

Zion Evangelical-Lutheran Church

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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, please speak with the Pastor before approaching the Altar.

THE DIVINE OFFICE is prayed in the Chapel of the Holy Incarnation in the Rectory. **MATINS:** Daily at 8:45am (except when there is a morning Mass); **VES-PERS:** Tuesday/Thursday at 6:30pm.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION is taught every Sunday and Wednesday 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 9:15-10am 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.

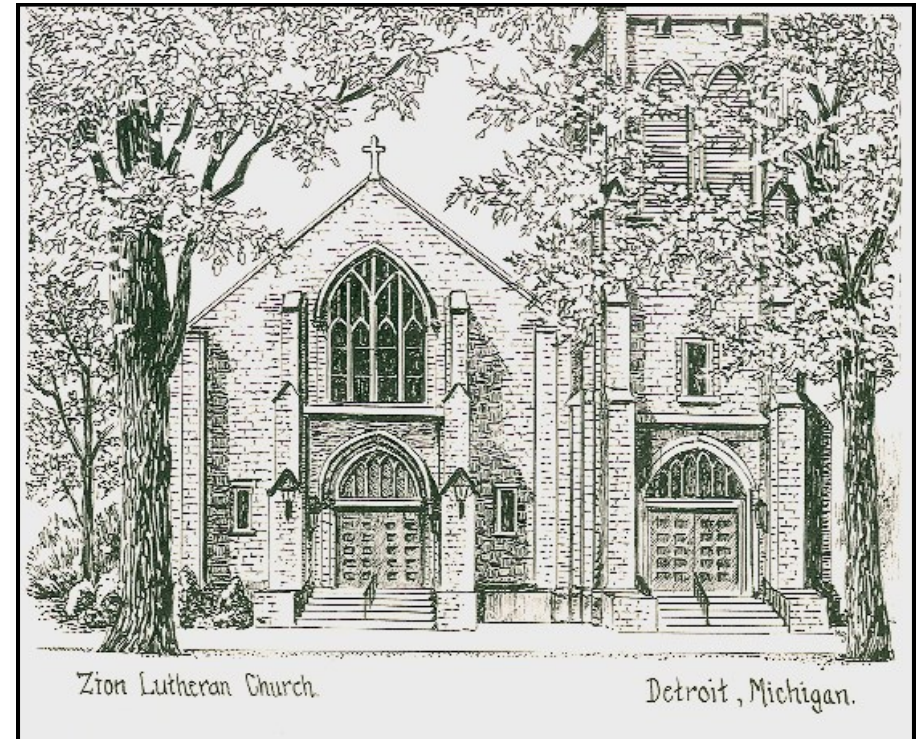
SICK AND HOMEBOUND are visited regularly by the Pastor with the Scriptures and Sacrament. Please contact the Parish Office if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation.

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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Second Sunday After Michaelmass
October 12, 2014



The Great Supper

Welcome to the Marriage feast of the Lamb of God! Here the faithful are invited to receive Our Lord as He comes in His Body and Blood. Here singing and rejoicing mark the celebration of the union of God and man! May this feast also encourage your faith and hope in the God who lives for you and in you.

The Theme of Today’s Liturgy

To walk not as fools means that we walk in the will of the Lord, filled with the Spirit, rejoicing and giving thanks in everything Our Lord gives (*Epistle*). For we rely on a Lord who deals with us according to the multitude of His mercies (*Introit*). By His mercy, he cleanses us from our sins and bids us to serve Him with a quiet mind (*Collect*). So we take to heart Our Lord’s invitation to be gathered to feast with Him (*Gospel*). For only fools stay away from the Lord’s house; but the wise confess that our Jesus is the one who satisfies the desires of every living thing (*Gradual*).

The Sermon

Many are called, but few are chosen. The king has sent out an invitation. We are guilty of refusing the invitation and joining in the rebellion of our father Adam and remaining in the city of sin. God has declared that, the wages of sin is death. The Bridegroom has come in compassion. He comes in the flesh to rescue us from this city of sin. The Lord invites us to a wonderful banquet this day. His very Body and Blood, given for us poor sinners to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins. Thus we are strengthened and eagerly await the eternal banquet on the last day.

The Holy Eucharist

The Marriage Feast of the Lamb is the Supper of Christ’s Body and Blood. Let us not make light of this invitation but rejoice in the Food Our Lord gives us. For it is the Lord you receive that vests you in the wedding garment of His Holiness.

The Readings

Proverbs 2.1-9; Ephesians 5.15-21; St. Matthew 22.1-14

The Hymns for Today’s Mass

Processional Hymn	250
Chief Hymn	260
Offering Hymn	613
Distribution Hymns	334; 402; 249
Retiring Processional Hymn	53

The Mass: Lavabo

The Lavabo means “the washing.” This occurs during the gathering of the offering, after all else has been prepared, all vessels and linens put in place, and the veil removed from the chalice. When all this is finished, the celebrant turns to the server who is ready with the Lavabo bowl, a towel, and a cruet of water. The celebrant holds his index fingers and thumbs over the bowl as the server pours a little water over them; then the celebrant dries them on a towel which has ben draped over the server’s arm. From this point throughout the distribution, these four fingers touch nothing but the sacred Hosts.

