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HOLY MASS is celebrated every Sunday and Wednesday at 10am, and on holy days as announced. *Wednesday Masses are at 9:30am and 7pm during Advent.*

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.

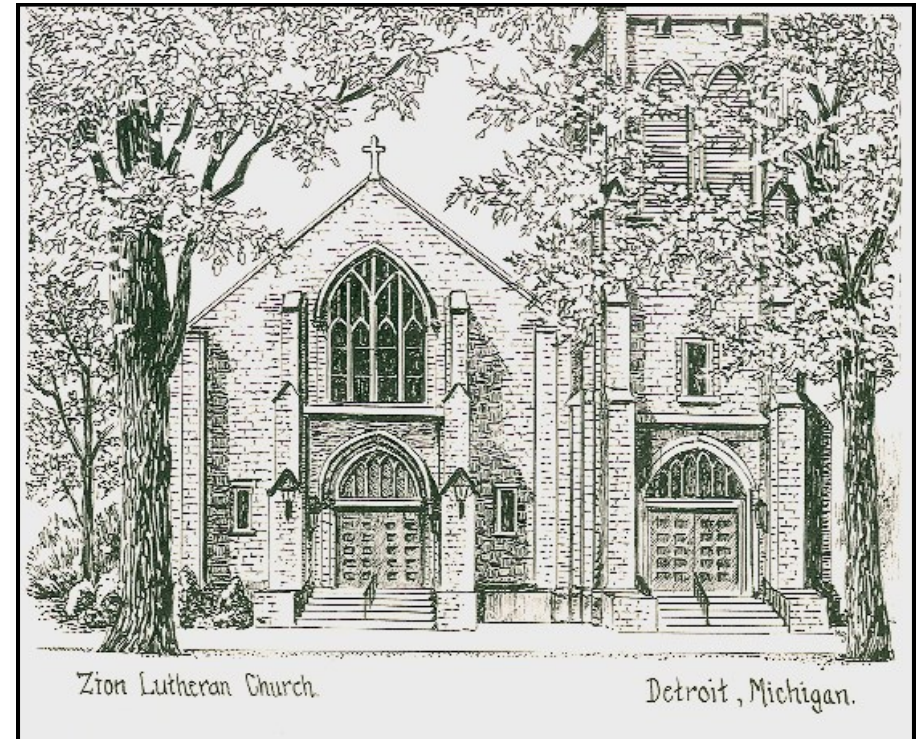
SICK AND HOMEBOUND are visited regularly by the Pastor with the Scriptures and Sacrament. Please contact the Parish Office if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation.

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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Ad Te Levavi—First Sunday in Advent
November 30, 2014



The Lord Comes

In this place Our Lord Jesus comes both for us and to live within us. But most of all He comes to save us and deliver us from whatever threatens us. May you also greet Him joyfully and join Him as He comes for you in His Word and Supper.

The Theme of Today’s Liturgy

While the world prepares for parties and presents, the Church prepares for the coming of Her Lord by the lifting up of the souls of the faithful unto Him (*Introit*). For your salvation is near (*Epistle*) as our Savior comes in poverty and humility (*Gospel*). He comes to forgive your sin and save your life (*Old Testament*). So we pray that Christ would stir up His power and come (*Collect*), as we await Him in true faith (*Gradual*) and prepare to welcome Him aright (*Processional Hymn*).

The Sermon

Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord! And so it is that the Prophet’s words “Behold, your King comes!” are fulfilled as Jesus rides into Jerusalem. And yet now it is high time to wake out of sleep, for our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The Promised King again draws nigh. But I am a sinner. Lord, how shall I meet Thee? Therefore put off the works of darkness. The King who came comes again soon, and according to His Promise your sin is remembered no more. As you hunger before you are filled, so ought you prepare for His Advent. And that you be prepared, He feeds you as you hunger, and He comes in Word and Mystery as you await His coming. Behold, your King comes! Hosanna in the highest!

