

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.

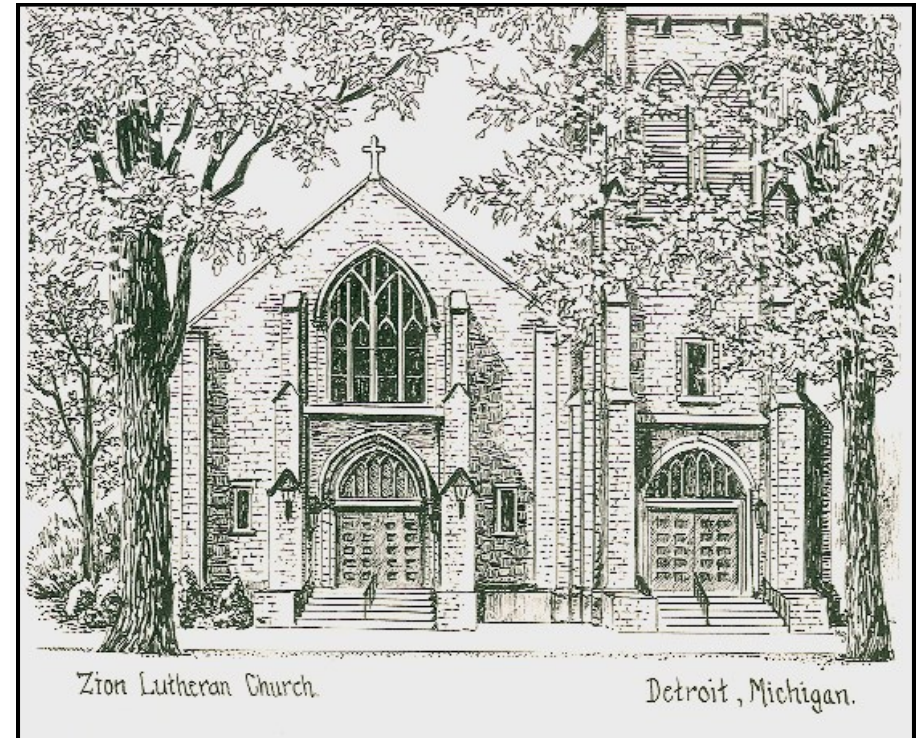
SICK AND HOMEBOUND are visited regularly by the Pastor with the Scriptures and Sacrament. Please contact the Parish Office if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation.

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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Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

July 13, 2014

Whom Shall I Fear?

In a world that demands so much of us and that can be quite harsh and cruel, it is good to be gathered with the Faithful to hear and receive the mercy of Our God. That mercy is made yours in the preaching and Blessed Sacrament. May it relieve you!

The Theme of Today's Liturgy

"The sufferings of this present life are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us" (*Epistle*). Therefore, "though an army may encamp against me, my heart shall not fear" (*Introit*). For we have a God who is our help and salvation (*Gradual*); a Jesus who is a Refuge for the oppressed in times of trouble (*Alleluia*); a Spirit who sets us free from sin and sorrow (*Chief Hymn*); and a Father who does not deal with us as we deal with each other, but who deals with us chiefly from His mercy (*Gospel*). So our prayer is that Our Lord continue His peace which overcomes our fears so that we may joyfully serve Him in all godly quietness (*Collect*).

The Sermon

"First remove the plank from your own eye," says the Lord. It is a command to be holy, a command to be without defect or transgression. It is a command that accuses and condemns, but not a command that fallen man can obey. The plank in your eye is part and parcel of your fallen flesh. So you rail against the speck in your brother's eye, you judge, you condemn, you fail to forgive, and you don't give as you should. God calls that being a hypocrite. With the measure you use, it shall be measured back to you. But do not despair. The plank of your transgression is removed by the plank of the cross. There the Christ was judged and condemned. There the forgiveness you need, the forgiveness you lack, is found. He gave everything to redeem you. He suffered the blindness of death, falling into the ditch of the tomb. Although no mercy was shown Him, in His death mercy is shown you. In Him you are spared. He died as a hypocrite, that you see clearly. He died that you be forgiven. He died that you not be condemned, that you be judged innocent, declared holy, and receive the good measure overflowing with God's saving gifts.

The Hymns for Today's Mass

Processional Hymn	287 (stanzas 1-4)
Chief Hymn	236
Offering Hymn	321
Distribution Hymns	249, 287 (stanzas 5-12)
Retiring Processional Hymn	262

The Mass: Agnus Dei

"O Christ, the Lamb of God, who take away the sin of the world:
have mercy upon us,
O Christ, the Lamb of God, who take away the sin of the world:
have mercy upon us,
O Christ, the Lamb of God, who take away the sin of the world:
Grant us Your peace."

"Agnus" means "lamb" and "Dei" means "God."



