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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.

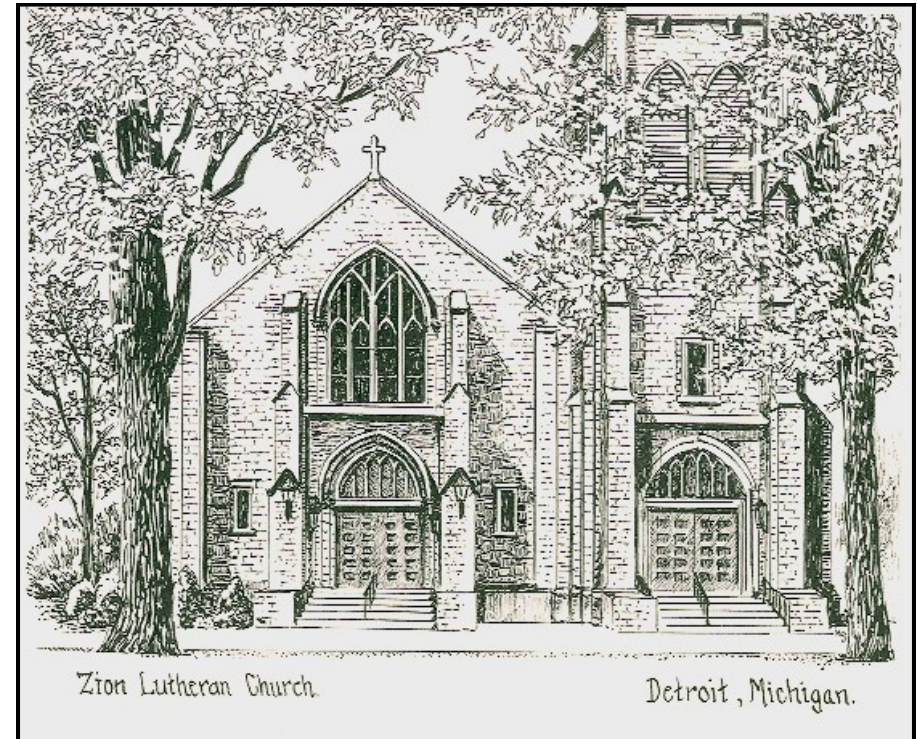
SICK AND HOMEBOUND are visited regularly by the Pastor with the Scriptures and Sacrament. Please contact the Parish Office if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation.

PARISH OFFICERS DEACONS: William Gramzow, Thomas Habitz, Jr., Eric Russell **TRUSTEES:** Gregory Gramzow, Paul Snoes, Kevin Wiedelman; **PARISH EDUCATION:** Shirley Cross, Robert Kelly III, Pamela Ruffin; **OFFICERS OF THE VOTERS:** Thomas Habitz, Jr. (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.

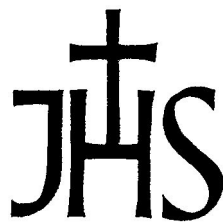
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Feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus
January 4, 2015



Every Knee Should Bow

This Holy Mass is for all those who are called by Christ’s holy Name, those who confess the salvation He brings, those who rely on Him as their Lord. For Our God is Our Jesus. Let us then receive Him as He comes to us in His Word and Supper.

The Theme of Today’s Liturgy

The Name JESUS was not the name that Mary and Joseph chose for the Holy Child, but the name conferred by the Father on His only-begotten Son (*Collect*) and given by the angel before the Child was conceived in the womb (*Gospel*). Since it means “Savior,” JESUS is the Name of our salvation (*Chief Hymn*) and the only Name by which we must be saved (*Epistle*). Therefore, at the mention of His Name, every head and knee should bow, and every tongue confess Him as the Lord and Savior (*Introit*). In this way all flesh shall bless His holy name (*Alleluia*).

The Holy Eucharist

What saves the Innocent Martyrs is not their own blood, but the Blood of Christ which, in their death, they partake in. You also, in the Blessed Sacrament, partake of and receive the same life-giving and life-saving Blood of Christ.

