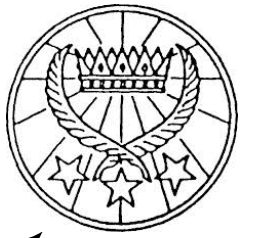


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"Blow the Trumpet in Zion" (Joel 2.15)



Zion Trumpet

Zion Evangelical-Lutheran Church of Detroit

May/June 2016

June Liturgical Calendar

by Father Braden

The great Apostolic lists in Holy Scripture record the names of those chosen immediately by our Lord Jesus Christ as His Apostles (see Matthew 10, Mark 3, and Luke 6, and Acts 1). Three Apostles are commemorated in the month of June, more than in any other month of the Liturgical year. That said, there is a twist: two of the three Apostles commemorated in June do not appear in the Apostolic lists, nor were they among the Twelve. This makes June an even more unique liturgical month.

The first observance chronologically is the Commemoration of St. Barnabas, celebrated on June 11th each year. Barnabas was a Jew, of the priestly tribe, who lived in Cyprus. He was not one of the Twelve, but is called an Apostle in Acts 14:14 by St. Luke. His name was Joseph, but the Apostles "surnamed" him Barnabas, which means "Son of Encouragement" (See Acts 4:36).

When the Eleven were afraid of Paul and wouldn't meet with him, it was Barnabas that took Saul (Paul) to the Apostles (Acts

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"O Lord, You have searched me and known me: You know my sitting down and my rising up."

PSALM 139. 1-2

from the Introit for St. Peter and St. Paul ✠ Apostles

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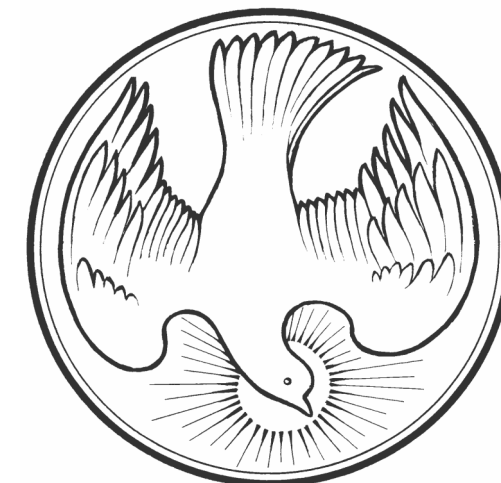
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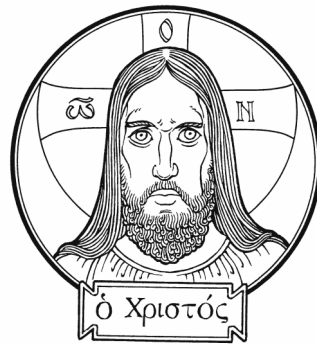


9:27). The Scriptures describe Barnabas as “A good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith” (Acts 11:24).

It is Barnabas that goes to Tarsus and brings Paul to Antioch, from where they depart on the first great Missionary Journey together. Acts 13-15 chronicle the work of Barnabas the Apostle in bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to Asia Minor. Barnabas then staunchly defended the testimony of the Gentile Christians at the first great Apostolic Council, recorded in Acts 15.

Barnabas returned to Cyprus after a dispute with St. Paul regarding John Mark. He is regarded as the founder of the Cypriot church. The Epistle of Barnabas, an early Christian document, was credited by Clement of Alexandria to St. Barnabas, Apostle.

As June draws to a close, perhaps the greatest commemoration of the Apostles occurs. On June 29th each year, the church thanks God for the lives and work of two Apostles on the same day: Saints Peter and Paul. St. Peter was the chief of the Apostles (Matthew 16:16-19, where he also makes his “great confession”). St. Paul, the Apostle “born out of due time”, was converted after the ascension of our Lord, when the ascended Lord appeared to him on the road to Damascus.