The Holy Eucharist

The Blessed One who comes in the Name of the Lord comes most certainly in His Body and Blood to be our food and drink. There both His heart’s desire and our hopeful expectation combine as one.

The Readings

Jeremiah 31.31-34; Romans 13.11-14; St. Matthew 21.1-9

The Hymns for Today’s Mass

Processional Hymn	58 (stanzas 1-5) [Second Tune]
Chief Hymn	95 (choir: stanzas 2 & 4)
Offering Hymn	68
Distribution Music	choir: “Lift Up Your Heads” —S. Scheidt (1486-1526)
Distribution Hymns	55; “Creator of the Stars of Night” (insert)
Retiring Processional Hymn	58 (stanzas 6-9)

The Mass: Elevation and Adoration (Part 1)

The placement of the elevation immediately after the consecration of the Host seems to have begun at the close of the twelfth century in Paris, where the bishop directed it, probably in response to the offensive and curious view of some at the university there, who held that bread only became the Body of Christ after the words of consecration had been spoken over both the bread and the wine. Since this view aroused considerable opposition, the elevation of the Host arose immediately after its consecration, as a kind of protest, a confession that it was the word of Christ which made it immediately so. By the end of the thirteenth century it was ordered throughout the Continent and England that one of the great bells of the church should be tolled at the moment of the Elevation, in order that even those at work in the fields might kneel down and adore at the same time as the assembled congregation is doing so.

The elevation of the Elements after their consecration is meant to be a wordless confession of what they are: the true Body and Blood of Christ. Here we raise our eyes to look upon and adore the elements quite simply because we know them to be what Christ has declared them to be, which is a most salutary thing to remember before receiving the Sacrament. One does not elevate symbols or mere tokens of Christ, nor should we kneel before mere ordinary things such as bread and wine. But here is no ordinary bread and wine! According to Jesus’ own words, this bread is His body, and this wine is His blood.

— Burnell F. Eckardt, Jr.,

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



Prepare for Next Sunday

Populus Zion—Second Sunday in Advent “The Coming Redeemer”
December 7, 2014
Malachi 4.1-6; Romans 15.4-13; St. Luke 21.25-33
Hymns: 73 [SECOND TUNE], 67, “O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide” (insert), 59, 65, 72

Savior of the Nations, Come The CHIEF HYMN (# 95) is one of the most significant hymns in the history of the Church. The roots of the hymn are the Latin *Veni, Redemptor Gentium* by St. Ambrose (340-397), bishop of Milan.

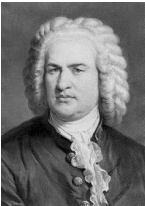
The history of Western Christian hymns begins with Ambrose. He wrote catholic hymnody in opposition to Arian heresy (the belief that the Son was not equal to and eternal with the Father). Ambrose’s simple, direct, and beautiful hymns set forth the true faith with dignity and evangelical fervor.



Martin Luther (1483-1546) translated *Veni, Redemptor Gentium* into German as *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*. Luther prepared this hymn for Advent 1523, and it was included in two of the earliest Lutheran hymnals *Eyn Enchiridion* (Erfurt) and *Geystliche Gesangk Büchleyn* (Wittenberg).

The tune was modified by Luther, based on the original plainsong chant tune.

The PRELUDE is one of the many settings of this tune by J.S. Bach (1685-1750). We will hear several more of his settings of *Savior of the Nations* during Advent. Today’s setting (BWV 661) features the melody in the pedal. This chorale prelude is from Bach’s *Great Eighteen Chorale Preludes* in Leipzig during the final decade of his service as kantor before his death. They are one of the collections representing the pinnacle of Bach’s solo organ works.



Also of great significance is the PROCESSIONAL and RETIRING PROCESSION HYMN, “O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee” (# 58, second tune), by Pastor Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676). One of our finest Advent hymns, it was written during the Thirty Years’ War and is based on Matthew 21:1-9. The tune is by his kantor, Johann Crüger (1598-1662).

