

# 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 MATINS:** Daily at 8:45am (except when there is a morning Mass) in the Chapel of the Holy Incarnation in the Rectory; **VESPERS:** Tuesday/Thursday at 6:30pm in the Church.

**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.

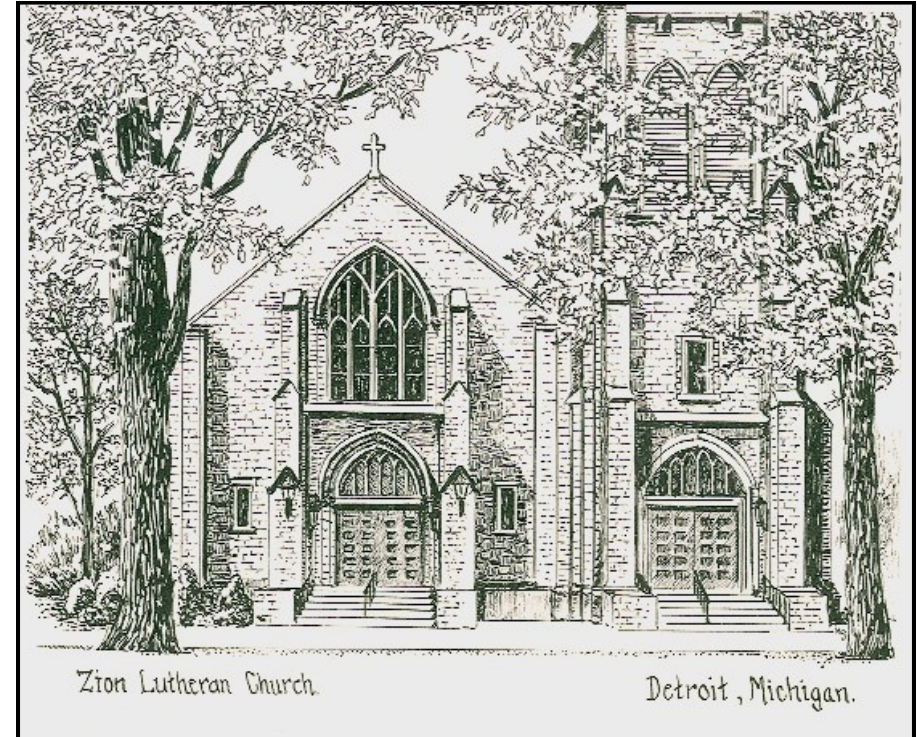
**SICK AND HOMEBOUND** are visited regularly by the Pastor with the Scriptures and Sacrament. Please contact the Parish Office if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation.

**PARISH OFFICERS** DEACONS: William Gramzow, Thomas Habitz, Jr., Eric Russell TRUSTEES: 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), 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.

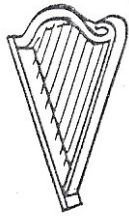
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**Cantate—Fourth Sunday After Easter  
May 3, 2015**



The Holy Spirit, the Comforter

God’s Kingdom comes whenever He sends us His Holy Spirit. And the Spirit is never sent apart from Our Lord in the Gospel preaching and Gospel Sacraments. Draw near with the Faithful of God, then, to hear and receive the Spirit of the Church!

The Theme of Today’s Liturgy

Today we get to sing to the Lord the “new song” born from the marvelous things and the salvation Our Lord openly shows (*Introit*). This salvation is the Holy Spirit who is the “good and perfect gift from above” (*Epistle*). The Spirit’s salvation is to guide us into all truth (*Gospel*). And by the Spirit we pray the Father that we may “love what you command and desire what you promise” (*Collect*).

The Holy Eucharist

The Holy Spirit comforts you in the Holy Eucharist by opening your spiritual eyes to believe that the bread is Christ’s Body and the wine is Christ’s Blood given to be your forgiveness, your life and your salvation.

The Readings

Isaiah 29.9-14; James 1.17-21; St. John 16.5-15

The Hymns for Today’s Mass

Processional Hymn	195
Chief Hymn	387 (stanzas 1-7) (choir: stanza 3)
Offering Hymn	204
Distribution Hymns	387 (stanzas 8-10); “At the Lamb’s High Feast” (insert)
Retiring Processional Hymn	202

Music for Cantate

**The Prelude** Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice —Matthias Weckmann (1616-1674)

**The Postlude** Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice —Jan Bender (1909-1994)

**Proclaim the wonders God hath done!** It is fitting on Cantate (Latin: “sing”) Sunday to sing Luther’s (1483-1546) first congregational hymn, “Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice” (# 387). Having rediscovered the Gospel and the joy that comes through Christ’s salvation, Luther wrote this hymn in 1523. It likely also had as its inspiration “Salvation Unto Us Has Come (# 377).

Stanza nine fits well with today’s Gospel from St. John 16.5-15:

Now to My Father I depart, The Holy Spirit sending  
And heavenly wisdom to impart, My help to thee extending  
He shall in trouble comfort thee, Teach thee to know and follow Me,  
And in all truth shall guide thee.



The tune is said to have been transcribed by Luther after he heard it sung by a traveling artisan.



Prepare for Next Sunday

**Rogate—Fifth Sunday After Easter** “The Praying Church”  
**May 10, 2015**  
Isaiah 55.6-11; James 1.22-27; St. John 16.23-30  
Hymns: 21, 458, 437, 528

### 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 a Creed?

A statement of what one believes. The word is derived from the Latin *Credo*, I believe.

#### Why have we a Creed in the Service?

Because it is necessary to state publicly our acceptance of the truths of God’s Word. The most appropriate place for such a confession of faith is in the principal Service. Matthew 10.32, Matthew 16.15-18, Romans 10.9.