The “pillars of the Church” in Jerusalem, James, Peter and John, extended the right hand of fellowship to St. Paul when they saw proof that God had chosen Peter as the Apostle to take the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the circumcised (Jews), and Paul to the uncircumcised (Gentiles, see Galatians 2:6-9). The lives, travels and missionary work of Sts. Peter and Paul, as they preached Christ and Him crucified and risen for the life of the world, are carefully chronicled by St. Luke, who was not an Apostle, but authored the Book of Acts.

The life-giving Apostolic Word preached by St. Peter and St. Paul is available to you today – it is recorded in Acts, and St. Peter went on to write Two Books of Holy Scripture, St. Paul 13 (if Hebrews is attributed to Paul, it is the 14th). The tradition of the Church is that Sts. Peter and Paul were both martyred in Rome.

Zion enjoys a rich and full liturgical calendar. Join us, won't you, at the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul on Wednesday, June 29th at 9:30 a.m. in the church, and receive the Gifts of God with us in the Divine Service? It is a great blessing to the Church, and to personal faith, to commemorate the saints who have gone before us with the sign of faith, saints who so clearly proclaimed Christ and Him crucified, risen and ascended.

A Donkey and a Cart

I recently received a letter of thanks from Lutheran World Relief. Over the last several months there has been an envelope on the dining room table in the Rectory that said “A Donkey and A Cart”. For a few months many members added their contributions to the envelope. In February we had gathered an offering sufficient to purchase a donkey and a cart for a family in Africa to help with their daily need to haul water by hand, a task mostly accomplished by women in that society. It is very difficult work. We sent in our Zion donation, and it was received, and has already been utilized to bring relief to an African family. Thanks to all those who donated! I pinned the letter from Lutheran World Relief to the Narthex bulletin board.

From Zion's History

An old Bulletin explains the gift of the Zion symbol over the statue of our Lord as an Infant in His mother's arms, and its meaning: “On Sunday, August 5, 1979, the Zion Plaque, the Symbol of Heaven, was installed in the Transcept on the liturgical north side of the Nave during the early Mass celebrated by Fr. Gene Evans. The Plaque was donated in memory of Ann Augusta Goralsky



The altar prepared for Palmarum



The paschal candle prepared in preparation of the Great Vigil Mass



The chrism prepared for Chrism Mass



The church fully prepared in preparation of the Great Vigil Mass



Those serving at the Great Vigil Mass (Left to Right): Mr. Dylan Smith, Mr. Robert Kelly III, Mr. Robert Kelly IV, Rev. Fr. Mark Braden, Mr. Thomas Habitz Jr., Mr. Kevin Wiedelman, and Mr. Elijah Edwards

Our Synod is establishing several Mission sites in the south of Spain, and has deployed Fr. David Warner to head up the work. Fr. Warner was a classmate of mine at Seminary. In Sevilla we have a Pastor, Fr. Juan Carlos Garcia, who is also taking the Greek course I teach for our Fort Wayne Seminary. He will be working with me to move the class into Spanish so that Pastors across the globe have access through the Internet to the Greek language, the language of the Apostles and Evangelists, the language in which the New Testament was written.

In August I'm scheduled to teach again in Bolivia. I'll be presenting at a week-long conference on Pastoral Theology, which will be centered on the rites and use of the Acompañamiento Pastoral. My trips in April and May will be during the week, I'll be at Zion the Sunday before and the Sunday after. My Bolivia trip will require me to be gone on Sunday. Fr. Frank Pies has graciously agreed to preach and celebrate while I'm in South America. Our Bishop Emeritus, Fr. David Stechholz, will be available while I travel to respond to any emergent Pastoral care needs.

Zion Choir

During Holy Week, the Triduum, and Easter we enjoyed the fine work of Miss Emily Solomon, our Zion Cantor, and the Zion Choir. We were blessed to have several visiting singers, and a violinist on Good Friday. I received many positive comments on our Zion Choir and our music program.

Cantor Solomon has great plans for upcoming Choir activities and musical opportunities at Zion. If you're interested in singing or playing, or donating towards the cost of visiting musicians, please see Cantor Solomon.

