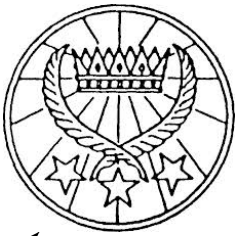


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Now We Wear Ashes

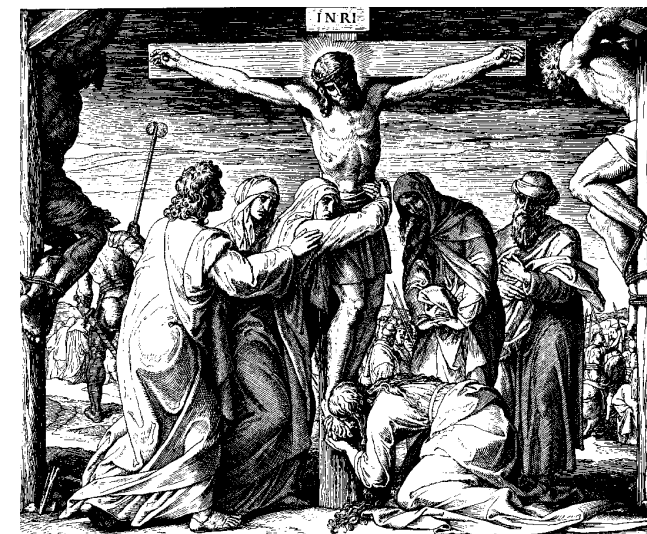
by Father Braden

They are a sign of our mortality, a reminder of the dust from which we were made, and the dust to which we return. Now the altar is vested in violet, the color of repentance. Now we kneel and beat our breasts. Now, like the tax collector in the Temple, we confess that we are not worthy even to lift our eyes to heaven. Now we cry out *Kyrie Eleison! Christe Eleison! Kyrie Eleison!* The healing we need, the cleansing we require, and the heart that God justly demands are all beyond our means.

Soon, after a brief rose respite, we see the veils conceal the symbols of the Glory of God, as His Glory was veiled in torn Flesh, in darkness, in humility and in suffering. We hear His Words of Institution, we remember his arrest and his stripping. We hear with the ears of faith the hammer blows, and pray fervently through those three dark hours. We see the great price of our transgressions. And then, for a little while, we see Him no more. We meditate on His Passion as our feet retrace the *Via Dolorosa*. Then, for a little while, the Chancel is dark and quiet.

The deafening silence of Holy Saturday

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The Crucifixion

I was glad when they said unto me: "Let us go into the house of the Lord."

PSALM 122: 1

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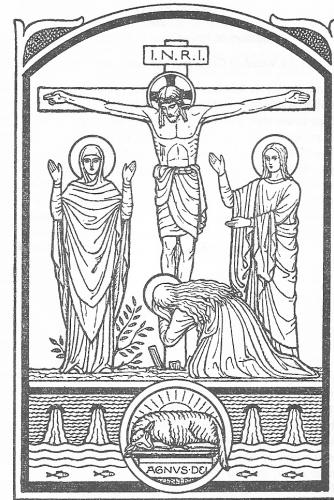
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brings us face to face with the sealed tomb.

But then, in a little while, we will see Him. The Sabbath Rest is fulfilled. The bright Gold of Easter Morn greets us. Ours is the cry of "Rejoice, now, all you heavenly choirs of angels!", and the salvific



proclamation "the Lamb the sheep hath ransomed." Light shatters the darkness as the Light of the World, the Life of the World, is manifest in His Glorious Resurrection. *Christ ist Erstanden*, "Christ is Arisen!", we sing in joyful response to the miraculous grace He shows us in our justification, without cost or merit on our part.

Christians to the Paschal Victim, offer your thankful praises!

Our Holy Week, Triduum and Easter calendar is presented below. Plan now to join with your brothers and sisters in Christ, and to partake of the joy and the blessings of Christ Crucified and Risen for you, as He comes to you in the Holy Mass!