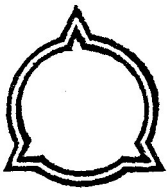
When we celebrate the Holy Communion, we think of how our Lord gave His life as a sacrifice for our sins. In the Old Testament, a lamb was sacrificed for the sins of the people. No creature can make good for our sins; but Jesus, the true Easter Lamb, to Whom John the Baptist pointed and said, "Behold the Lamb of God," has taken our sins upon Himself. Now we pray that He will also take our sins from us and give us peace with God, our heavenly Father.

— Berthold von Schenk, "The Little Service Book"

Prepare for Next Sunday

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost "Following Jesus"
July 20, 2014

Lamentations 3.22-33; 1 Peter 3.8-15; St. Luke 5.1-11
Hymns: 430, 421, 524, 313, 237





Help us Lord Jesus Christ, for we; A Mediator have in Thee

Martin Luther (1483-1546) used hymns as a means for spreading the Christian teachings of the Reformation and for teaching the faith to youth and catechumens.

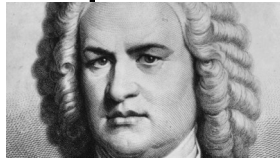
Among Luther's over 40 hymns included a hymn on each of the six chief parts of Christian doctrine. "That Man A Godly Life Might Live" (# 287) is Luther's hymn on the Ten Commandments. (The translation of the first stanza in *The Lutheran Hymnal* is notoriously bad. The German reads: "Dies sind die heil'gen Zehn Gebot," "These are the holy ten commands." The translator unveils an obvious agenda towards the third use of the law that is not part of Luther's intent.)

Luther adapted an existing religious folk tune for his hymnic version of the Ten Commandments, which was published in *Eyn Enchiridion* in Erfurt in 1524.

The PRELUDE is two settings of this hymn by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750). These settings are from Bach's collection *Clavier-Übung III*, published in 1739. In addition to settings on the hymn "Kyrie, God Father in Heaven Above" (# 6) and "All Glory Be to God on High" (# 237), Bach writes two settings of each of Luther's catechism hymns. Each hymn has a longer setting and a smaller setting, remembering Luther's Large and Small Catechisms.

The organ introduction to the processional hymn (stanzas 1-4) is by Johann Christoph Bach (1642-1703), a cousin of Johann Sebastian. The organ introduction to the distribution hymn (stanzas 5-12) is by Wolfgang Carl Briegel (1626-1712).

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)



Often our music features the work of Johann Sebastian Bach, perhaps the greatest musician of all time.

Bach's family had a rich heritage of music, many of his ancestors being professional musicians.

Bach was a devout Lutheran, and his music reflects his careful study of Christian doctrine and his attention to providing music for the liturgical year of the church.

The bulk of Bach's career was in Leipzig, Germany, where he directed the music of four parishes there, including the great St. Thomas Church, where he is buried.

Bach's music includes works for organ, orchestra, choirs, and soloists. Bach wrote a cantata (multi-movement musical work for organ, soloists, choir, and instruments) for each Sunday and festival of the year.

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Holy Mass for the Fifth Sunday After Pentecost Today, 10a, Church
 Matins Mon, 8:45a, Chapel
 Matins Tue, 8:45a, Chapel
 Vespers Tue, 5:30p, Chapel
Holy Mass for Wednesday of Pentecost V Wed, 10a, Chapel
 Matins Thr, 8:45a, Chapel
Holy Mass for the Sixth Sunday After Pentecost Sun, 10a, Church

The Holy Eucharist

Our Lord does not skimp on His merciful kindness but gives us a "good measure, pressed down and shaken together and running over." Nowhere is that more evident than in the sacrifice of His own Son. The benefit of this sacrifice is now deeply planted within you by the Lord's Supper. There you receive the overflowing chalice of salvation. And there Our Lord's forgiveness is measured out to you in superabundance.

The Readings

Numbers 6.22-27; Romans 8.18-23; St. Luke 6.36-42

The Prelude

These Are the Holy Ten Commands (BWV 678-679) — Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

The Postlude

A Mighty Fortress is Our God - J.N. Hanff (1665-1712)

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.

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 whence 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

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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CEDAR POINT TRIP Pam Ruffin, on behalf of the Zion Board of Christian Education, is coordinating a trip to Cedar Point for Zion members and friends. Please contact Pam for details.

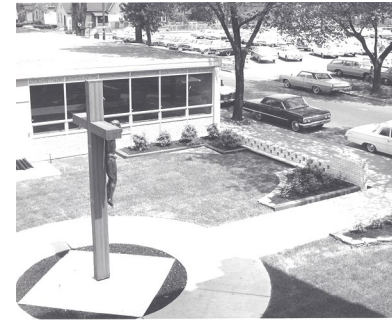
MEN'S GROUP PROJECT Our new Vicar is set to move into the Rectory the first week in September. We received a generous gift of a set of bedroom furniture for the Vicar's bedroom. However, we are still in need of a new mattress, box spring, sheets, and blankets. The Zion Men's Group has taken up the project to provide this.

Any support for this effort would be greatly appreciated. Please talk with Kevin Wiedelman for more information. Kevin can be reached by e-mail at wiedelman@outlook.com or by phone at (248) 520-6165. Thanks!

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