St. Paul writes

"We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all the saints; because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel, which has come to you, as it has also in all the world, and is bringing forth fruit, as it is also among you since the day you heard and knew the grace of God in truth..." (Colosians 1:3-6). As Zion is blessed to receive that same Word of Truth, and the Saving Gifts of God's Mysteries, we too give thanks, as the Apostle writes.

But like the Apostolic Church, like Barnabas, Peter and Paul, we are not content to keep those Saving Gifts to ourselves. Since coming to Zion the Lord has enabled us to travel repeatedly to six far-away countries to preach Christ, and to equip the Pastors of those countries with the Biblical doctrine of the Lutheran Confessions. Thank God that the Lord of the Church continues to enable Zion to take the Truth of Christ crucified, risen and ascended to our neighbors, to the greater metro-Detroit area, and to the world!



Zion Bible Camp

by Bobby Kelly
Zion Bible Camp is swiftly approaching. Once again it is time to prepare for our week of fun and enlightenment. We are looking for volunteers to help with this year's activities. If you are able to help please see Bobby Kelly. The Dates for this year's camp are June 20-24. The Church picnic will precede the Bible Camp. Please watch the bulletin for further information

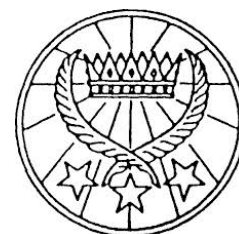
The **Zion Trumpet** is the informational and educational newsletter of Zion Evangelical-Lutheran Church. It communicates the news of Zion and instructs members in various aspects of the Christian Faith.

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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daughters." This explanation accompanied the installation: "The crown is the crown of glory which awaits all who persevere in the Faith to their end; the crossed palms are for those who are martyred for the Faith; the stars illustrate Daniel 12:3: "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever."

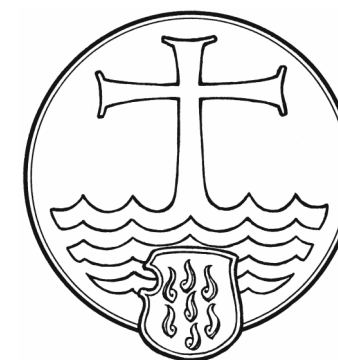
The next time you're at Zion, look to the left of the Lectern (liturgical north) at the seal over the statue. There you will see the carving described above. If you have old Zion Ordos, Newsletters or Bulletins, especially before 1948, we are establishing archives of such information. If you're willing, please consider passing old Zion publications, photos and memorabilia along to the church from which it came. I'm still looking for a good picture of Fr. Evans to frame and add to the other Zion Pastors' pictures in the Rectory dining room.

Summer Bible Camp

Mark your calendars! Our annual Summer Bible Camp is scheduled for June 20-24. The Board of Christian Education is working on the curriculum, activities and congregational picnic for this year's Camp. If you'd like to volunteer, or donate towards the cost of the Camp, see chairman Bobby Kelly.

Confirmation

The Feast of Pentecost is observed on Sunday, May 15th this year. In keeping with our parish tradition, Pentecost is also Confirmation Sunday. This year Ethan Atkins will complete his third year of catechesis, and is scheduled to be confirmed in the Christian faith. A public examination will be held on Saturday, May 7th. The time of the public examination will be published in the Bulletin. Confirmation examinations are open to all members of Zion. Please pray for Ethan as he prepares for his examination, and his Confirmation!



Christian Education at Zion

Sunday Adult Study 11:30am | Undercroft
Study of the Gospel of St. John; Coffee is provided;
Thanks to those who bring refreshments.

Sunday School 11:30am | Rectory
Children ages 3–grade 8 study the Sunday Gospel
lesson and have activities and music designed to
enhance the biblical teaching. September-May.

Sunday Youth Study 11:40am | Rectory
Young adults in high school and college who are
confirmed meet to study the Holy Scriptures organized
around the six chief parts of Christian doctrine.

