

# 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.

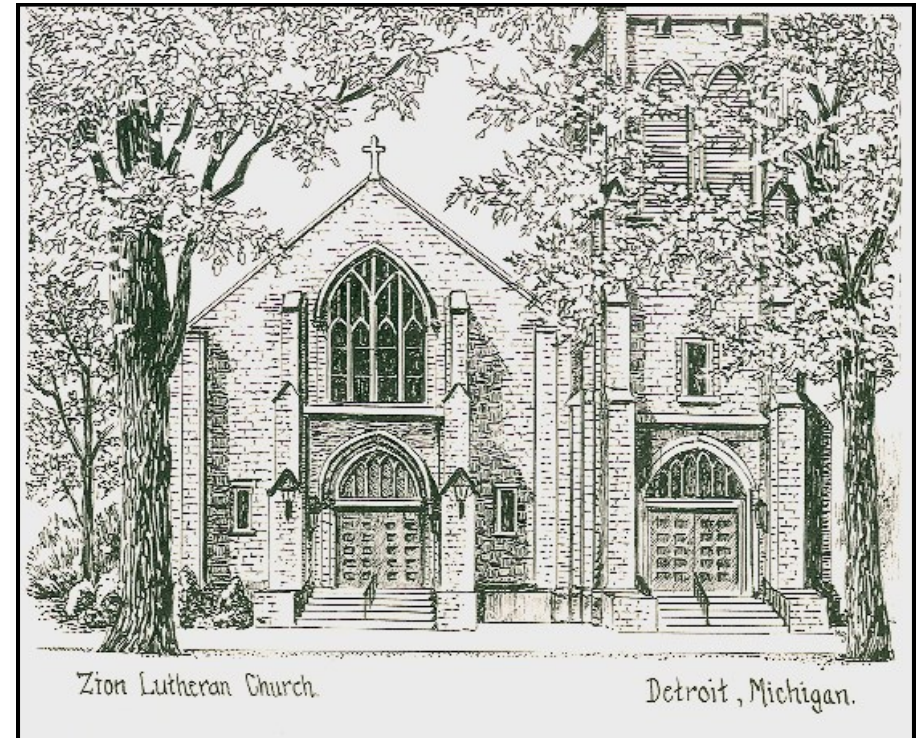
**SICK AND HOMEBOUND** are visited regularly by the Pastor with the Scriptures and Sacrament. Please contact the Parish Office if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation.

**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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**Fourth Sunday After Michaelmass**  
**October 26, 2014**



Forgive Us Our Trespasses

The Holy Spirit gathers and welcomes you today to receive the forgiveness of God in the Holy Eucharist. Here is where forgiveness and salvation come to you through the benefits of Our Lord’s suffering and death! May you know and truly believe that in this Christian Church the Spirit richly and daily forgives the sin of all believers.

The Theme of Today’s Liturgy

If Our Lord kept a record of sins, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with Him (*Introit*)! Therefore we beg the Lord today to hear the devout prayers of His Faithful people and grant us the forgiveness we desire (*Collect*). And with that forgiveness comes the courage to share that forgiveness with others – to forgive in the same way that we have been forgiven (*Gospel*). For he who has begun a good work in you by His mercy will complete it in the day of Our Lord Jesus Christ (*Epistle*).

The Sermon

The grace for which the servant begged was more than he himself was willing to give. He was willing to make the impossible promise of complete repayment, but that over time. What he demanded from his debtor was complete payment immediately. He himself wanted to avoid punishment, but quickly subjected his debtor to the most severe punishment. Then his day of reckoning came. He received exactly the punishment he had given out. How have you dealt with others? Have you extended to them only grace and forgiveness? Have you forgiven them from your heart? Or have you been like the wicked servant? Remember: your King comes soon in judgment. But do not fear, for your King was handed over to the torturers for your debt. He settled your account. But He extends to you only grace, forgiveness and mercy. He does not keep track of your debt, rather He lavishes you with His riches. Your Master is moved with compassion. He releases you, and forgives your debt. He settles your account by declaring you righteous.

The Holy Eucharist

The Supper of Christ’s Body and Blood gives forgiveness of sins. And “where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation” (*Small Catechism*). So this Food is truly our Life and Saving Health!

The Readings Proverbs 3.11-20; Philippians 1.3-11; St. Matthew 18.21-35

The Hymns for Today’s Mass

Proclamational Hymn	477
Chief Hymn	321
Offering Hymn	287 (stanzas 1-5, 11-12)
Distribution Hymns	292, 429
Retiring Proclamational Hymn	319

The Mass: Preface and Sanctus (Part 1)

As the Preface and Sanctus are said in response to Jesus’ own command and rubric, it is worthy of emphasis that the Sanctus is also said in response to the holy words of our Lord. His institution of His Supper contains the command, This do. What does He mean by “do”? He did not merely command, “This say,” which in fact would have left us without a Sacrament. Dutiful obedience to “This say” would have resulted in the mere repetition of the words and nothing necessarily more. “This do,” by contrast, pertains to the continuation of the Sacrament and its distribution into perpetuity.