Gerhardt ranks second only to Luther as the greatest Lutheran hymn writer. His life experience, described as “a theologian sifted in Satan’s sieve,” caused him to write some of the most heart-felt hymnody that is well-tuned to life in the world and reflective of orthodox theology. Witnessing plagues, the devastation of the Thirty Years’ War, outliving his wife and four of his five children, and being removed from his parish for holding to Christian doctrine in the face of controversy all gave Gerhardt opportunity to confess in his writings and hymns the reality of Christian joy in the midst of suffering, of Christ’s death and resurrection as hope in the dying world.

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Holy Mass for Ad Te Levavi – First Sunday in Advent	Today, 10a, Church Bible Study
	Today, 11:30a, Undercroft Sunday School
	Today, 11:30a, Activities Center
Holy Mass for St. Andrew, Apostle	Mon, 9:30a, Church
Matins	Tue, 8:45a, Chapel
Vespers	Tue, 6:30p, Chapel
Holy Mass for Wednesday of Advent I	Wed, 9:30a, Church
Bible Study	Wed, 10:30a, Rectory
Holy Mass for Wednesday of Advent I	Wed, 7p, Church
Matins (St. Peter Chrysologus)	Thr, 8:45a, Chapel
Metro Detroit Pastors’ Study Group at English District Office	Thr, 12p
Vespers	Thr, 6:30p, Chapel
Adult Catechesis	Thr, 7p, Rectory
Matins	Fri, 8:45a, Chapel
Matins (St. Nicholas, Bishop and Confessor)	Sat, 8:45a, Chapel
Private Confession and Absolution	Sat 9:15a, Chapel
Youth Catechism	Sat, 10a, Rectory
Adult Choir Rehearsal	Sun, 8:45a, Rectory
Holy Mass for Populus Zion – Second Sunday in Advent	Sun, 10a, Church
Bible Study	Sun, 11:30a, Undercroft
Sunday School	Sun, 11:30a, Activities Center

IN OUR PRAYERS Jennifer Balaska, Edward Brown, Linda Buskirk, Lela Casey, John Chavez, Gladys Cline, Anna Dalton, Martha Draspa, Susan Edwards, Sandy Frey, Thomas Habitz, Ellen Hayden, Drucilla Huddleston, Florine Kaiser, Lawrence Kasner, Eleanor Luka, Earlene Maynarich, Michael Maynarich, Robert Murdock, Margaret Quinkert, Pauline Rivard, and Julie Snoes; Thanksgiving for the 55th Wedding Anniversary of William and Nancy Gramzow (November 28).

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

We pray Psalm 25 often throughout the Church Year. The emphasis for this week is found in the first eleven verses. Our cry is that the Lord not only listen, but act to save us. But why should our Lord save us? Only because of His mercy and goodness (v 7). And it is with such confidence that we cry to the Lord (v 1, 15). How fitting a prayer is this, then, for the first week of Advent. For we truly wait on Our Lord (v 5, 21) who is our salvation (v 5).

Today's Announcements



ST. ANDREW, APOSTLE Today is the commemoration of St. Andrew, Apostle. Since this feast falls on Sunday, it is transferred to Monday. Holy Mass for St. Andrew will be held tomorrow, December 1, at 9:30am in the Chapel. Remember this day in your daily prayer at home. Read Ezekiel 3.16-20, Romans 10.10-18, and St. Matthew 4.18-22. Pray the Collect on page 94.

ADVENT MID-WEEK MASS Include Wednesday Mass as part of your Advent meditation this year. Join us at 9:30am or 7pm. Information about the sermon series is found on the facing page.



ADVENT BROCHURES As we begin a new year, brochures about the themes of the Advent season are available in the Narthex. Take some home and share them with your friends, family, neighbors, and coworkers to share the tradition of the season of Advent.