The Readings

Exodus 3.1-15; Acts 4.8-12; St. Luke 2.21

The Hymns for Today’s Mass

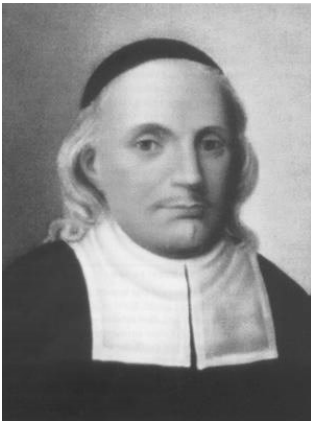
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| Processional Hymn | 81 |
| Chief Hymn | 116 |
| Offering Hymn | 80 |
| Distribution Hymns | 645; 85 (stanzas 8-15); 97 |
| Retiring Processional Hymn | 96 |

About Today’s Music

The Prelude Two Settings of “O Jesus Christ, Thy Manger Is”
— P. Bouman (b. 1918) / R. Nelson (b. 1927)

The Postlude From Heaven Above to Earth I Come
—Georg Friedrich Kaufmann (1679-1735)

The sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us (Ro 8). This passage is echoed in the



words of Paul Gerhardt’s (1607-1676) treasured Christmass hymn, “Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Manger Is My Paradise” (# 81), today’s PROCESSIONAL HYMN.

Gerhardt’s words speak to the reality of the life of a Christian in the world: “Remember thou, what glory now, The Lord prepared thee for all earthly sadness.” The joys of heaven are not expressible: “The angel host can never boast of greater glory, greater bliss or gladness!”

What a miracle the incarnation is! **He who the sea and wind obey, doth come to serve the sinner in great meekness.** Today we continue the celebration of Christmass. Thanks be to God for His Son, our true Treasure: “To Him hold fast until at last, A crown be thine and honor in full measure.”



Prepare for the Epiphany of Our Lord—9:30am & 7pm

Tuesday, January 6, 2015 “The Glory of Christ”
Isaiah 60.1-6; Ephesians 3.2-12; St. Matthew 2.1-12
Hymns: 127, 343, 131, 101, 130, 126

Prepare for Next Sunday

The Holy Family—First Sunday After Epiphany “The Father’s Business”
January 11, 2015
Ecclesiastes 12.1-7; Romans 12.1-5; St. Luke 2.41-52
Hymns: 294, 98, 133, 625, 99, 104



The Mass: Agnus Dei

As soon as the elements have been consecrated and adored, the congregations breaks into singing the Agnus Dei: *O Christ, the Lamb of God, who take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us...* These words are an echo of the words of John the Baptizer who pointed Christ out to the disciples, saying, “Behold, the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world” (St. John 1.19). Thus the assembled Church also, who likewise have just been shown Christ the Lamb in the consecrated Elements, now confess that He is truly there. Thus it is toward the Sacrament that these words are sung, a subtle but profound movement of heart and mind during this singing. That is, we do not here merely pray to Christ in the same way as we do at other times. The Agnus Dei (Latin: “Lamb of God”) is directed specifically toward Christ on the altar.

In this way we make another subtle confession against receptionism. Receptionism is an error by which some hold that the Body and Blood of Christ are not actually present until or unless they are received. The receptionist error seeks to slice and divide which of the consecrated elements are Jesus’ Body and Blood and which are not, or worse, to put off the moment of the change until the bread is received. It amounts to a new reading of Christ’s words, as if He had said, “This will become my Body when you eat it, but it is not yet at this moment of consecration my body.” But Christ said *is*, and He cannot lie. The Zwinglians of Luther’s day denied altogether that the Sacrament is truly Christ’s Body and Blood, but that is only a difference in degree: the receptionists put off the effect of *is* until later, whereas the Zwinglians put it off until never.

The sophistry of receptionism is far worse than transubstantiation, which is merely a philosophical construct by which it is held that the essence or substance of the elements changes while the attributes or accidents of them stay the same, with the result that the bread and wine are no longer essentially present at all. Though we reject also transubstantiation as a philosophical attempt to unravel the mystery, we find receptionism to be much more offensive, since a wholesale rejection of Christ’s *is* is worse than the mere impropriety of its philosophical analysis. Hence we are given a most fitting opportunity to confess especially against the receptionists at the Agnus Dei: we are kneeling, adoring, and praying to Christ whom we believe to be truly present in the Sacrament as it sits on the altar, His true Body and Blood.

A helpful rubric during the singing of this canticle is to strike the breast with closed fist each time at the word “sin,” and acknowledgement that the sin of the world is also *my* sin.

