

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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Jubilate—Third Sunday After Easter

May 11, 2014

A Little While



Here is the place where the little while of our waiting for Our Lord turns into the long while of standing before Him and being fed and comforted by Him. May you linger with us at our Lord's Altar and abide in His Word.

The Theme of Today's Liturgy

The Church greets her risen Lord with a "joyful shout" (*Introit*). For He is the one that "brings out their host [the sainted] by number and calls them all by name" (*Old Testament*). Our Lord then also comforts us with His promised joyful return (*Gospel*), even as He instructs us through His ministers to stand fast in the face of "fleshly lusts which war against the soul" (*Epistle*). And so the Faithful pray for the Lord's grace to "avoid those things which are contrary to their profession and follow all such things as are agreeable to it" (*Collect*).

The Sermon

Faith is believing without seeing. So the Lord says "A little while, and you will not see Me." But He will rise from the dead. So in a little while they will see Him. And forty days later they would not see Him. Now you don't see Him. Now is the time for faith. But many things you do see cause you to doubt. They lead you astray. Now is the time for weeping and lamenting. Just as He kept His resurrection promise, so will He keep the promise of His return. Then everyone will see Him. And you who in this time persevered by faith, your sorrow will be turned into joy.

The Holy Eucharist

Our Lord's "little while" is the taste of heavenly joys that we receive in the Blessed Sacrament. There we participate in our heavenly benefits, even if not yet fully. And there the "little while" of our heartaches are overwhelmed with Our Lord's blessing.

The Readings

Isaiah 40.25-31; 1 Peter 2.11-20; St. John 16.16-23

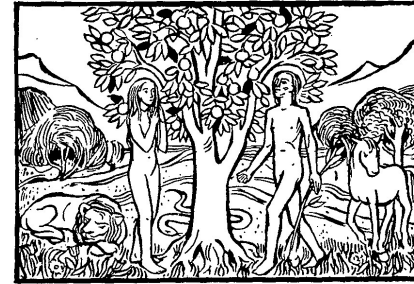
The Prelude

Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won — Jan O. Bender (1909-1994)

The Hymns for Today's Mass

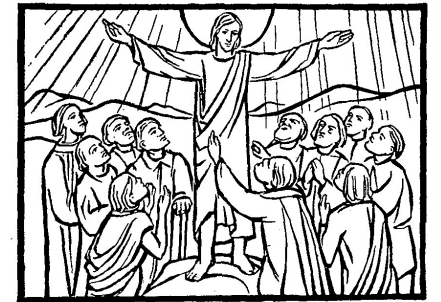
Processional Hymn	205
Chief Hymn	263
Offering Hymn	"With High Delight Let Us Unite" (insert)
Distribution Hymn	523 (interlude after stanzas 4 and 6)
Retiring Processional Hymn	201

The Mass: Creed



I BELIEVE IN ONE GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY...

Credo is a Latin word and means "I believe." There are three catholic, that is, universal creeds: The Nicene, the Apostolic, and the Athanasian. Of these, the Nicene is the oldest. It is the creed we use in the Mass.



AND IN ONE LORD JESUS CHRIST...



AND I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY GHOST...

When we confess the Creed, we draw together the most important truths of the Scriptures. We express our faith in the great things which God has done for us and we pledge our loyalty to God.

— Berthold von Schenk, "The Little Service Book"

Prepare for Next Sunday



Cantate—Fourth Sunday After Easter

May 18, 2014

Isaiah 29.9-14; James 1.17-21; St. John 16.5-15

Hymns: 195, 387, 204, "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" (insert), 202

O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe The CHIEF HYMN (# 263) is a battle hymn against Satan and his works and ways. Although the devil has great power, he is no match for Our Lord Jesus. We join with Our Lord’s saints and martyrs in a mighty chorus of praise: “Amen, Lord Jesus, hear our prayer... Fight for us once again.”

Throughout history, this hymn was attributed to different authors: King Gustavus Adolphus (1594-1632), Jacob Fabricus (1593-1654), and Johann Michael Altenburg (1584-1640). It is widely accepted that Altenburg was the author.



Altenburg, a pastor and musician, was forced to flee his town of Gross-Sömmern due to numerous invasions during the Thirty Years’ War.

The hymn was associated with all three men as it was sung at the 1632 battle of Lützen where Gustavus Adolphus, king of Sweden, was killed, and at which time Fabricus was serving as his chaplain.