As the celebrant is doing this, he prays the “Levabo,” a portion of Psalm 26:

I will wash mine hands in innocency: so will I compass thine altar, O LORD: That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works. LORD, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honour dwelleth. Gather not my soul with sinners, nor my life with bloody men: In whose hands is mischief, and their right hand is full of bribes. But as for me, I will walk in mine integrity: redeem me, and be merciful unto me. My foot standeth in an even place: in the congregations will I bless the LORD. Glory be to the Father...

The celebrant’s rubrics historically prescribe that following the Lavabo he hold the thumb and forefinger of each hand together whenever they are not being used to take, hold, or distribute the Host. After each table of communicants receives the Body of Christ, the celebrant gently rubs his thumb and forefinger together over the chalice, to let any sacred particles fall into it. Moreover, even the chalice is carefully held by wrapping the other three fingers of the hand around the knop.

The Lavabo insures that the celebrant’s fingers are entirely free of all kinds of soil for the distribution of the Body of Christ. He has already taken care to wash his hands with soap before the Mass; this is a ceremonial rinsing of any foreign matter which may have come into contact with his fingers in the meantime.

— Burnell F. Eckardt, Jr.,

“The New Testament in His Blood: A Study of the Holy Liturgy of the Christian Church”

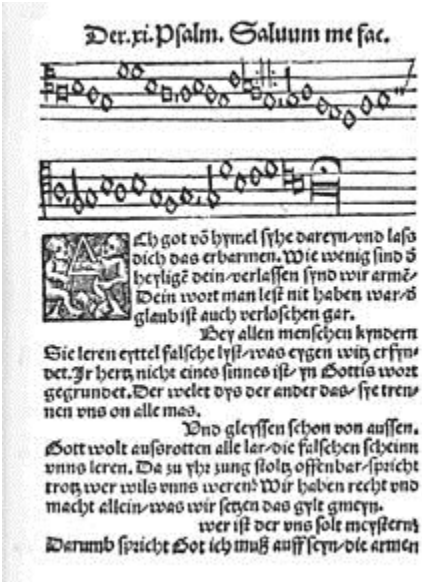
(The second portion of this segment by Fr. Eckardt on the Ablutions – cleansing after the distribution of the Sacrament – will be printed in a later issue.)

The Prelude O Lord, Look Down From Heaven, Behold —J. L. Krebs (1713-1780)

The Postlude O Lord, Look Down From Heaven, Behold —F.W. Zachau (1663-1712)

Men suffer not Thy Word to stand; Dark times have us o’ertaken

As the world continues to unravel and comes toward the end, with war, plague, and financial uncertainty, so also does mankind dismiss the Word of God. Daily the Scriptures are ridiculed and set aside in our country; across the world Christians are persecuted and murdered.



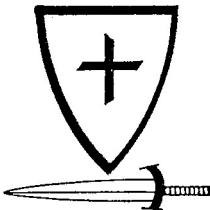
Luther’s hymn, “O Lord, Look Down From Heaven, Behold” (# 260), speaks to the Christian as though it were written today. Based on Psalm 12, Luther wrote this hymn in 1523 and it was published in the *Achtliederbuch* (“Eight Song Book”) of 1524, one of the earliest hymnals.

As in Luther’s day, we face attacks both from outside (the world) and inside (the visible church). Yet, as Luther demonstrates in his life, this is not a cause to despair or to become sad or indifferent. It calls us to return to the Word—Our Lord Jesus—and with resolve to boldly confess Christian doctrine in our lives as our only strength and comfort.

Defend Thy truth, O God, and stay This evil generation
And from the error of its way Keep Thine own congregation.
The wicked everywhere abound And would Thy little flock confound;
But Thou art our Salvation.

Prepare for Next Sunday

Third Sunday After Michaelmass “Thy Strong Word”
October 19, 2014
2 Samuel 7.18-29; Ephesians 6.10-17; St. John 4.46-54
Hymns: 470, 261, 247, 444, 452



THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Holy Mass for the Second Sunday after Michaelmass	Today, 10a, Church
Voters’ Assembly	Today, 11:30a, Undercroft
Matins	Mon, 8:45a, Chapel
Matins	Tue, 8:45a, Chapel
Vespers	Tue, 6:30p, Chapel
Holy Mass for Wednesday of Michaelmass II	Wed, 10a, Chapel
Bible Study	Wed, 10:45a, Rectory
Matins	Thr, 8:45a, Chapel
Vespers	Thr, 6:30p, Chapel
Adult Catechesis	Thr, 7p, Rectory
Matins	Fri, 8:45a, Chapel
Private Confession and Absolution	Sat 9a, Chapel
Holy Mass for St. Luke, Evangelist	Sat, 10a, Chapel
Youth Catechism	Sat 10a, Rectory
Adult Choir Rehearsal	Sun, 8:45a, Rectory
Holy Mass for the Third Sunday After Michaelmass	Sun, 10a, Church
Bible Study	Sun, 11:30a, Undercroft
Sunday School	Sun, 11:30a, Activities Center

IN OUR PRAYERS Edward Brown, Linda Buskirk, Charles Capsel, Lela Casey, John Chavez, Gladys Cline, Anna Dalton, Martha Draspa, Susan Edwards, 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 Mr. and Mrs. Keith Phares for the St. Michael Liturgical Conference.