“This do,” taken simply, is a command to participate in what Jesus was doing here. What was He doing? Certainly He spoke His words over the elements and distributed them, but first He gave thanks, a detail we should not overlook.

In the first place, the fact that Jesus would give thanks, who is Himself Maker of all things, is a marvel. This should not be construed as a denial of His divinity, but rather, as an affirmation of His humanity. He gives thanks as man, and actually in the stead of all men. Not merely to set an example does He give thanks here; rather, He gives perfect thanks, as He is perfect man. But what is it to give perfect thanks? It is not merely saying thanks, but submitting oneself, offering oneself, in thankfulness to the giver. Here Jesus does just that. He offers Himself. For this, as the very Words of Institution tell us first of all, took place “on the night when He was betrayed.” His giving of thanks is His humble and free offering of Himself to the Father, in order that the Father may do with Him what He will. And as the Father wills that the Son suffer crucifixion for the sin of the world, so the Son suffers. The self-sacrifice of the Son of God is the very means whereby the world is restored to God. Earth’s curse is lifted from the ground and placed, in thorns, on the bloody head of Christ. All this is encompassed in Jesus’ giving of perfect thanks, His perfect presenting of Himself to the Father here, in the stead of all humanity, and because of it all humanity is reconciled to God.

— Burnell F. Eckardt, Jr.,  
“The New Testament in His Blood: A Study of the Holy Liturgy of the Christian Church”

**The Prelude** These Are the Holy Ten Commands (BWV 678) —J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

**The Postlude** In Thee Alone, O Christ, My Lord —J.G. Walther (1684-1748)

The PRELUDE is Johann Sebastian Bach’s (1685-1750) setting of Martin Luther’s (1483-1546) hymn on the Ten Commandments. The melody is heard in canon, played by the left hand, on the Cornopean, a reed pipe. Luther wrote a hymn for each of the chief parts of Christian doctrine. Bach, in his collection Clavier-Ubung III, writes two chorale preludes for each of Luther’s catechism hymns, a longer one to commemorate the Large Catechism, and a shorter one to commemorate the Small Catechism. Albert Schweitzer explains:

“Luther had written a greater and a smaller catechism. In the former he demonstrates the essence of the faith; in the latter he addresses himself to the children. Bach, the musical father of the Lutheran church, feels it incumbent on him to do likewise; he gives us a larger and smaller arrangement of each chorale ... The larger chorales are dominated by a sublime musical symbolism, aiming simply at illustrating the central idea of the dogma contained in the words; the smaller ones are of bewitching simplicity.”

Luther’s catechism hymns are at the core of each Christian’s devotional and prayer life. Bach’s catechism chorale preludes are at the core of an organist’s repertoire.

Accompaniment  
(Right hand) →  
Melody (in canon)  
(Left hand) →  
Accompaniment  
(Pedals/Feet) →

Prepare for the Festival of the Reformation

**Friday, October 31—7pm**  
Isaiah 62.6-7, 10-12, Romans 3.21-28, St. Matthew 11.12-15  
Hymns: 268, 377, 292, 473, 264, 262

Prepare for the Feast of All Saints

**Saturday, November 1—10am**  
Deuteronomy 33.1-3, Revelation 7.2-17, St. Matthew 5.1-12  
Hymns: 463, 589, 613, 475, 600, 656

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

<b>Holy Mass for the Fourth Sunday after Michaelmass</b> .....	<b>Today, 10a, Church Bible Study</b> .....
.....	Today, 11:30a, Undercroft
<b>Sunday School</b> .....	Today, 11:30a, Activities Center
<b>Matins</b> .....	Mon, 8:45a, Chapel
<b>Holy Mass for Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles</b> .....	<b>Tue, 10a, Chapel</b>
<b>Vespers</b> .....	Tue, 6:30p, Chapel
<b>Holy Mass for Wednesday of Michaelmass IV</b> .....	<b>Wed, 10a, Chapel</b>
<b>Bible Study</b> .....	Wed, 10:45a, Rectory
<b>Matins</b> .....	Thr, 8:45a, Chapel
<b>Vespers</b> .....	Thr, 6:30p, Chapel
<b>Adult Catechesis</b> .....	Thr, 7p, Rectory
<b>Matins</b> .....	Fri, 8:45a, Chapel
<b>Adult Choir Rehearsal</b> .....	Fri, 6:30p, Rectory
<b>Holy Mass for the Festival of the Reformation</b> .....	<b>Fri, 7p, Church</b>
<b>Pot-Luck Open House</b> .....	Fri, 8:15p, Rectory
<b>Private Confession and Absolution</b> .....	Sat 9a, Chapel
<b>Adult Choir Rehearsal</b> .....	Sat, 9a, Rectory
<b>Holy Mass for the Feast of All Saints</b> .....	<b>Sat, 10a, Church</b>
<b>Youth Catechism</b> .....	Sat 10a, Church
<b>Holy Mass for the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed</b> .....	<b>Sun, 10a, Church</b>
<b>Bible Study</b> .....	Sun, 11:30a, Undercroft
<b>Sunday School</b> .....	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, Pauline Rivard, and Stella Rumble (mother of Patty Braden).

