# Zion Evangelical-Cutheran Church

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and Wednesday at 10am, and on holy should contact the Pastor before finalizing 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 MATINS: Daily at 8:45am (except when there is a morning Mass) in the Chapel of the Holy Incarnation in the Rectory; VESPERS: Tuesday/ tor for further details. Thursday at 6:30pm in the Church.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 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.

HOLY MASS is celebrated every Sunday COUPLES DESIRING HOLY MARRIAGE 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 Pas-

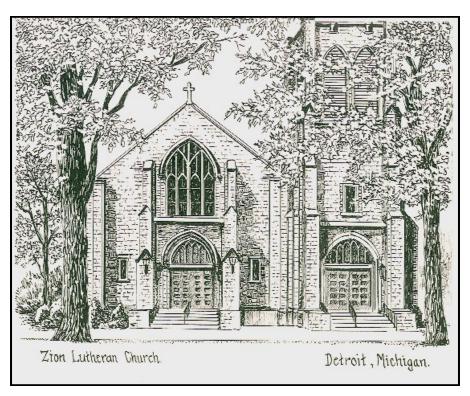
SICK AND HOMEBOUND are visited requis larly by the Pastor with the Scriptures and Sacrament. Please contact the Parish Office if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation.

PARISH OFFICERS DEACONS: William Gramzow, Thomas Habitz, Jr., Eric Russell TRUSTEES: Paul Snoes. Kevin Wiedelman; PARISH EDUCATION: Shirley Cross, Robert Kelly III, Pamela Ruffin; OFFICERS OF THE VOTERS: Thomas Habitz, Jr. (chairman), Jason Balaska (vicechairman), Kristi Russell (secretary), Kevin Wiedelman (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.

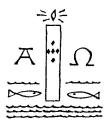
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"THE LORD HAS CHOSEN ZION: HE HAS DESIRED HER AS HIS DWELLING PLACE"



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Quasimodogeniti—First Sunday After Easter April 12, 2015



#### Like Newborn Babes

Today Our Lord says, "Peace be with you!" May this peace of God, which surpasses all human understanding and which is found in His Word and Supper, keep your heart and mind in Christ Jesus Our Lord!

### The Theme of Today's Liturgy

Newborn babies crave milk, especially their mother's milk. In the same way, children of God ought to crave the "pure milk of the Word," namely, the Gospel in preaching and the Sacraments (Introit). For "whoever is born of God has overcome the world" because He has received the victory over death in Christ (*Epistle*). This craving is faith which firmly holds to our Lord and finds in His wounds the comfort He both promises and delivers (Gospel). Our prayer is that such craving faith in Our Lord and His Word will allow us to grow up to produce godly living and conversation (Collect).

#### The Holy Eucharist

Spiritual milk, faith that craves it, and the wounds of Christ—all this is found in the eating and drinking of Our Lord's resurrected Body and Blood. And by this Sacrament, your faith is strengthened, your life in God preserved, and your hope increased.

### The Readings

Genesis 32.22-30; 1 John 5.4-10; St. John 20.19-31

# The Hymns for Today's Mass

Processional Hymn	331 (stanzas 1-5)
Chief Hymn	208
Offering Hymn	206 (stanzas 1-5)
Distribution Hymns	206 (stanzas 6-10); 202
Retiring Processional Hymn	331 (stanzas 6-8)

# Music for Quasimodogeniti

**The Prelude** Ye Sons and Daughters of the King -Healey Willan (1880-1968)

**The Postlude** Ye Sons and Daughters of the King -Jan O. Bender (1909-1994)

**Summary of the Chief Hymn** "Ye Sons and Daughters of the King" (# 208)

The hymn tells the story of Jesus' resurrection appearances. In the stanzas, the accounts of the first week of the resurrection unfold. The many individuals who were overcome with immense sorrow encounter the preaching of the word and with it Christ and his resurrection. It indicates such a joyous turn of events by wrapping its verses throughout in joyful Alleluias.

The words paraphrase John 20. When we sing this hymn, we participate with St. John and the holy angels in the preaching of Christ's resurrection to the world. Both singer and hearer go with the women early in the morning to the tomb, hide behind locked doors with the disciples, encounter Jesus and his wounds with Thomas, all the while seeing sorrow, fear, and unbelief shattered by Christ and the proclamation that today the grave has lost its sting! Alleluia!

