catechism.....	Sat, 10a, Rectory
Women’s Group .....	Sat, 1p, Rectory
Adult Choir Rehearsal.....	Sun, 9a, Rectory
<b>Holy Mass for Oculi-Third Sunday in Lent.....</b>	<b>Sun, 10a, Church</b>
Adult Bible Class.....	Sun, 11:30a, Undercroft
Sunday School .....	Sun, 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, Drucilla Huddleston, Florine Kaiser, Lawrence Kasner, Eleanor Luka, Earlene Maynarich, Michael Maynarich, Robert Murdock, Margaret Quinkert, Pauline Rivard, and Sylvia Schleif.

THE PSALM FOR THIS WEEK IS PSALM 25. PRAY IT EVERY DAY!

Psalm 25 tells us what forgiveness truly is—Our Lord does not remember our sins against us, but instead remembers His mercy due to His goodness (v 6-7). Our trust, then, is that Our Lord does not shame or humiliate us, but that He is always leading and guiding us in His paths (vv 1-5, 20-21). Even when we are humbled or brought down by whatever troubles us, even then the Lord is guiding us in His righteousness (vv 8-11). That is why our eyes are always on the Lord—He turns to us, brings us out of our distresses, looks on our affliction, and forgiveness all our sins (vv 12-19).

Today’s Announcements

**REMINISCERE** The Second Sunday in Lent takes its name “Reminiscere” from the first word of the Introit in Latin, “Remember” (Psalm 25.6)

**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.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR! TUESDAY, MARCH 25: THE ANNUNCIATION** Nine months before Christmass, the Church observes the Annunciation, the announcement of the angel Gabriel to Mary that she will be the *theotokos*, (Greek: “God-bearer”), the mother of the Savior. We observe this festival Tuesday, March 25 with Holy Mass at 9:30am in the Church.



**WOMEN’S GROUP** The Women’s Group will meet this Saturday, March 22, at 1pm in the Rectory. This week’s study of the Epitome of the Formula of Concord continues with Article VII, “Of the Lord’s Supper.”



**ZION HAS FACEBOOK PAGE** Zion has recently added a page on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/ZionDetroit](http://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!

**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*.



**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.

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”