THE PSALM FOR THIS WEEK IS PSALM 130. PRAY IT EVERY DAY!

Psalm 130 is the plea of a sinner who knows and feels his sin against God—both the countless sins he commits daily and especially the particular sin that troubles him which he tries so hard to hide from himself and others. This Psalm is also the despairing cry of the person who is mourning the loss of a loved one. In both cases, the word of comfort is that Our Lord does not keep a record of sin. Instead, for those who cry to him in faith, our Lord overwhelms with His forgiveness and mercy. That is the only hope for the children of Israel (the Church)! This Psalm may be sung according to hymn #664 in the hymnal.

## Today's Announcements

**STS. SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES** Remember this day in your daily prayer. Read Jeremiah 26.12-16, 1 Peter 1.3-9, and St. John 15.17-21. Pray the Collect on page 87 (top).

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

**FESTIVAL OF THE REFORMATION** Holy Mass commemorating the Festival of the Reformation is Friday, October 31 at 7pm. This day commemorates the work of the Lutheran reformers in returning the Church to true catholic doctrine around the rediscovery of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Plan to join us. Remember this day in your daily prayer. Read Isaiah 62.6-7, 10-12, Romans 3.21-28, and St. Matthew 11.12-15. Pray the Collect on page 84.

**REFORMATION OPEN HOUSE POT-LUCK** Following the Holy Mass for the Festival of the Reformation on Friday, 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.

**FEAST OF ALL SAINTS** Holy Mass for the Feast of All Saints is Saturday, November 1 at 10am. This day commemorates those who have died in the faith and now rest from their labors, even as we look forward to joining them. The Rev. Fr. Joel Baseley of Emmanuel—Dearborn will be the guest preacher, and guest musicians from Emmanuel will join us for this festival Mass, directed by Kantor Jacob Weber. Remember this day in your daily prayer. Read Deuteronomy 33.1-3, Revelation 7.2-17, and St. Matthew 5.1-12. Pray the Collect on page 93.

### Festival Services of Holy Communion

**Festival of the Reformation**  
Friday, October 31 — 7pm

**Feast of All Saints**  
Saturday, November 1 — 10am  
The Rev. Fr. Joel Baseley, guest preacher, and  
guest musicians from Emmanuel—Dearborn

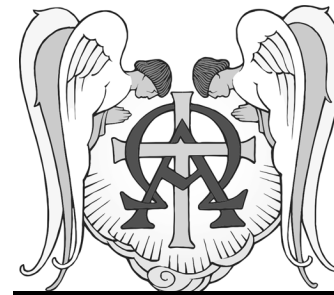
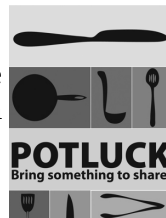
Pot-Luck Open House  
in the Rectory, following the  
Reformation Service  
Please RSVP:  
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### Te Deum: Higher Things 2015

**Who?**  
Confirmed Youth, High  
School Students, College  
Students

**What?**  
Youth Gathering

**When?**  
July 21-24, 2015

**Where?**  
Grand Rapids, MI

**Cost:**  
\$345

**HIGHER THINGS YOUTH GATHERING** Higher Things assists parents, congregations, and pastors in cultivating, encouraging and promoting a distinctively Lutheran identity among youth and young adults.

This summer's Higher Things gathering rejoices in the gift of the Te Deum, "We Praise Thee, O God," a hymn of praise that gives us a foretaste of what's happening in worship in heaven and on earth.

Higher Things is July 21-24, 2015 in Grand Rapids. This year we have Zion youth interested in attending. Fr. Schultz, Vicar Grieser, and Michael Edwards will lead the group. The gatherings are primarily geared toward high school youth, but confirmed students of any age and college-aged students may also attend.

Registration begins November 1 and fills up quickly. Last year the conference was full by January. We will need to make reservations by mid-November. Registration forms are available from Father Schultz.

**LUTHERFEST: A REFORMATION CHORAL FESTIVAL** The Lutheran Center Association presents LutherFest: A Reformation Choral Festival on Sunday, November 9 at 4pm at Guardian—Dearborn. The event features the Michigan-Ohio Chorale, a brass quintet, flutes, strings, and joint choir from area parishes. Refreshments will follow the concert. For more information, call 800-572-6711.

**FLYERS AVAILABLE** Please pick up flyers in the Narthex about the Reformation and All Saints Masses. Use them as a reminder for yourself, and help publicize these special Masses by distributing them to your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers.

**ADULT CHOIR** Thanks to those who have participated in the Adult Choir. We always welcome more singers. The choir will rehearse Friday at 6:30pm and Saturday at 9am. We will begin rehearsing music for Advent and Christmass on Sunday, November 9. The choir will sing November 16, Thursday, November 27 (Thanksgiving), November 30, December 14, and Christmass Midnight.