The Resurrection grants and strengthens faith to a fear-filled world, and so the work of this hymn both restorative to the fallen and missional to the unbelieving. It culminates in verse eight before ending with a high doxology in verse nine. "Blessed are they who have not seen and yet whose faith has constant been, In life eternal they shall reign. Alleluia!"

-The Rev. Adrian N. Sherrill (Pastor, Trinity - Denver)



# **Prepare for Next Sunday**

Misericordia Domini—Second Sunday After Easter "The Good Shepherd" April 19, 2015

Ezekiel 34.11-16; 1 Peter 2.21-25; St. John 10.11-16 Hymns: 210, 436, 207, 196, 648, 195

# An Explanation of the Common Service

The Lutheran Church may justly claim that, in the Common Service, she possess and uses "the completest embodiment of the Common Service of the Christian Church of all ages;" a Service "which may be tendered to all Christians who use a fixed Order, the Service of the future as it has been of the past."

# What is the significance of the Salutation at the opening of this part of the Service?

It marks the transition to the second part, and introduces the Collect of the Day. Pastor and people pray for each other, invoking the presence of the Lord Who comes to men through His Word. In the Church of the Middle Ages, the Salutation and Response introduced every main part of the Service.

#### What is the Collect of the Day?

It is a brief prayer which varies with festivals and seasons of the Church Year.

#### Why is the Collect so called?

Probably because it is the united or collected prayer of the entire congregation, or because it collects and concentrates the thought of the Gospel and Epistle. The term is derived from the Latin *Collecta* and *Collectio*.

#### What is the structure of the Collect?

In its full form it has five parts: the Invocation; the antecedent reason; the petition; the benefit desired; the doxology.

#### What is the office of the Collect of the Day?

It serves to prepare the congregation for the reception of the special Word of the Day, now about to be read. In it pastor and people pray for the particular grace which that Word offers and conveys.

# When was the entire series of Introits, Collects, Epistles, and Gospels, as retained in the Lutheran Service, completed?

In the reign of Charlemagne (800).

#### How long have our Collects been in use?

There are few, if any, that have not been in use for more than twelve hundred years.

#### What is to be said of the wide use of these Collects?

Most of them are now in use (at the publication of this booklet, 1908) in the Lutheran Churches of Germany, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, the United States and throughout the world; in the Church of England throughout the British Empire; in the Protestant Episcopal Church in America; and in the Roman Catholic Church.

#### THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Holy Mass: Quasimodogeniti – Easter I	Today, 10a, Church
Sunday School	Today, 11:30a, Activities Center
Adult Study	Today, 11:30a, Undercroft
Youth Study	Today, 11:40a, Rectory
Matins	Mon, 8:45a, Chapel
Matins (St. Justin, Martyr)	Tue, 8:45a, Chapel
Pastors' Circuit Meeting at St. Paul – St. Clair Shores	Тие
Vespers	Tue, 6:30p, Church
Holy Mass: Wednesday after Quasimodogeniti	Wed, 10a, Chapel
Adult Study	Wed, 10:45a, Rectory
Matins	Thr, 8:45a, Chapel
Vespers	Thr, 6:30p, Church
Adult Catechesis	Thr, 7p, Rectory
Matins	Fri, 8:45a, Chapel
Matins	Sat, 8:45a, Chapel
Private Confession and Absolution	Sat, 9:15a, Chapel
Youth Catechesis	Sat 10a, Rectory
Women's Group	Sat, 1p, Rectory
Adult Choir Rehearsal	Sun, 8:45a, Rectory
Holy Mass: Misericordia Domini – Easter II	Sun, 10a, Church
Sunday School	Sun, 11:30a, Activities Center
Adult Study	
Youth Study	Sun, 11:40a, Rectory

IN OUR PRAYERS Jennifer Balaska, Jean Beaupied, Roger Beaupied, Edward Brown, Linda Buskirk, Charles Capsel, Lela Casey, John Chavez, Gladys Cline, Anna Dalton, Susan Edwards, Sandy Frey, Ellen Hayden, Drucilla Huddleston, Florine Kaiser, Lawrence Kasner, Earlene Maynarich, Michael Maynarich, Margaret Quinkert, and Julie Snoes.

