

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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Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

July 6, 2014

The Word of Reconciliation



The whole Church rejoices when sinners are reconciled to God. Here that reconciliation with God our Father is given to you through His Son by His Holy Spirit. May you, in true repentance, receive that reconciliation with joy!

The Theme of Today's Liturgy

The Christian is a sinner who knows and believes that he is desolate and afflicted without God's mercy (*Introit*). And so he begs God to increase and multiply His mercy (*Collect*). The Christian also does not rely on his own strength and spirituality but freely and willingly humbles himself under the Lord's mighty and caring hand (*Epistle*). And Our Lord does not turn away or disappoint the hope of those who know their sin and repent; instead, he gladly welcomes, receives, seeks out and eats with them (*Gospel*). In this way, Our Lord sustains, saves and delivers sinners (*Gradual*).

The Sermon

The answer, of course, is none of them. That's how many of them would leave 99 sheep to seek one. Men aren't like that. Men do the math. Having 99 is better than having one. Having nine is better than having one. Fallen men are glad to lose one to keep the many. That's why they measure their success by numbers, by revenue, by attendance. But the Church of God isn't like that. God saved eight men, and let the rest of the world perish. God knows His own. He dies for all men. And He sends Apostles and Pastors to do the work of the Church, to find the lost sheep. The Holy Church lights the Lamp of the Gospel and sweeps the house with preaching to find the lost. And there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over you.

The Holy Eucharist

Our Lord is condemned for eating with sinners. Yet this condemnation does not stop Him. He eats with us and invites us to feed on Him. For in that Supper of His broken Body and shed Blood, He gives us sinners what we need most – forgiveness of sins. And that forgiveness then also delivers to us life in Him and salvation into eternity.

The Readings Isaiah 12.1-6; 1 Peter 5.6-11; St. Luke 15.1-10

The Prelude "In Thee Alone, O Christ, My Lord" – Daniel Erich (1649-1712)

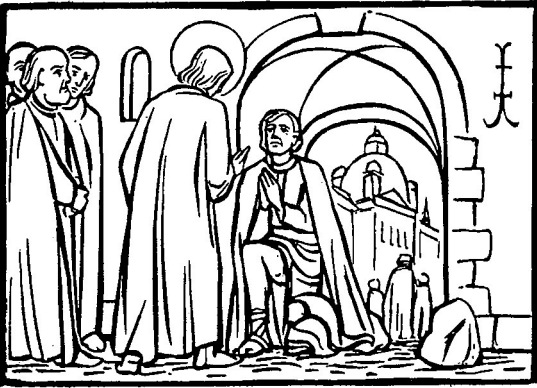
The Postlude "In Thee Alone, O Christ, My Lord" – Samuel Scheidt (1587-1654)

The Hymns for Today's Mass

Processional Hymn	326
Chief Hymn	319
Offering Hymn	535 (stanzas 1-4)
Distribution Hymns	413 (interlude after stanza 3), 535 (stanzas 5-9), 526
Retiring Processional Hymn	529

The Mass: Prayer Before the Communion

"Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof. Speak but the word, and Thy servant will be healed."



These are the words which the army officer said to Jesus when he asked Him to heal his servant. The officer asked only for "one word" (St. Matthew 8.8).

We are not worthy that Jesus should come to us, because we have sinned. But without Him we cannot have life. His Word of forgiveness is sufficient for us. He makes us worthy by His grace. Now we can pray: "Come, Lord Jesus."

— Berthold von Schenk, "The Little Service Book"

REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS NATIONAL CONVENTION:



Every two years, the American Guild of Organists holds a national convention. This year it was in Boston, June 23-27. I was able to attend 7 recitals and concerts by world-renowned organists and music ensembles at churches in Boston and Cambridge, as well as choral

Compline at a Roman parish, choral Vespers at First Lutheran Church (LCMS), and choral Evensong at the Church of the Advent, an Anglian parish formerly served by Fr. Charles McClean, now a Lutheran clergyman who was a presenter at our St. Michael Liturgical Conference.

Additionally there were workshops and scholarly papers. Of over 100 choices, I attended Advanced Choral Conducting, Rehearsal Techniques and Repertoire for Children's Choirs, Teaching Music-Reading Skills to the Church Choir, and Music of Integrity for Small Choirs.

There was time to browse choral and organ music from various publishers and visit with other organists from across the country. It was a busy week, but very worthwhile. I hope to attend the next convention June 19-23, 2016, in Houston.

— Fr. Schultz

Prepare for Next Sunday



Fifth Sunday After Pentecost July 13, 2014

Numbers 6.22-27; Romans 8.18-23; St. Luke 6.36-42
Hymns: 287, 236, 321, 249, 262

Lord, show before the Father’s throne That Thou didst for my sins atone

Described as “a presentation of the Christian life in a nutshell,” the CHIEF HYMN, “In Thee Alone, O Christ, My Lord” (# 319) was first published in 1542 in the *Gesangbuch* in Magdeburg. This hymn was written by Johannes Schneesing (d. 1567), pastor in Friemar, Germany. He authored a catechism for the children of his parish, where he also taught them through the singing of hymns.

The hymn makes a clear confession of the Gospel in the Christian life. Plagued by our sin and guilt, we pray: “Grant, through Thy death and sacrifice, To me a full remission.” We stand, freed from sin, before the Father’s throne because of Christ’s atonement. The forgiveness we receive through His Word keeps us each hour of life.

The tune was written for this text by an anonymous composer.