Passiontide, Triduum, Easter, and Eastertide Calendar:

Monday, March 21st – **Holy Monday**, Mass at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel

Tuesday, March 22nd – **Holy Tuesday**, Mass at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel

Wednesday, March 23rd – **Holy Wednesday**, Mass at 10:00 a.m., Chapel

Thursday, March 24th – **Chrism Mass**, Mass at 9:30 a.m. in the Church

Maundy Thursday, Mass at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

Friday, March 25th – **Good Friday, Tre Ore** at 12:00noon with Holy Communion in the Church

Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

Saturday, March 26th – **Holy Saturday**, silence in the

Church

Sunday, March 27th – **The Great Vigil Mass**, 6:30 a.m. in the Church, Easter Breakfast follows

The Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord – 10:00 a.m., Church

Monday, March 28th– Saturday, April 2nd – **Daily Mass for Easter Octave**

Sunday, April 3rd – **Quasimodogeniti**, Easter I, Mass at 10:00 a.m., Church

Monday, April 4th – **The Feast of the Annunciation, observed** Mass at 9:30 a.m., Church

Homebound Members

Each month I visit our Zion members that aren't able to leave their homes. It is a wonderful blessing for me to do so, their faithfulness in the face of difficulty is a wonderful testament to our Christian hope. It is my honor to worship with them in their home, to preach the Gospel to them, and to bring them the Sacrament. Our homebound would appreciate a card or a call from you. We present the list below to facilitate our members' communication with their brothers and sisters in Christ who can't be with us on Sunday mornings:

Roger Beaupied
1857 Riverbank
Lincoln park, MI 48146

Edward Brown
4051 Burlingame
Detroit, MI 48204

Gladys Cline
14041 Pennsylvania
Room 234
Riverview, MI 48193

Drucilla Huddleston
15181 Ford Rd. Apt 312
Dearborn, MI 48126

Florine Kaiser
6427 Hanson
Detroit, MI 48210



DLS IN CONCERT

The spring season begins for the Detroit Lutheran Singers on Sunday, March 6 with 2 concerts in the Detroit metro area. The first concert is an afternoon appearance at St. James Episcopal Church in Birmingham. That evening the choir will sing at St. John Lutheran Church in Fraser. The other 2 concerts are the following weekend. Saturday evening on March 12 is the concert at St. Paul Lutheran in Grosse Pointe Farms followed by a concert on Sunday, March 13 in the afternoon at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia.

They are featuring an Eclectic Mass with settings by Dvorak, Mozart, Vivaldi, Durufle, Barber, plus spirituals and other favorites.

Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$10 seniors and students over 12. They will be available at the door, but may be purchased in advance online at www.detroitluthersingers.com.

Sat. March 12th 7:30 pm.

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
375 Lothrop Rd., Grosse Pointe Farms

Sun. March 13th 3:00 pm.

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
14175 Farmington Rd., Livonia

of the Formula of Concord. He also wrote a multi-volume exposition in answer to the 1545 Romish Council of Trent, the council that invented Roman Catholicism as it was known until the Second Vatican Council of the late 1960s. Chemnitz's *Examen* soundly refutes the doctrinal errors of the Pope's church. Chemnitz also wrote several other important doctrinal works, one on the Two Natures of Christ, one on the Lord's Supper, and his expansive *Loci*, a systematic approach to Christian doctrine based on "theological common places", or the clear passages of Scripture on which Christian doctrine is based.

The *Enchiridion* is a catechism for 16th century Lutheran Pastors. It is an excellent exposition of Christian doctrine. I am looking forward to leading our Thursday night Adult Catechesis group through its study of the book. All Zion adults, friends, and visitors are welcome at our Thursday night study. Three Thursdays a month we sing Vespers in the Church at 6:30 p.m., and study from 7:00 till 8:00 p.m. We usually all have dinner together after class at a trendy local Detroit joint. If you would like to join us, contact the church office, so that we can have enough copies of Chemnitz's *Enchiridion*.

May God bless you richly in Christ Jesus as you reverently, penitentially prepare for the joyous Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ!



Welcomes by Bobby Kelly

Greetings in Christ! May his many blessings be upon you this Lenten season! On behalf of the Board of Christian Education we welcome Sherry Edwards and thank God for her willingness to help teach and guide our youth. We thank Pam Ruffin for her many years of faithful and diligent service. Along with Shirley Cross and Alan Kroske, Pam was an important part of bringing a very rich catechetical approach to our Sunday school and youth education. May God continue to bless Zion with such saintly people! The board

is always open to any volunteer help. If you are interested in assisting in any way please contact Bobby Kelly or any Board member to do so.

Meet Zion's new Cantor, Emily Solomon by Fr. Braden

After much prayer, and after considering several candidates, Zion is pleased to introduce our new Cantor, Miss Emily Solomon. Emily was installed on February 7, 2016.

Emily is currently pursuing dual Master of Music degrees in Church Music and Early Keyboard Instruments at the University of Michigan. In 2014, she completed a Master of Arts in Music Research at Western Michigan University with a thesis on the *Geistliches Gesangbüchlein* of Johann Walther, Martin Luther's Kantor.