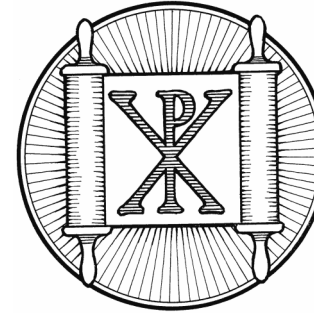
DETROIT LUTHERAN SINGERS CHRISTMASS CONCERTS The Detroit Lutheran Singers will present their Christmass Concerts Sunday, December 7 at 3:30pm at Trinity—Detroit and at 7:30pm at Hosanna-Tabor—Redford; and Friday, December 12 at 7:30pm at Shepherd of the Lakes—Walled Lake. Tickets are \$15 (\$10 Students/Seniors; under 12 free) and are available at the door or at www.DetroitLutheranSingers.com. The concert repertoire will include J.S. Bach's *Magnificat*, and works by Healey Willan, Paul Christiansen, René Clausen, and William Mathias.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS OLD AND NEW The Michigan/Ohio Chorale, under the direction of Erwin Aufdemberge present "Christmas Carols Old and New" on Sunday, December 14 at 3pm at St. Luke—Clinton Township.

RIDE TO CHURCH NEEDED Drucilla Huddleston is interested in a ride to church on Sunday mornings. She lives near Ford Road in Dearborn. If it would be possible for you to pick Drucilla up, please contact Fr. Braden.

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR GAUDETE (ROSE) SUNDAY Donations are now being accepted for Gaudete which is December 14. This is the only Sunday during Advent when flowers adorn the altar. Please place your donation in the offering plate in an envelope marked "Gaudete Flowers."

CHRISTMASS POINSETTIAS See the insert in today's bulletin regarding donations for poinsettias this Christmass season.



Advent Mid-Week Mass, 2014 A.+ D.

*You search the Scriptures,
for in them you think you have eternal life;
and these are they which testify of Me."*

Thus saith the Lord in the Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifth chapter: "These are they which testify of Me." The Scriptures of which Jesus speaks we call the "Old Testament." The Holy Scriptures testify of Christ. He is the center of both Testaments of Scripture. Moses taught of Jesus. The Prophets of old prophesied of Jesus. He is the fulfillment of all prophecy. All the Scriptures—New and Old—testify of Him.

As the Church prepares for the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord, she does so penitentially. The Church fasts before she feasts. She prepares for celebration. Advent is to Christmas as Lent is to Easter. Advent is a time of heightened prayer, fasting, repentance and preparation.

Patience is a virtue, one the world lacks. True patience requires faith. The world places plastic santas on still green grass at Thanksgiving. It erects decorated trees in November. It starts shopping for gift exchanges in July. It puts well-lit Nativity scenes, complete with Christ Child and Wise Men, on coffee tables in early December.

But the Church is not like the world. The Church waits expectantly, hopefully, prayerfully, Her lamps filled with the oil of faith. She believes what Scripture says. She understands the *Adventus Domini*, the Coming of our Lord. She patiently, progressively lights the candles of Advent, as she awaits the coming of the true Light.

Our focus for Advent midweek Masses this year is on the Epistle or second reading appointed for each Wednesday, two of which are taken from the Old Testament. The sermons for the Advent midweek Masses will have the following themes:

Advent I: Wednesday, December 3

James 5:7-11 "ESTABLISH YOUR HEARTS ..."

Advent II: Wednesday, December 10

Malachi 3:1-5, 4:5-6 "WHO CAN ENDURE ...?"

Advent III: Wednesday, December 17

Isaiah 7:10-15 "ASK A SIGN FOR YOURSELF ..."

Advent IV: Wednesday, December 24

2 Peter 3:8-14 "...A THIEF IN THE NIGHT"

Join us **Wednesdays** at **9:30am & 7pm** as we remember the coming of our Lord in the Flesh, receive His gifts as He comes to us in His Grace, and prepare for His Coming in Glory.