#### THE PSALM FOR THIS WEEK IS PSALM 81. PRAY IT EVERY DAY!

In this Psalm, Our Lord and His Faithful praise God because of what He has done (v 1-5). He has shouldered our burden, delivered us from our trouble, and answered our prayers (v 6-7). So why would we want to return to other things to satisfy us? Why would we pin our hopes to any other word? (v 8-12) Instead, our God who delivers us admonishes us to listen to Him. For He has proved, by His Son's death and resurrection, that He mightly delivers us. And He promises to feed us with the finest of all foods—with Our Lord Himself so that He might both sustain us and live through us (v 13-16).

### **Today's Announcements**

ADULT CHOIR REHEARSALS will resume next Sunday, April 19.

Quasimodogeniti is the Latin name for today, taken from the first words of the Introit. Quasimodogeniti means "as newborn babes." This is actually three words in Latin - Quasi modo geniti. These words of 1 Peter 2.2 begin the Introit for the First Sunday after Easter. Historically, those preparing for baptism and confirmation would keep the Easter Vigil, and be baptized and received into the Church at that Service after dark on Holy Saturday. These new Christians would continue in their instruction "as newborn babes" in the faith. 1 Peter 2.2 reads "As newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the Word, that you may grow thereby, if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious." It is the Word of God that sustains the Christian. Would that we all might become as "little children" (Matthew 18.3), with child-like faith believing the Word, and, as newborn babes, "crave the pure milk of the Word," that we too may "grow thereby," and thus be prepared for the "meat," the deeper truths of the faith and the mysteries of God (1 Corinthians 3.2, 4.1; Hebrews 5.12-14).

**DOMINICA IN ALBIS DEPONENDIS** is another name for today, with roots in the ancient Church. *Dominica in Albis Deponendis* means "Sunday in White Put Aside." On this day, the Octave of the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord, those baptized at the Vigil "put aside" the white baptismal robes they had donned for the Vigil ceremony. Yesterday, the Saturday in the Octave of Easter, is known as *Sabbatum in Albis*, the last full day on which the white robes were worn.

Low Sunday This Sunday, the Octave of Easter, has still another name. It is historically called "Low Sunday" to distinguish it from the "highest" Sunday of the Church Year, the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord.

**YOUTH STUDY** <u>Today's topic</u>: "The Creation," Genesis 1.1–2.7; <u>Next Sunday</u>: "Man and the Fall," Genesis 2.7–3.24.

THE MICHIGAN-OHIO CHORALE directed by Erwin Aufdemberge, presents "Voices Raised in Alleluias," a concert to celebrate Easter joy, at St. Peter – Eastpointe, on Sunday April 26 at 3pm.

# Zion Bible Camp 2015

THE **2015 ZION BIBLE CAMP** will be June 22-26 from 9am to noon. The theme is "A New Song" by Pax Domini Press to teach the children about the Holy Liturgy.

**INVITE** your family members, friends, neighbors, and coworkers to send their children ages 3-12. There is no cost to attend the Bible Camp.

**DONATIONS ARE NEEDED** to cover the cost of the program materials (\$ 150) and supplies for food and crafts. Please put your donation in an envelope marked "Zion Bible Camp" and place it in the offering or send it to the parish office.



**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** to teach, and help with food, crafts, puppet shows, and recreation. Please contact Bobby Kelly if you can help.

THE 2015 ZION CHURCH PICNIC will be Sunday, June 28, following Holy Mass.

# Holy Week and Easter 2015

Thanks to those who helped prepare and serve at the Masses for Holy Week and Easter.



Chrism Mass 2015

James Gramzow, the Rev. Fr. Ryan Beffrey, Dylan Smith, the Rev. Fr. Mark Braden, the Rev. Bishop David Stechholz, Nathaniel Jensen, Eric Chestnut, the Rev. Sem. Winston Grieser, the Rev. Fr. Gary Schultz



The Resurrection of Our Lord 2015

Elijah Edwards, Dylan Smith, the Rev. Sem. Winston Grieser, the Rev. Mark Braden, Kevin Wiedelman, the Rev. Fr. Gary Schultz, Eric Chestnut