

# 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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"THE LORD HAS CHOSEN ZION;  
HE HAS DESIRED HER AS HIS DWELLING PLACE"



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# Judica—Passion Sunday

April 6, 2014

The Great High Priest

The great I Am both speaks His Word and gives His Body and Blood today. This is your Lord and God! You are welcome to feast on Him with your ears and mouth, taking in the full benefit of His Passion.

## The Theme of Today's Liturgy

Today the Lenten focus sharpens as we consider more deliberately Our Lord's Passion and Death. The crosses are veiled to remind us that Christ hides His power and glory in humility. Our salvation from sin and death is hidden in His suffering and death. The picture of the bronze snake on the pole (*Old Testament*) tells the reason, the High Priest offering the perfect sacrifice (*Epistle*) tells the necessity, and His dispute with the Jews (*Gospel*) tells the beneficiaries of Our Lord's Passion. So we pray "Oh, deliver me" so that we deceitful and unjust ones might be caught up in His saving Passion (*Introit*). And we beg the Lord to look mercifully on us so that we are sheltered from that same sort of suffering (*Collect*).

## The Sermon

Abraham is dead, the Jews say. The Prophets are dead too. This is their confession: death. But their confession contradicts the true faith. Abraham isn't dead. He lives. He lives because he believed in God, and it was credited to him as righteousness. The Prophets too. They believed. They live. But the Jews, in unbelief, take up stones against the Sent One. The stones in their hands and the stone monuments on the graves of the Prophets testify against them. The hammer blows that drive the spikes into the sinless Flesh of the One Sent are the gavel blows that proclaim their guilt. Still He dies even for them. From the sham trial and death sentence He does not hide Himself. He suffers death. For the One True God, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, is not the God of the dead. He is the God of the living. He is the God who gives His life in order to give you life. He is the God who makes the dead alive. He is "I AM".

## The Holy Eucharist

The self-sacrificing High Priest now lays down the eternal redemption He purchased for us with His own precious Blood. God is satisfied and you are saved!

## The Readings

Numbers 21.4-9; Hebrews 9.11-15; St. John 8.46-59

## The Hymns for Today's Mass

Processional Hymn	152
Chief Hymn	168
Offering Hymn	320
Distribution Hymns	172 (stanzas 1-5, interlude, 8-10), 261
Retiring Processional Hymn	245

## The Mass: Salutation and Collect

THE EARLY CHRISTIANS did not just say "hello" when they met, but they wished each other the highest blessing, that God would be with them (2 Thessalonians 3.16).



The pastor cannot shake hands and meet every worshipper in the Mass. He greets us by wishing us the Lord's presence. We assure him that we are praying for him by saying, "And with your spirit."

The Collects, or short prayers, have come to us from the rich treasury of the Church's devotion. The youngest of the prayers are as old as the Reformation, and not a few of them have been in use for over fourteen hundred years.

The Word "Collect" has been variously interpreted. The first meaning attached to it grows out of the gathering of the faithful for the procession to the Church. This was known as the "colecta," the "gathering together." Another meaning is that it collects, or gathers, or recites the facts which are being commemorated on that day in the readings from the Scriptures.

—Berthold von Schenk, "The Little Service Book"

## Prepare for Next Sunday



## Palmarum—Palm Sunday

April 13, 2014

St. Matthew 21.1-9; Philippians 2.5-11; St. Matthew 26.36 – 27.60  
Hymns: 160, 162, "O Thou Eternal Christ of God" (insert), "Lift High The Triumph-Song Today" (insert), 55, 161

**Therefore I will forever, Give glory unto Thee** In thanksgiving to Our Lord for the gift of forgiveness through His Son, Christians continually give Him glory. The PROCESSIONAL HYMN, “When O’er My Sins I Sorrow” (# 152) by Justus Gesenius (1601-1673), leads us in thankful praises to Our Lord. From His throne on high, He becomes a man to shed His blood and die.



Gesenius, after graduating from the University of Jena in 1628, became pastor of St. Magnus Church in Brunswick and later the Cathedral in Hildsheim. An accomplished theologian and influential, famous preacher, he was the editor of a number of hymnals that served the area around Hanover.

The tune is by renowned musician Michael Pr torius (1571-1621), kantor in L neberg and later served the Duke of Brunswick at Wolfenb tel. His major work was a three-volume encyclopedia on the art and practice of music entitled *Syntagma Musicum*. It is considered one of the most remarkable examples of musical scholarship in existence.



**Where deep for us the spear was dyed, Life’s torrent rushing from His side,  
To wash us in that precious flood, Where mingled water flowed and blood.**

The CHIEF HYMN, “The Royal Banners Forward Go” (# 168) is a sixth-century hymn by bishop Venantius Fortunatus (530-609). This magnificent hymn calls Christians to meditate on Jesus on the cross. The mystery of the incarnation finds its fulfillment in the atonement: “God hath reigned and triumphed from the Tree.”