While at WMU, Emily received the School of Music's Graduate Award for Excellence in Leadership/Service, was inducted to Pi Kappa Lambda and Phi Alpha Theta honor societies, and was appointed as the School of Music Tutor. She graduated from Lutheran High School Westland in 2008 and is a member of Guardian Lutheran in Dearborn. In addition to her work at Zion, Emily is also the executive director of the Academy of Early Music in Ann Arbor.

Prior to Zion, she was a frequent substitute organist at Lutheran churches in the Detroit area, beginning with Christ Lutheran (River Rouge) at the age of 14. Emily studies organ and harpsichord with Kola Owolabi and Joseph Gascho, respectively.

In addition to playing regularly for Zion, Emily is interested in reestablishing our Zion Festival Choir. If you're interested in singing in the choir, please let Emily know.

Please take a minute to introduce yourself to Emily, and to make her feel welcome.

It is in thanksgiving to God, and with great joy, that Zion welcomes Emily Solomon as our Cantor.

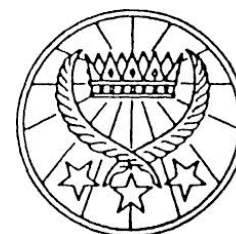
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The **Trumpet** is published six times each year. It is free for members of Zion. Non-members are invited to contribute toward the production and mailing of the **Trumpet**.

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"Hosanna to the Son of David,

blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord!" This is the ancient chant, from Matthew 21:9, of the Words of the faithful as our Lord entered Jerusalem. After these Words are chanted, the palms are blessed on Palm Sunday, and the faithful process into the church, palms in hand, in commemoration of our Lord's "Triumphal Entry" on the Sunday of Holy Week. Many of our members take their palms home to adorn crucifixes or icons, or to weave them into crosses.

The ashes imposed on the faithful on Ash Wednesday are made from the palms from the previous year. When you are finished with your palms at home, bring them back to the church and give them to a Deacon or an usher. We will keep them until next year, burn them, and from them make the ashes for Ash Wednesday 2017 A.✠ D.

South America

I recently returned from a trip to Colombia. I was in the capital city of Bogotá. While we have been working for three years in a different city, Medellín, the Lord opened the door to a significant opportunity in Bogotá. I was the keynote presenter at a three day conference on the doctrine of the Church, which theologians call "Ecclesiology". The response was excellent, several congregations in Bogotá have begun a process to seek fellowship with the Missouri Synod. Our local Missionary, Fr. Carlos Mario Marín, has worked daily between my visits to develop relationships with other Confessional Lutheran Pastors and lay-leaders who seek fellowship with a true Lutheran body.

After Easter I may make another short trip back to Colombia to put the Pastors there in formal contact with the appropriate Synodical officials, who can make the process official. Before then, I have an invitation to present a theological paper at the seminary in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The seminary there is the best seminary in South America, and is led by a personal friend and colleague, the Rev. Dr. Sergio Fritzler. I hope to be in Argentina for a few days in April.

The church in Bolivia has invited me to return to Cochabamba in August and to present a week-long conference there. It is my hope to make the theme of the conference the same as that of my presentation in Argentina. This will be my third trip to Bolivia.

Spain is not in South America. There was never a Reformation in Spain. While the Reformation was taking place in Europe, in Spain the Lutherans were simply murdered. Spain became a bastion of Roman Catholicism, and has remained so until

Roman Catholicism, and has remained so until very recently. In a remarkable development, a classmate and friend of mine from my seminary days, Fr. David Warner, has been placed in Spain as a Missionary. We currently have several Mission sites in the country, one Spanish Pastor, and one additional LC-MS Missionary in the south of Spain, near Sevilla. The Synod asked me to provide Pastoral care to our Ordained men and their families in the Spanish Mission. I hope to make a quick trip there in May.

The Colombia, Argentina and Spain trips will all be during the week, so I'll be at Zion to preach and celebrate on Sunday. Fr. Frank Pies has graciously agreed to take my place for two Sundays while I'm in Bolivia. As I travel during the week, our Bishop Emeritus, Fr. David Stechholz, has agreed to provide emergent Pastoral care if necessary.

Please pray for our South American and Spanish Missions. Pray for Fr. Ted Krey, a Zion member, who is the Regional Director of Central and South American and Caribbean Missions (and also of Spain). And pray for the Luther Academy, an organization that provides theological education all over the world.

I thank God that Zion is uniquely positioned to bring Confessional Lutheran doctrine to Pastors and lay-leaders in other parts of the world. The saints in South America and Spain thank you.

