

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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Exaudi—Sunday After Ascension

June 1, 2014

The Expectant Church



You are invited to hear and receive the Comfort Our Lord generously gives. That Comfort comes to you today in this Holy Mass, in the Gospel Preaching and Gospel Sacraments. May The Helper, The Spirit that proceeds from the Father and the Son, bring you to faithful remembrances of our Lord.

The Theme of Today's Liturgy

The Holy Church waits expectantly and eagerly for her Lord to come again just as the disciples saw Him go at His ascension. But she does not wait passively. Instead, the Church waits both seeking the Lord's face in prayer (Introit) and with the fervent love for each other that shows itself in generous care-giving (Epistle). Therefore, the Faithful pray that they always have a devout will towards God and pure-hearted service (Collect). In this way they will suffer adversity. Yet they are not without the comfort of their God. For the Spirit of Truth comforts the Church in the faithful remembrance of our Lord's Word and Supper (Gospel).

The Sermon

This fallen world is so perverse, that they will think killing Christians is a service to God. That's what our Lord promises His disciples in the upper room before His arrest. Fallen men will hate God and those who believe in Him. They will do it because they know neither the Father nor the Son. And as Christ learned death at their hands then, so Christians are daily killed now. So do not hear them. Do not let them be your teachers. Do not let them norm your faith or your conduct or your morals. They are God haters, then and now. But do not stumble. Christ died for you. Fear not those who can kill the body, but cannot kill the soul. You have the Spirit. Faithfulness to Christ is life. And you have life that cannot be taken away.

The Holy Eucharist

Whenever you receive the Blessed Sacrament, you not only receive Christ Himself, but the forgiveness and comfort that only Christ can bring. For in the Sacrament, the Spirit comforts you and creates in you the pure heart that is free from the cares and anxieties of this world.

The Readings Isaiah 32.14-20; 1 Peter 4.7-11; St. John 15.26-16.4

The Prelude This Joyful Eastertide —J. Bender (1909-1994)

The Postlude On Christ's Ascension I Now Build —J. Eggert (b. 1946)

The Hymns for Today's Mass

Processional Hymn	211
Chief Hymn	267
Offering Hymn	"This Joyful Eastertide" (insert)
Distribution Hymns	306 (interlude after stanza 5), 261
Retiring Processional Hymn	216

The Mass: Preface and Sanctus

Preface means "introduction." The Preface in our Liturgy is the introduction to that part of the service which has always been known as "the Mass of the Faithful." The first part of the service included those who were not members of the Church.

The Preface is very beautiful. We are not alone now. The angels who praise God in all eternity are with us. They help us to praise God and bear our poor song to the very throne of the Eternal Father.

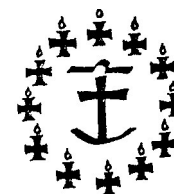


The Prophet Isaiah was permitted to see what no human eye saw—the Glory of God. He saw the Lord sitting upon His Throne (Isaiah 6). So glorious was this sight that the angels covered their faces with their wings. In great reverence they sang the same song which we sing: "Holy, holy holy."

The Children of Israel sang "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord" when Christ entered the city of Jerusalem. Jesus also comes in the Holy Communion. He is the only Son of the Father. Therefore we greet Him with our song of praise: "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes!" He wants to enter our hearts, to live and reign in us.

—Berthold von Schenk, "The Little Service Book"

Prepare for Next Sunday



The Feast of Pentecost

June 8, 2014

Joel 2.28-32; Acts 2.1-11; St. John 14.23-31

Hymns: 235, 224, 334, 236, "Come Down, O Love Divine" (insert), 227

Our help is ever, Lord, in Thee, Who madest earth and heaven! Martin Luther (1483-1546) knew the Psalms by heart from his time in the monastery. He wrote hymns to confess and teach the faith and spread the newly-rediscovered Gospel in the Reformation. He used the Psalms as the basis and inspiration for some of his hymns. Luther's theological writings also show his familiarity with the Psalms.



Luther envisioned a plan to write a hymn for each of the 150 Psalms. He encouraged other pastors to follow his example and write hymns on the Psalms. None of them followed his request. However, Luther did write paraphrases of five Psalms:

- 12 "O Lord, Look Down from Heaven, Behold" (# 260)
- 14 "Although the Fools Say with Their Mouth"
- 46 "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" (# 262)
- 124 "I God Had Not Been on Our Side" (# 267)
- 130 "From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee" (# 329)

The CHIEF HYMN is Luther's paraphrase of Psalm 124. It was written in 1524. The tune is by Luther's kantor, Johann Walter (1496-1570).

Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst His three-day prison, Our Faith had been in vain: But now has Christ arisen! The OFFERING HYMN, "This Joyful Eastertide" (insert) was written by George Woodward (1848-1934), a priest in the Church of England. He served in London, Norfolk, and Suffolk, England. It was published in a collection *Carols for Easter and Ascension* in 1894. The tune is a Dutch melody from the seventeenth century first used for setting the Psalms to music in *David's Psalmen* in 1685.

"A Beautiful Hymn on the Supper of Our Lord" was the description first given to the DISTRIBUTION HYMN, "Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Hast Prepared," (# 306) when it was first published in 1638. The author, Samuel Kinner (1603-1668), was a German physician. In his hymn, we sing of Christ, our Great Physician, who gives health and strength in His Holy Supper. Stanzas two and three are particularly appropriate during this Octave of the Ascension of Our Lord, celebrated last Thursday.

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Holy Mass for Exaudi..... **Today, 10a, Church Voters' Assembly** Today, 11:30a, Undercroft
Matins Mon, 8:45a, Chapel
Matins Tue, 8:45a, Chapel
Vespers Tue, 5:30pm, Chapel
Holy Mass for the 132nd Anniversary of the Founding of Zion Evangelical-Lutheran Church.....**Wed, 10a, Chapel**
Bible Class Wed, 10:45a, Rectory
Matins (*St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr*)..... Thr, 8:45a, Chapel
Matins Sat, 8:45a, Chapel
Private Confession and Absolution..... Sat, 9:15a, Chapel
Examination of Catechumens Sat, 10a, Rectory
Adult Choir Rehearsal.....Sun, 9a, Rectory
Holy Mass for the Feast of Pentecost with Youth Confirmation **Sun, 10a, Church**
Bible StudySun, 11:30a, Undercroft

IN OUR PRAYERS Edward Brown, Linda Buskirk, Charles Capsel, 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, and Pauline Rivard.

GIFTS AND DONATIONS From the Zion Parish for Altar Flowers in honor of the tenth anniversary of Fr. Braden's Ordination into the Ministry on May 27; From Fr. Gary Schultz for the St. Michael Liturgical Conference in memory of Richard A.F. Bussing (✠ June 4, 1983)

THE PSALM FOR THIS WEEK IS PSALM 27. PRAY IT EVERY DAY!

Several times throughout the year, Psalm 27 is the Psalm for the week. As you pray it this week, notice the confident defiance, especially in v 1-3, 7-10. Notice also where the strength comes to withstand whatever haunts you—not from your own inner resources, but from the Lord and His house (v 4-6, 8). Finally, notice that the Lord not only gives you the strength to face your fears, but also the confidence to wait in hopeful anticipation for His ready help (v 13-14).

Today's Announcements

EXAUDI comes from the Latin for “hear,” the first word of the Introit. From Psalm 27, the words of David are, “Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice, have mercy upon me and answer me. When you said ‘Seek my face,’ my heart said to You, ‘Your Face, O Lord, I will seek.’ Do not hide your face from me.” These words, written a thousand years before the Ascension of Our Lord, give voice to the Church, who yearns for her Ascended Lord, looking heavenward, praying for His final Epiphany. But the promise of the same Lord in the Gospel for Exaudi is that it is God the Spirit that will come to His Church, soon to descend on the Feast of Pentecost. So today as we enter the Nave we note that the Paschal Candle, lit at Easter Vigil to represent the Light of Christ, is now removed—for a time the Light is not seen, for He is ascended and sits at the Right Hand of the Father.

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY Following the Intercessions in today’s Mass, we will commemorate the tenth anniversary of Fr. Braden’s Ordination into the Office of the Holy Ministry on May 27. Following the Mass, there will be a brief presentation in the Undercroft. Please join us in thanksgiving for Our Lord’s Work through Fr. Braden in our midst.

ADULT CHOIR Rehearsal is Sunday at 9am in the Rectory.

CLEAN-UP DAY Thanks to Vicar Hopkins, Fr. Schultz, Dylan Smith, and Kevin Wiedelman for picking up trash and weeds from the alley behind the Rectory on Monday. There is still much work to be done. Please let Fr. Schultz know if you can help with this on-going task.

EXAMINATION OF CATECHUMENS 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. Confirmation will be next Sunday, June 8, Pentecost.

VOTERS’ ASSEMBLY meets today following Holy Mass. See the agenda on the facing page.

REGULAR VOTERS’ MEETING 1 JUNE 2014 AT 11:30 A.M. AGENDA

Opening Prayer

Call to Order

Establishing a Quorum

Review of Minutes

Committee Reports

- **Trustees’ Report**
- **Parish Education Report**
- **Endowment Board Report**
- **Deacons’ Report**
- **Treasurer’s Report**
- **Pastor’s Report**

Old Business

New Business

1. Budget – 7/1/14 thru 6/30/15

Future Looking

Closing Prayer