The *Lutheran Hymnal* with no explanation sets this text to the 1875 tune *St. Cecilia* instead of the more common, ancient, and fitting tune *Vexilla Regis*, as is found in the 1982 *Lutheran Worship* # 104.

Hymn. **V** Exil-la R -gis pr d-e-unt : F lget Cr -cis myst -  
ri-um, Qua v -ta m rtem p rtu-lit, Et m r- te v -tam pr -  
tu-lit, 2. Quae vulne-r -ta l nce-ae Mucr ne d -ro, cr mi-

## THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

**Holy Mass for Judica – Passion Sunday** ..... 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  
Vespers ..... Tue, 5:30p, Chapel  
**Holy Mass for Wednesday of Judica**..... Wed, 9:30a, Church  
Bible Class..... Wed, 10:30a, Rectory  
**Holy Mass for Wednesday of Judica**..... Wed, 7p, Church  
Matins ..... Thr, 8:45a, Chapel  
Vespers ..... Thr, 5:30p, Chapel  
Matins (*St. Leo, Bishop and Confessor*)..... 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, Rectory  
**Holy Mass for Palm Sunday** ..... 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 43. PRAY IT EVERY DAY!

“Vindicate me,” the Psalmist pleads. He wants God to plead his case against those who oppress him and seek to hand him over to death (v 1). Yet God seems to be deaf to such cries (v 2). So the Psalmist pleads with God to send out His Christ—the light and truth of the world (v 3). He will lead them to the safety of the Lord’s altar (v 3-4). For there is joy because there is the Lord’s sure and needed help (v 4). So why lose heart, why despair, why let what you think is happening control your hope? Instead, pin your hope to God because He is your Help! (v 5)

## Today's Announcements

**JUDICA** The Fifth Sunday in Lent (Passion Sunday) takes its name “Judica” from the first word of the Introit in Latin, “Judge” (Psalm 43.1) (also translated *Vindicate*). During Passiontide, crucifixes, holy pictures, and statues are veiled in violet to teach that, in suffering, Our Lord hides His glory.

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY** Today's study of "A Survey of the New Testament" continues with key passages in the Gospel of St. Luke.

**ADULT CHOIR** The Zion Adult Choir will sing for Good Friday (Apr 18) and Easter (Apr 20). Rehearsals are Sun, Apr 13, 8:45a; Thr, Apr 17, 6:15p; and Fri, Apr 18, 11:30a.

**ZION WOMEN'S GROUP** The Zion Women's Group meets this Saturday, April 5 at 1pm in the Rectory. This week's study of the Epitome of the Formula of Concord is Article VIII, "Of the Person of Christ."

**DETROIT LUTHERAN SINGERS SPRING CONCERTS** 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. **TODAY: 3:30pm** St. Paul, 22915 Greater Mack Ave, St. Clair Shores; **7:30pm** Angelica, 8400 Park Ave, Allen Park.



**MID-WEEK LENT MASS** Join us for mid-week Mass this Wednesday, April 9 at **9:30am** and **7pm** in the Church. This week's theme is Psalm 18, "Your Right Hand has held me up."

## HOLY WEEK

Holy Monday – Mass 10am (Chapel)  
Holy Tuesday – Mass 10am (Chapel)  
Holy Wednesday – Mass 10am (Chapel)

# TRIDUUM SACRUM

(Latin: “Three Sacred Days”)  
 Maundy Thursday, April 17  
     Chrism Mass—9:30am  
     Mass of the Institution—7pm  
 Good Friday, April 18  
     Tre Ore—12-3pm  
     Stations of the Cross—7pm

# EASTER

The Resurrection of Our Lord, April 20  
Great Vigil of Easter – 6:30am  
*Easter Breakfast follows*  
Easter Mass – 10am

Easter Monday – Mass 10am  
Easter Tuesday – Mass 7pm  
Easter Wednesday – Mass 10am (Chapel)  
Easter Thursday – Mass 7pm  
Easter Friday – Mass 10am (Chapel)  
Easter Saturday – Mass 10am

**EASTER LILIES** On Easter Sunday, lilies beautify our Church and help highlight this Queen of Feasts, the Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord. The lilies are placed around and near both the Altar of Our Lord and the Baptistry, where the Lord of Life is delivered to us. The white flower also reminds us of the bright light that shone on that first Easter Sunday, and which we have received in Faith through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

Will you help add to the beauty of this celebration by donating one or more lilies? This year the price is \$7 per plant. If you desire, you may make your purchase in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for some special event or blessing. All such gifts will be duly noted at the Easter Masses.

After the Masses on Easter Sunday, you may take home the plant you donated, or deliver it to one of the homebound.

## EASTER DONATIONS

**From**

**Designation (please indicate dollar amount)**

Easter Lillies _____	@ \$7 each	\$ _____
Easter Ordos _____		\$ _____
Other _____		

**In Memory of (optional)**

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**Total Amount** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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 Evangelical-Lutheran Church. To receive proper notification in the Easter Sunday Bulletins, please return to the Zion Parish Office no later than Palmarum, Palm Sunday, April 13, 2014.