THE PSALM FOR THIS WEEK IS PSALM 48. PRAY IT EVERY DAY!

As you pray this Psalm, think of Zion. What causes her beauty? Is it the stones and craftsmanship? Is it the effort and money we put into the building? Is it the people? The beauty of Zion is that here, in this temple, is where we hear of and receive God’s loving kindness. Here is where we find shelter and refuge when we are troubled. For while God is everywhere, here is where he is our God, giving himself whole-heartedly to us, guiding us even through death.

Today's Announcements

GOTTESDIENST OKTOBERFEST This afternoon-Tuesday, Fr. Braden and Vicar Grieser will attend the Gottesdienst Oktoberfest theological conference at St. Paul—Kewanee, IL. St. Paul is the parish where Fr. Burnell Eckardt, a frequent St. Michael Liturgical Conference presenter, serves as pastor. The keynote speaker is Dr. John Stephenson of Concordia Seminary—St. Catherine's, ON on the topic "The Blessed Sacrament in the Theology of Wilhelm Löhe." Löhe was instrumental in bringing confessional Lutheranism to America and in the founding of Concordia Theological Seminary—Fort Wayne and the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.



Löhe



Stephenson



ST. LUKE, EVANGELIST The church commemorates the Evangelist St. Luke on October 18. Holy Mass will be celebrated on Saturday at 10am in the Chapel. Remember this day in your daily prayer at home. Read 2 Timothy 4.5-15 and St. Luke 10.1-9. Pray the Collect on page 93.

DETROIT LUTHERAN SINGERS FALL CONCERT "*Sacred Pairings*," a program of sacred music, will be presented by the Detroit Lutheran Singers on Sunday, October 19 at 3:30pm at Our Shepherd—Birmingham, and at 7:30pm at St. Paul—Royal Oak. Composers represented include John Rutter, K. Lee Scott, and Detroit's Brazeal Dennard as well as Scarlatti, Poulenc, and Christiansen. The program will have rich variety, from "Jubilate Deo," to "The Lord Is My Light," to "Elijah Rock," plus a new arrangement of a well-known hymn. An additional feature will be a segment presented by each host church's children's choir, demonstrating how those schools are preparing children for a lifetime of enjoying making music to God's glory. The choir is directed by Mr. Christopher Hall. Tickets (\$15; \$10 seniors and students; under 12, free) will be available at the door or at www.detroitlutheransingers.com.



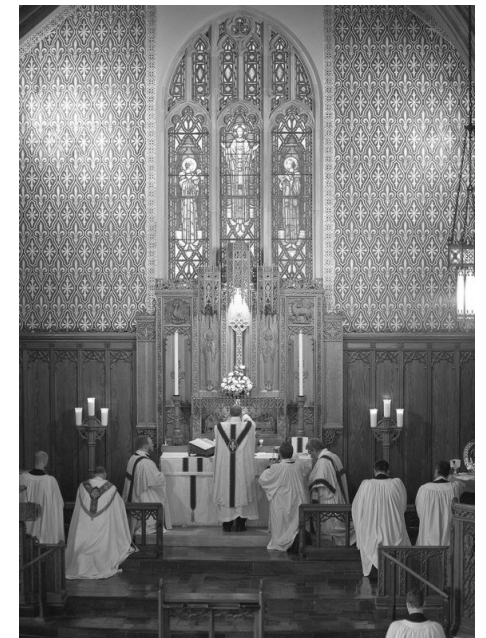
ADULT CATECHESIS is Thursday at 7pm. Participants are encouraged to pray Vespers at 6:30pm in the Chapel.

REFORMATION OPEN HOUSE POT-LUCK Following the 7pm Holy Mass for the Festival of the Reformation on Friday, October 31, we will have a Pot-Luck Open House in the Rectory. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. Please indicate the total number attending and what you will bring.

OCTOBER VOTERS' ASSEMBLY The October Voters' Assembly will be held today following Holy Mass. The special meeting to approve the budget beginning July 1, 2014 is cancelled and will be addressed in today's meeting.

Zion Lutheran Church Voters' Assembly Agenda Sunday, October 12, 2014 A.⌘D.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Opening Prayer
- III. Establishment of Quorum
- IV. Minutes from Previous Meeting
- V. Committee Reports
 1. Trustees Report
 2. Parish Education
 3. Endowment Board
 4. Deacons Report
 5. Treasurer's Report
 6. Pastor's Report
- VI. Approval of 2014/15 Budget
- VII. Nomination/Election of Officers
- VIII. Circuit Forum Delegates
- IX. Closing Prayer



Holy Mass commemorating St. Michael, Archangel

29 September 2014