#### Why is a Creed recited at this point in the Service?

In it the congregation owns its acceptance of the Word of God just read, and recalls and confesses in a brief summary the whole faith of the Gospel, a part of which is brought to its attention on that day.

#### What is the Nicene Creed?

It is that confession of faith or summary of the Gospel teaching which was developed in the Church from the baptismal commission — Matthew 28.19.

The first and second articles of the Nicene Creed were adopted in 325 by an assembly of 318 bishops, at Nicaea in Bithynia, Asia. The third article was adopted by the Council of Constantinople in 381. The second article was formulated for the express purpose of defining the true doctrine concerning the divinity of Christ, over against the teaching of Arius that Jesus was not the eternal Son of God, co-equal with the Father.

### THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

**Holy Mass: Cantate — Easter IV** ..... Today, 10a, Church  
 Sunday School ..... Today, 11:30a, Activities Center  
 Adult Study ..... Today, 11:30a, Undercroft  
 Youth Study ..... Today, 11:40a, Rectory  
 Parish Council ..... Mon, 7pm, Rectory  
 Matins ..... Tue, 8:45a, Chapel  
 Vespers ..... Tue, 6:30p, Church  
**Holy Mass: Wednesday after Cantate** ..... **Wed, 10a, Chapel**  
 Adult Study ..... Wed, 10:45a, Rectory  
 Matins (C.F.W. Walther, Confessor) ..... Thr, 8:45a, Chapel  
 Metro Detroit Pastors’ Study Group at English District Office ..... Thr, 12p  
 Vespers ..... Thr, 6:30p, Church  
 Adult Catechesis ..... Thr, 7p, Rectory  
 Matins ..... Fri, 8:45a, Chapel  
 Matins (St. Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop) ..... Sat, 8:45a, Chapel  
 Private Confession and Absolution ..... Sat, 9:15a, Chapel  
 Youth Catechesis ..... Sat, 10a, Rectory  
 Adult Choir Rehearsal ..... Sun, 8:45a, Rectory  
**Holy Mass: Rogate — Easter V** ..... **Sun, 10a, Church**  
 Sunday School ..... Sun, 11:30a, Activities Center  
 Adult Study ..... Sun, 11:30a, Undercroft  
 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.

**GIFTS AND DONATIONS** From Linda Buskirk for the St. Michael Liturgical Conference and from Drucilla Huddleston for Altar and Statue Flowers in memory of Ronald Buskirk (born May 3).

#### THE PSALM FOR THIS WEEK IS PSALM 98. PRAY IT EVERY DAY!

The “old song” was one of despair sung on the way out of the Garden of Eden. The “new song” is based not on our creativity, but on the salvation and mercy of Our Lord toward the whole earth (v 1-3). Everything in creation joins in this song (v 4-8). It reaches its climax until the Lord comes (v 9). Yet the Lord’s coming will not produce another song of fear, but will continue the song of joy. For the Lord’s judgment means the end of death and the beginning of new life!

## Today's Announcements

**CANTATE** means “sing.” This is the first word of Psalm 98 and the Introit appointed for this day. Psalm 98 is a joyous psalm that ascribes glory and praise to God for His great redemptive work – giving His only-begotten Son Jesus Christ to die for the sins of the world, and then to rise to new life on the first Easter morning. Christ is the Right Hand and Holy Arm of God, God in the flesh. Christ is the Righteousness revealed to the nations. Christ is our salvation, “the salvation of our God.” By God’s grace through faith in Jesus Christ, we, like all Christians of all time, are saved. Those who follow the propers carefully will note that the Gospel readings appointed for Jubilate (last week), Cantate (this week), and Rogate (next week) are all from the sixteenth chapter of St. John.

**YOUTH STUDY** Today: “The Incarnation of the Son of God,” Luke 1.26-38 Next Sunday: “The Crucifixion of Our Lord,” John 18.28-19.37.

**MOTHER’S DAY FLOWERS** Potted mums will adorn the altar in honor of Mother’s Day on Rogate Sunday, May 10. Mums may be donated in memory of your deceased mother or in honor of your living mother. The plants are \$15, and may be taken home after Holy Mass on May 10. Please place your donation in an envelope marked “Mother’s Day Flowers” and put it in the offering plate or mail it to the parish office. **Today is the deadline** for donations.

**CALLS INTO THE OFFICE OF THE HOLY MINISTRY** On Tuesday evening, calls were assigned to the candidates at the seminary. Seminarist Peter Eckardt received a call to Immanuel-Alexandria, VA; Seminarist James Hopkins received a call to Lutheran Church of the Way-Raynham, MA.

**FORT WAYNE BACH COLLEGIUM** will present the season finale this evening featuring J.S. Bach’s *Gloria in Excelsis Deo* and Cantata 130, *Lord God We All to Thee Give Praise* and W. F. Bach’s *Easter Cantata*. Fr. Braden, Fr. Schultz, and Vicar Grieser will travel to Fort Wayne for this event. Matins will not be prayed on Monday morning.

**DETROIT LUTHERAN FELLOWSHIP** Young adult volunteers are needed for a neighborhood cleanup with Detroit Lutheran Fellowship at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church (17100 Chalmers, Detroit) on Saturday, May 16 starting at 8:45am. Volunteers should bring their own work gloves and rakes. More information and RSVP to [lcadetroitfellowship@gmail.com](mailto:lcadetroitfellowship@gmail.com) or [facebook.com/groups/detroitlutheranfellowship/](https://facebook.com/groups/detroitlutheranfellowship/).

## Zion Bible Camp 2015

**THE 2015 ZION BIBLE CAMP** will be June 22-26 from 8:30am 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 co-workers to send their children ages 3 – grade 6. There is no cost to attend the Bible Camp.

**THANKS** to those who donated funds to cover the cost of the program materials and supplies.

**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.