Christian Education at Zion

Each member should earnestly endeavor to regularly attend Christian education. If another time would be better for you, please suggest it to Fr. Braden.

Sunday Adult Study

11:30am | Undercroft

Study of the Book of Hosea; Coffee is provided; Thanks to those who bring refreshments.

Wednesday Adult Study

10:45am | Rectory

Study of the Book of Revelation. Often the group goes out to lunch following the study.

Sunday School

11:30am | Rectory

These classes are for ages three—grade six, Bible-story based with activities to reinforce the lesson.

Youth Catechesis

Saturday | 10am | Rectory

For grades three-eight, this class prepares students in the basics of the Christian Faith through *Luther's Small Catechism* to prepare for First Communion and Confirmation.

Adult Catechesis

Thursday | 7pm | Rectory

The study of *Chemintz's Enchiridion* is a continuing course for those who have completed *Koehler's Annotated Small Catechism*.

Men's Group

1 Tuesday & Thursday each month | 7pm | Church & Rectory

Studying the *Solid Declaration* of the *Formula of Concord*.

Gemütlichkeit follows the study.

Women's Group

2 Saturdays a month | 1pm | Rectory

A study of the Epistle to the Galatians .

Birthdays Anniversaries

March

8 Carol Matschikowski

14 Sarah Braden

19 Pamela Ruffin

30 Anthony Atkins

30 Rhetta Dillon

April

21 Barbara Bryant

23 William Gramzow

25 Fr. Brian Westgate

Baptism Anniversaries

March

27 Julie Snoes

28 Lois Meriwether

April

9 Anthony Spicer

11 Robert Kelly III

19 Fayth Atkins

Marriage Anniversaries

March

3 Richard & Janet Schulz

20 Carlton & Margaret Alford

April

8 Anthony & Susan Spicer

Thursday Adult Catechesis

By the time you receive this issue of the *Trumpet*, our Thursday night Adult Catechesis group will have finished Koehler's Small Catechism. A catechism is a handbook that teaches the Christian faith by asking questions and providing answers from the Bible. Koehler's Catechism is based on Luther's Small Catechism, but instead of the "Synodical questions" (or Schwann's Questions, for those of us a bit longer in the tooth) Koehler provides doctrinal discussions that are better suited to an adult student than those of our Synodical catechism. Our Thursday class will have completed the entire book. That is no small feat. The class will have worked through all 331 catechetical questions and their sometimes lengthy answers, and importantly through the 703 verses of Holy Scripture on which the questions and answers are based.

Continuing to study and grow, our Thursday adult group has decided to study the *Enchiridion* of Martin Chemnitz. Chemnitz was a theologian of the Lutheran "Golden Age", and a principal author

HOLY MASS is celebrated every Sunday and Wednesday at 10am, and on major feasts as announced.

THE DIVINE OFFICE MATINS: M-Th & Sa at 8:45am (except when there is a morning Mass) in the Chapel of the Holy Incarnation in the Rectory; **VESPERS:** Thursday at 6:30pm in the Church.

COMMUNICANTS are baptized Christians who have been instructed in and publicly confess the Evangelical-Lutheran Faith. If you desire to commune at Zion, please visit with the Pastor before approaching the Altar.

PRIVATE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION is available on Saturday morning or by appointment.

PASTORAL CONSULTATION based on the Holy Scriptures is available by appointment.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM is for infants and adults, and may be arranged by contacting the Pastor.

COUPLES DESIRING HOLY MARRIAGE should contact the Pastor before finalizing the wedding date. Bible 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. Visit with the Pastor for further details.

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

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.

DEACONS William Gramzow, Thomas Habitz, Jr., Michael Edwards **TRUSTEES:** Silas Gray, Paul Snoes, Kevin Wiedelman; **PARISH EDUCATION:** Shirley Cross, Robert Kelly III, Sherry Edwards; **OFFICERS OF THE VOTERS:** Thomas Habitz, Jr. (chairman), Alan Kroske (vice-chairman), Pamela Ruffin (secretary), Kevin Wiedelman (treasurer), Jessica Chavez (financial secretary).

The Zion Parish Record

For January & February 2016

Additions Baptism, January 3, 2016 Alexis Ann Chavez
Joshua Eric Chavez Jr.

Removals None

Deaths January 18,2016 Jeanne Beaupied
January 30, 2016 Earlene Maynarich

Installation February 7, 2016 Miss Emily Solomon, Cantor

Membership 217 Members