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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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Oculi—Third Sunday in Lent

March 23, 2014

Only Look and Behold

The Faithful find their strength and armor against evil in the Gospel preaching and Holy Sacraments. May you also be strengthened and nourished by Our Lord and His Word in today's Mass.

The Theme of Today's Liturgy

Eyes that are fixed on the Lord are confident that He will have mercy and pull ensnared feet out of the trap (*Introit*). So we look to the Lord, beseeching Him to look on us and "stretch forth the right hand of His majesty to be our defense against all our enemies" (*Collect*). And in fixing our eyes on Jesus, we

also then follow God as dear children, walking in the same love Christ has for us (*Epistle*). For our confidence is that the Stronger One (Christ) prevails for us against the strong man (Satan), takes away his armor, and saves us from death and hell (*Gospel*).

The Sermon

Like a crowd gathering around a fist fight, the multitude was mesmerized by the combat. Crowds love to watch the contest. They want to see winners and losers. In the match before them, Jesus won. He overpowered the demon. No one else could do that. The crowd marveled, but they didn't believe. They wanted proof. But the God that prevailed over the demon stood before them in the Flesh, there in the dusty streets of Galilee. The same cosmic battle takes place in you. The devil, the world and your sinful flesh war against the things of God. In that cosmic battle the Strongest Man did not win by show of force. He triumphed in humility and apparent weakness. But it was the greatest of miracles by which He is victorious. Christ Jesus showed that He is the Strongest Man, that He is God.

The Holy Eucharist

To fix your eyes on Jesus is to fix your eyes on the Most Blessed Sacrament. For there you are given the forgiveness which calms a troubled conscience and the Life which overcomes the devil's death.

The Readings

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

The Hymns for Today's Mass

Processional Hymn	151 (stanzas 1-4)
Chief Hymn	258
Offering Hymn	145
Distribution Hymns	151 (stanzas 5-7); 367
Retiring Processional Hymn	263



The Mass: Introit

INTROIT MEANS "ENTRANCE" and marks the beginning of the Mass. This part of the service is not as old as some other portions of the Liturgy. Many years ago the Faithful would meet at a certain central church and move in procession to the church



where the special service was to be held. Psalms would be sung on the way; and as the people would enter the church, the Introit Psalm (from the Latin *introire*, "to go in") would be chanted, and the Celebrant, with his attendants, would enter the Sanctuary. Later, when these processions were discontinued, a shortened Psalm was sung as the Introit. Thus we have it today.

The Introit sounds the key-note of the day. It is the herald's voice announcing the great theme of the day's worship. The words of the

Introit change every Sunday, according to the Church Year. It ends with the *Gloria Patri*, (Latin: "Glory be to the Father"), a hymn of praise to the Triune God.

We have been created to the glory of God. Before any man lived, the angels sang praise to the Lord of Creation. When we are in church, we cannot begin our service in any better way than to praise the Almighty God. United with the angels we sing praises to Him.

—Berthold von Schenk, "The Little Service Book"

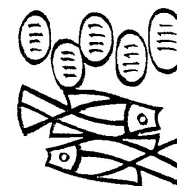
Prepare for The Annunciation

Tuesday, March 25, 2014—9:30am

Isaiah 7.10-15; Hebrews 10.5-10; St. Luke 1.26-38

Hymns: 274, 104, 275, "Ancients Salute Her" (insert), 313

Prepare for Next Sunday



Laetare—Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 30, 2014

Isaiah 55.1-7; Galatians 4.21-31; St. John 6.1-15

Hymns: 387, 347, 142, 312, 179

Thousand, thousand thanks shall be; Dearest Jesus, unto Thee. The PROCESSIONAL HYMN, “Christ, the Life of All the Living” (# 151), is a beloved Lenten hymn of many. This hymn by Ernst Christoph Homburg (1605-1681) is part one of a work entitled, “Hymn of Thanksgiving to his Redeemer and Savior for His Bitter Sufferings.”