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

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Second Week after Christmass

Jan 4-11

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Holy Mass: Feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus Today, 10a, Church
Sunday School Today, 11:30a, Activities Center
Bible Study Today, 11:30a, Undercroft
Holy Mass: St. Titus, Bishop and Confessor (*transferred*) Mon, 9:30a, Church
First Vespers of the Epiphany of Our Lord Mon, 6:30p, Church
Holy Mass: The Epiphany of Our Lord Tue, 9:30a, Church
Second Vespers of the Epiphany of Our Lord Tue, 6p, Church
Holy Mass: The Epiphany of Our Lord Tue, 7p, Church
Holy Mass: Wednesday after Epiphany Wed, 10a, Chapel
Adult Study Wed, 10:45a, Rectory
Matins Thr, 8:45a, Chapel
Metro Detroit Pastors’ Study Group/English District Office Thr, 12p
Vespers Thr, 6:30p, Church
Matins Fri, 8:45a, Chapel
Matins Sat, 8:45a, Chapel
Private Confession and Absolution Sat, 9:15a, Chapel
Youth Catechism Sat, 10a, Rectory
Holy Mass: The Holy Family – First Sunday After the Epiphany Sun, 10a, Church
Removal of Christmass Decorations Sun, 11:15a, Church

IN OUR PRAYERS Jennifer Balaska, Edward Brown, Linda Buskirk, Lela Casey, John Chavez, Gladys Cline, Anna Dalton, Susan Edwards, Sandy Frey, Ellen Hayden, Dru-cilla Huddleston, Florine Kaiser, Lawrence Kasner, Eleanor Luka, Earlene Maynarich, Michael Maynarich, Margaret Quinkert, Pauline Rivard, and Julie Snoes;

THE PSALM FOR THIS WEEK IS PSALM 72. PRAY IT EVERY DAY!

This Epiphany Psalm speaks of Our Lord’s justice and righteousness for all people. No one is left out (v 4, 8) and His kingdom will be refreshing and beneficial as a spring rain (v 6). The gifts and presents that are brought to this King by kings are the worship that he deserves (v 10, 11). But His gift is even greater- deliverance, redemption, help, salvation, sparing the life of the poor and needy (v 12-14). Is it any wonder, then, that His Faithful praise Him daily and bless His name, and that he church endures and flourishes even when the unfaithful predict its demise? (v 15-19).

Today's Announcements

ST. TITUS, BISHOP AND CONFESSOR Today the Church commemorates St. Titus, Bishop and Confessor. Since this feast falls on Sunday, it is transferred to Monday. Holy Mass will be celebrated tomorrow at **9:30am** in the Church.

Remember this day in your daily prayer at home. Read Titus 1.1-6 and St. Luke 10.1-9. Pray the Collect of the Day: *O God, who upon Your blessed Confessor St. Titus did bestow the virtues which You also gave to Your Apostles; grant, we beseech You, that by Your grace, we may live righteously and soberly in this world, and be found worthy to attain unto Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ...*

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD One of the most ancient feasts of the Church, the Epiphany of Our Lord commemorates the Visit of the Magi to the young child Jesus. **Holy Mass** will be celebrated **Tuesday, January 6** at **9:30am and 7pm**. First Vespers will be prayed Monday, January 5 at 6:30pm, and Second Vespers on Tuesday, January 6 at 6pm.

Remember this day in your daily prayer at home. Read Isaiah 60.1-6; Ephesians 3.2-12; St. Matthew 2.1-12. Pray the Collect on page 58.

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD The Church celebrates the Baptism of Jesus on the octave of the Epiphany: **January 13**. Holy Mass will be celebrated at **9:30am**. This year, Zion is hosting the joint circuit meeting for the Detroit north and south circuits of the English District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod on this day.

LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTIONS The flagship magazine of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, *The Lutheran Witness* is a monthly publication that offers news, features, columns, Q&A's, and more. In addition to the print edition, it is available on-line for your computer or tablet. If you subscribe through Zion, the yearly subscription rate is \$9.72. Please submit your payment to the parish office for the 2015 subscription by January 18.



INSTALLATION OF PARISH OFFICERS will take place in Holy Mass next Sunday, January 11.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED to take down the Christmass decorations next Sunday, January 11, immediately following Holy Mass.



The Epiphany of Our Lord

Tuesday, January 6, 2015

Holy Mass at 9:30am & 7pm

First Vespers

Monday at 6:30pm

Second Vespers

Tuesday at 6pm