The PRELUDE is a setting of “In Thee Alone, O Christ, My Lord” by Daniel Erich (1649-1712), a student of Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707). Buxtehude’s style can be identified in the prelude. Erich’s father was made stringed instruments in Lübeck and sold one to Buxtehude. Erich went on to be the kantor at the Marienkirche in Güstrow.

The POSTLUDE is a setting of the chief hymn by Samuel Scheidt (1587-1654), kantor in Halle and student of Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562-1621).

The organ introduction to “Lord, to Thee I Make Confession” (# 326) is by Kimberly Kondal Patterson (b. 1957).

The organ introduction to “Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing” (# 535) (during the distribution) is by Sigvart A. Hofland (1889-1956).

The organ introduction to “I Leave All Things ot God’s Direction” (# 529) is by Jan O. Bender (1909-1994).

The organ interlude after stanza 3 in “I Walk in Danger All the Way” is to allow those returning from receiving the Holy Communion to identify which stanza to sing upon returning to the pew.

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Holy Mass for the Fourth Sunday After Pentecost..... Today, 10a, Church Matins (*St. Cyril and Methodius, Bishops and Confessors*)..... Mon, 8:45a, Chapel Matins Tue, 8:45a, Chapel
Holy Mass for Wednesday of Pentecost IV**Wed, 10a, Chapel** Matins Thr, 8:45a, Chapel Matins Sat, 8:45a, Chapel
 Private Confession and Absolution..... Sat, 9:15a, Chapel
Holy Mass for the Fifth Sunday After Pentecost **Sun, 10a, Church**

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

GIFTS AND DONATIONS From Kenneth Ingram for the Altar Guild in memory of Richard and Edna Ingram in commemoration of the centennial anniversary of their birth.

ZION BIBLE CAMP — THANK YOU! Thanks to Alan Kroske for coordinating this year’s Zion Bible Camp on the theme “Lord, Have Mercy,” which was held June 23-27. Thanks to those who helped with the Bible Camp: Kathleen Atkins, Fr. Braden, Leslie Braden, Sarah Braden, Shirley Cross, Judi Donnell, Alexis Ruffin, Pam Ruffin, Dylan Smith, and Janet Stechholz.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE At the June Voters’ Assembly, the 2014-15 parish budget was not ratified pending additional information from the Parish Council. A special Voters’ Assembly will be held in the coming weeks to consider the budget proposal. Watch the bulletin for the meeting agenda and date.



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THE PSALM FOR THIS WEEK IS PSALM 25. PRAY IT EVERY DAY!

Psalm 25 tells us what forgiveness truly is: Our Lord does not remember our sin against us. Rather, He remembers His mercy based on His grace and kindness (v 6-7). Our confidence is that Our Lord does not shame or humiliate us, but leads and guides us in His way (v 1-5, 20-21). Even when we are humbled or brought down by whatever threatens or haunts us, even then the Lord is guiding us in His righteousness (v 8-11). That is why our eyes are always on the Lord. He turns to us, brings us out of our distresses, looks on our affliction, and forgives all our sins (v 12-19).

Zion Church Picnic 2014



Thanks to Alan Kroske for coordinating this year's church picnic. Thanks also to those who brought food and helped with set-up and clean up.

The annual picnic is held in the Rectory yard.

Right: Concordia student Nathaniel Jensen and Thomas Habitz, Jr., chairman of the Board of Deacons, visit at the picnic.



Delicious food included potato salad, coleslaw, bean salad, peas and carrots, macaroni salad, baked beans, chips, and cookies.

Left: Bobby Kelly did a fine job, serving as the grillmeister for

the picnic. *Right:* Even when the rains came, Bobby kept grilling and shielding the burgers and hotdogs.



Left: Vicar James Hopkins of Redford Lutheran-Detroit and Concordia student Dylan Smith join the youth in soccer in the rain.

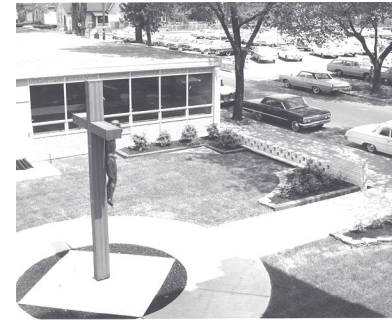
Face painting and a bouncy-house provided fun for younger picnickers.



The Christus Court

In 1960, the Zion Parish, deciding to remain in inner-city Detroit, adopted the campaign "Faith Faces the Future" to construct a new school and parking lot.

The existing Parish Hall and School were demolished in June 1963 and the new school, built at a cost of \$750,000, was dedicated on June 14, 1964.



One of the features of the new structure was the construction of three landscaped gardens: the Station of the Three Marys, the Garden of St. Joseph, and the Christus Court. It was described: "The landscaped enclosure, complete with flagstone stances, pierced wall, and bronze gates, gives access to the social and recreational facilities of the complex. An oversize crucifix in the center, gives this formal setting the name of Christus Court." It was dedicated on May 31, 1964.

More than an open space, the Christus Court was a unique feature of the design of the new school, a meditative area to compliment the beautiful church, then just 30 years old, recognized as one of the most beautiful Lutheran churches in metro Detroit.

In recent years, the careful maintenance of the Christus Court has been neglected. If you would be interested in helping me maintain the Christus Court and other garden areas around the Zion campus, please let me know. – Fr. Schultz



Zion's third pastor, the Rev. Fr. Kenneth Runge, center, at the dedication of the Christus Court, May 31, 1964



Zion's 90th Anniversary, 1972