

# 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.

**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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Misericordia Domini-Second Sunday After Easter

May 4, 2014

The Good Shepherd



Our Lord is Good Shepherd and Paschal Lamb, Host and Food, Server and Nourishment. May you receive here true nourishment for your life in Him!

The Theme of Today’s Liturgy

Our Lord says, “I am the Good Shepherd” (*Gospel*); and the Church sings, “Rejoice in the Lord, all you righteous” (*Introit*). Our Lord bears our sins in His own body to death on the cross (*Epistle*); and the Church prays the Father to make us “partakers of the eternal joys” which Our Lord has won for us (*Collect*). The Lord promises to search out His flock and feed them (*Old Testament*); and the Church knows her Lord and His loving-kindness in the breaking of the Bread (*Alleluia*).

The Sermon

The Kingdom of God is not like the kingdom of men. Earthly shepherds sell their flocks for fleece and meat. The sheep die for the shepherd. But the Good Shepherd gives His life for the sheep. The hireling is concerned with earthly things. When he sees the wolf coming, he flees. He flees because he cares more about himself than the flock. He does not care about the sheep. But not so the Good Shepherd. The true Shepherd cares about the sheep. He cares about the sheep more than He cares about Himself. So He lays down in the jaws of the wolf to save the flock. It is in the time of tribulation, the time of danger, the time when death attacks, that the Good Shepherd is known. It is He, the Good Shepherd, who goes as a Lamb, uncomplaining forth.

The Holy Eucharist

“The good shepherd has laid down his life for his sheep in order to change his body and blood into a sacrament for us, and to satisfy the sheep he had redeemed with his own body as food” (*St. Gregory the Great*).

The Readings

Ezekiel 34.11-16; 1 Peter 2.21b-25; St. John 10.11-16

The Prelude

“Sheep May Safely Graze” - J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

The Hymns for Today’s Mass

Processional Hymn	210
Chief Hymn	436
Offering Hymn	207 (stanzas 2, 4, 6)
Distribution Hymns	196; 648
Retiring Processional Hymn	195

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Holy Mass for Misericordia Domini.....	Today, 10a, Church
Adult Bible Class.....	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 commemorating C.F.W. Walther, Confessor .....	Wed, 10a, Chapel
Bible Class .....	Wed, 10:45a, Rectory
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, 9:15a, Chapel
Youth Catechism.....	Sat, 10a, Rectory
Choir Rehearsal.....	Sun, 9a, Rectory
Holy Mass for Jubilate.....	Sun, 10a, Church
Adult Bible Class.....	Sun, 11:30a, Undercroft
Sunday School .....	Sun, 11:30a, Activities Center

**IN OUR PRAYERS** 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.

**GIFTS AND DONATIONS** From Linda Buskirk for the St. Michael Liturgical Conference in memory of Ronald Buskirk’s birthday (b. May 3); From Drucilla Huddleston for the Benevolence Fund in memory of George Parker (✠ May 9, 1977) and for the Altar Guild in memory of Ronald Buskirk’s birthday.

THE PSALM FOR THIS WEEK IS PSALM 33. PRAY IT EVERY DAY!

Psalm 33 speaks of the power of the Lord—how with only His Word (v 6-9) He made all things, and how He brings down the mighty (v 10-17). This should cause you to be in awe and to fear the Lord (v 8). But when you consider that He also turns His might against sin and death – how He mightily overpowers whatever is slowly killing you (v 18-19) – then you no longer fear but give thanks (v 1-3). And then you wait confidently for Him to come through (v 20-22) since you are sure that He will do you good, according to the righteousness you have received from Christ (v 4-5).

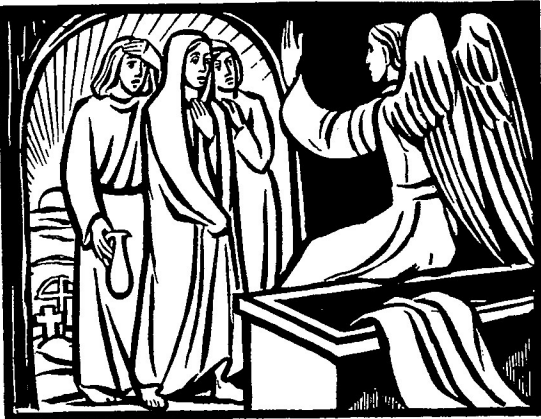
Today's Announcements

**MISERICORDIA DOMINI** means “the goodness of the Lord.” These are the words of Psalm 33.5, from the Introit. In Latin, verse 5 ends “misericordia Domini plena est terra” – “the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.” Psalm 33 proclaims the joy and awe of the Christian at the miraculous grandeur of the creative and redemptive acts of Our Lord. Misericordia Domini is frequently called “Good Shepherd Sunday” because the Gospel reading is John 10.11-16, where Our Lord identifies Himself as our Good Shepherd. Christ as our Shepherd is also the theme of the Old Testament (Ezekiel 34.11-16) and the Epistle (1 Peter 2.21-25). Psalm 33 continues with a verse particularly appropriate for those who prepare for confirmation: “Behold, the eye of the Lord is on on those who fear Him, on those who hope in His mercy. To deliver their soul from death...” (Psalm 33.18).

**ADULT CHOIR** The choir will sing for Cantate (May 18), Ascension (May 29), and Pentecost (June 8). Rehearsals continue Sundays at 9am.

**NEW VICAR ANNOUNCED** The Rev. Sem. Winston Grieser of Fort Wayne, Indiana, was assigned to be Zion’s Vicar for the 2014-2015 academic year. Vicarage assignments were made at Solemn Vespers on Tuesday, April, 29 at Kramer Chapel at Concordia Theological Seminary.

The Mass: Gospel



The Gospel read at the Holy Communion is a selection from the story of the Life of our Lord and is taken from one of the four Evangelists, St. Matthew, St. Mark, St. Luke, and St. John. The Gospel lesson is the story for that day. The Gospel readings take us through the wonderland of the Life of Christ. From Advent to the last Sunday in the Pentecost Season is like going through a picture gallery, where we see the great pictures of Jesus and His great love for us.

—Berthold von Schenk, “The Little Service Book”

**MOTHER’S DAY FLOWERS** Potted white mums will adorn the altar in honor of Mother’s Day on Jubilate Sunday, May 11. Donations may be made in memory of a departed mother, or in honor of a living mother. Plants are \$15. Please put your donation together with this form in an envelope and either place it in the offering plate or mail to the Parish Office. Checks should be made payable to Zion Evangelical-Lutheran Church. The due date for donations is Monday, May 5.

MOTHER’S DAY FLOWERS  
Potted White Mums

From \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of My Departed Mother *(may include dates born and sainted)*

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In Honor of My Living Mother

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\_\_\_\_\_ plants at \$15 each. Total Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare for Next Sunday



**Jubilate—Third Sunday After Easter**  
**May 11, 2014**  
Isaiah 40.25-31; 1 Peter 2.11-20; St. John 16.16-23  
Hymns: 205, 263, 523, 201