Wednesday Adult Study 10:45am | Rectory
Study of the Book of Revelation. Often the group goes
out to lunch following the study.

Youth Catechesis Saturday | 10am | Rectory
For children preparing for Confirmation, this class
instructs students in the basics of the Christian Faith
through *Luther's Small Catechism*.

Adult Catechesis Thursday | 7pm |
Rectory
The study of The Enchiridion o Martin Chemnitz, this
class allows members and guests to study Christian
doctrine at a more advanced level.

Men's Group 1 Tue. & 1 Thr. a month | 7pm | Rectory
Study of the *Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord*.

Women's Group 2 Saturdays a month | 1pm | Rectory
Study of the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians.

Thrivent Choice

Thanks to all those who give to Zion through Thrivent Choice! Several years ago Thrivent (or as I call it, AAL) changed the way they allocate proceeds to member organizations. Several faithful members tried to donate money to Zion through Thrivent, but were told it wasn't possible. Thanks to a faithful friend of Zion that lives in another state, and our Thrivent representative Mr. Jeff Long, we have worked out all the procedural bugs, and Zion is now part of the Thrivent Choice program. Zion appears on the list of eligible churches. You can select Zion from the list and make your gift electronically at www.thrivent.com/choice.

Please support Zion with your Thrivent Choice dollars. If you have a Thrivent account, you have Choice dollars. If you don't allocate them to Zion, Thrivent applies your Choice dollars to other organizations as they deem appropriate. You must call Thrivent at least once a year to have your allocation properly made. I hope that all Zion members and friends will take a moment to do so.

Thrivent has been very supportive for several years of our St. Michael Liturgical Conference. I appreciate the work that Jeff Long has done on our behalf. If you have questions about your Thrivent accounts, or about the Choice program, contact Mr. Jeff Long at (734) 455-9272, or the Thrivent Choice program at (800) 847-4836.

And Jesus said to Them,

"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned." (Mark 16:15-16) In January I made a quick trip to Colombia to teach the doctrine of Ecclesiology, the Scriptural teachings regarding the Holy Church. That trip, thanks be to God, has borne great fruit. By the time you read this Newsletter, Lord willing, I will have returned from Buenos Aires, Argentina, where I gave a day-long presentation on El Acompañamiento Pastoral, a new translation of the book that Pastors use for visitations, hospital calls, funerals weddings, and other "occasional Services". In May I'm scheduled to visit southern Spain to support the work of our Missionaries there.

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Birthday Anniversaries

May
2 David Kasner
8 Anthony Spicer
12 Andrew Stechholz
13 Roderick Atkins
19 Jason Balaska
19 Herman (Carl) Luckwald
23 David Faerber
27 Towana Hooks-Brownlee
28 Susan Spicer
29 Roger Beaupied

June
3 Carlton Alford
6 Jayla Williams
7 Bobby Kelly III
9 Eugene Brown
9 Bobby Kelly IV
11 Renee Adkins
14 James Gramzow
14 Ellen Hayden
20 Margaret Alford
27 Monica Faerber
29 Shirley Cross
29 Taneisha Cross
30 Darwin Terry

Baptism Anniversaries

May
4 Carol Matschikowski
11 Michael Quinkert
14 Betty Gill
17 Dale Murdock
18 John Sibert
18 Paul Sibert
19 Gregory Durham
19 Phillip White
21 William Gramzow
22 Natalie Balaska
24 Ralph Trevino
25 Darin Gray
29 Anthony Atkins
29 Roderick Atkins

June
1 Ruthalee Brown
1 Bernadine Cross
3 Jeanetta Bryant
12 Stacy Gray
15 Anna Dalton
17 Andrew Stechholz

Marriage Anniversaries

June
6 Jason & Jennifer Balaska
7 Robert & Leticia Kelly
11 Silas & Chandra Gray

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

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.

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 March & April 2015

Additions None

Removals None

Membership 217 Members