Homburg was known as a fine poet, writing secular love and drinking songs. After a time of illness for both him and his wife, among other troubles, he turned to Our Lord and His Word, which encouraged his hymn-writing. Not intending to have his hymns published, he remarked:

“Should some scoffingly say, ‘He follows the common custom of the world and sacrifices unto the world the most precious flower of his youth, but renders only the dry chaff of old age unto God,’ then he shall know that I have been especially prompted to do this by reason of the heavy cross with which my good and faithful Lord has visited me. During all this time I have found my best comfort and strength in the Word of God.”

Lent affords the opportunity to meditate on the great exchange our Lord makes, which is well expressed in this hymn: “Through Thy sufferings, death, and merit, I eternal life inherit.” The sinless Son of God endures bonds, stripes, rod, pain, and scorn to deliver our souls from the bonds of sin forever: “Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus unto Thee.”

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Holy Mass for Oculi-Third Sunday in Lent..... Today, 10a, Church
Adult Bible Class..... Today, 11:30a, Undercroft
Sunday School Today, 11:30a, Activities Center
Matins (*St. Gabriel, Archangel*) Mon, 8:45a, Chapel
Vespers Mon, 5:30p, Chapel
Holy Mass for the Annunciation Tues, 9:30a, Church
Vespers Tue, 5:30p, Chapel
Holy Mass for Wednesday of Oculi Wed, 9:30a, Church
Bible Class Wed, 10:30a, Rectory
Holy Mass for Wednesday of Oculi Wed, 7p, Church
Matins (*St. John of Damascus, Confessor and Doctor*) Thr, 8:45a, Chapel
Men’s Group Thr, 7p, Rectory
Matins Fri, 8:45a, Chapel
Matins Sat, 8:45a, Chapel
Private Confession and Absolution..... Sat, 9:15a, Chapel
Youth Catechism..... Sat, 10a, Rectory
Adult Choir Rehearsal..... Sun, 8:45a, Choir Loft
Holy Mass for Laetare-Fourth Sunday in Lent..... Sun, 10a, Church
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, Dru-cilla 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!

Once again, we are privileged to pray this comforting and heart-warming Psalm. This week, focus on the latter half (vv. 12-22) and especially verse 15. There we are reminded that our trust and confidence is in the God who comes through for us (v. 16-17). He does this by giving us the life-giving healing of His forgiveness when we are afflicted and in pain (v. 18). Our prayer, then, is that Our Lord keep our soul and continue to deliver us mercifully.

Today's Announcements

OCULI The Third Sunday in Lent takes its name "Oculi" from the first word of the Introit in Latin, "Eyes" (Psalm 25.15).

ADULT CHOIR The Zion Adult Choir will sing for Laetare (Mar 30), Good Friday (Apr 18) and Easter (Apr 20). Rehearsals continue next Sunday at 8:45am in the Choir Loft.

THE ANNUNCIATION IS THIS TUESDAY 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.



MEN'S GROUP The Zion Men's Group will meet Thursday, March 27. Meet in the Rectory. At 7pm, we pray Vespers in the Church and then return to the Rectory for study and Gemütlichkeit. This month's study is the conclusion of Article 27 (starting at paragraph 57) of the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, "On Monastic Vows" Please RSVP to Fr. Braden for a count for the food.

DETROIT LUTHERAN SINGERS SPRING CONCERTS will premiere the commissioned piece "Create in Me" by K. Lee Scott honoring Eric Freudigman, director emeritus, for his 40 years of leadership. Other featured works include J.S. Bach's motet, "Jesu, Meine Freude" and Dan Forrest's "In Paradisum." \$15 General Admission | \$10 Students and Seniors | Children under 12 Free. Tickets Available at the door or at DetroitLutheranSingers.com. **SUNDAY, MARCH 30:** 3:30pm St. John, 23225 Gill Rd, Farmington Hills; 7:30pm St. John, 1011 West University, Rochester Hills; **SUNDAY, APRIL 6:** 3:30pm St. Paul, 22915 Greater Mack Ave, St Clair Shores; 7:30pm Angelica, 8400 Park Ave, Allen Park.



CORRECTION TO MARCH CALENDAR Next Sunday, March 30 is Laetare Sunday, and the liturgical color is rose.

LITURGICAL OBSERVANCES DURING LENT During Lent, the Prelude, Postlude, and the *Gloria in Excelsis* 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.

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"