Published in pamphlet form in 1632, it was printed in the Leipzig hymnbook of 1638, described as “A soul-rejoicing hymn of consolation upon the watchword—God with us—used by the Evangelical army in the battle of Leipzig, Sept 7, 1631, composed by M. Johann Altenburg, pastor at Gross Sömmern in Düringen.”

DURING TODAY’S COMMUNION HYMN, (# 523), interludes will follow the singing of stanzas four and six. The interludes are intended to help those returning from receiving Holy Communion to identify clearly which stanzas are being sung. The interludes are settings of Paul Gerhardt’s (1607-1676) hymn “Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me” by Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748).

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Holy Mass for Jubilate, Easter III	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
Holy Mass for Wednesday of Jubilate	Wed, 10a, Chapel
Bible Class	Wed, 10:45a, Rectory
Matins	Fri, 8:45a, Chapel
Matins	Sat, 8:45a, Chapel
Private Confession and Absolution.....	Sat, 9:15a, Chapel
Youth Catechism.....	Sat, 10a, Church
Adult Choir Rehearsal.....	Sun, 8:45a, Choir Loft
Holy Mass for Cantate, Easter IV	Sun, 10a, Church
Adult Bible Class.....	Sun, 11:30a, Undercroft
Sunday School	Sun, 11:30a, Activities Center

IN OUR PRAYERS Edward Brown, Linda Buskirk, Charles Capsel (Kristi Russell’s father), 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 66. PRAY IT EVERY DAY!

The heart of this Psalm is not found in how much noise and praise can ascend to our God, but in why we should praise and sing to Him at all. The reason for joyful singing is summed up in one phrase: “the works of God” (v 3, 5). And what are God’s works? He overcomes our enemies, especially the one we fear the most – death (v 3, 6-7, 9, 12). To be sure, His work involves affliction and suffering and hard testing for us (v 10-12). Yet Our Lord does not let us down, but comes through for us (v 16-20). For this reason, we declare and sing aloud without bashfulness what Our Lord has done (v 16). For if He has heard us, then others should also hear of His works!

Today's Announcements

JUBILATE means “Make a joyful shout,” from the first verse of Psalm 66. This Psalm expresses the joy and thanksgiving that are the response of faith to God’s creative and redemptive acts. This joyful Psalm attributes praise and glory to God alone, for it is He that “turned sea into dry land” to deliver His people from bondage through the Red Sea, and it is He that keeps our soul among the living,” delivering His people from bondage to sin and death by the waters of Holy Baptism. He alone is worthy of our worship and prayers. “But certainly God has heard me; He has attended to the voice of my prayer. Blessed be God, who has not turned away my prayer, nor His mercy from me!”

ADULT CHOIR The choir will sing for Cantate (May 18), Ascension (May 29), and Pentecost (June 8). Rehearsals continue next Sunday at 8:45am in the Choir Loft.

ENGLISH DISTRICT PASTORS’ CONFERENCE Tuesday-Thursday, May 13-15, is the English District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod’s Pastors’ Conference in Ann Arbor. Fr. Braden and Fr. Schultz will be attending the conference. The keynote speaker is the Rev. Dr. David P. Scaer, professor at Concordia Theological Seminary. **PLEASE NOTE:** Due to absence for the conference, Vespers will not be prayed this week, and Matins will not be prayed on Thursday.

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED Next Sunday, Holy Mass will include the reception of new members at Zion. Michael, Sherry, Leah, and Elijah Edwards will be received through the Rite of Adult Confirmation. A reception will follow in the Undercroft following the Mass.

COMMUNITY CHORUS OF DETROIT presents the Verdi *Requiem*, Sunday, May 18, 4:30pm, at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, 9844 Woodward (at Boston Blvd). The concert will feature Metropolitan Opera-affiliated soloists, three guest choirs for a total of 175 voices and a full symphony orchestra, directed by Dr. Edward Maki-Schramm. Tickets are \$35 and available online at communitychorusofdetroit.com, or \$40 at the door.

EXAMINATION The Examination of our catechumens, preparing for the Rite of Confirmation, will be Saturday, June 7, at 10am in the Rectory. All Zion members and friends are encouraged to attend.

Mother's Day Flowers

From Kathleen Atkins
in memory of Catherine Linzie (✕ September 25, 2010)
and Lillie Atkins (✕ October 18, 2012);

From Paula L. MacMunn
in memory of Genevieve Hoeft and in honor of Arlene Hoeft;

From Fr. Gary Schultz
in honor of Linda Schultz;

From Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Williams
in memory of Jacqueline Rogers (✕ November 5, 2008)