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“Blow the Trumpet in Zion” (Joel 2.15)



# Zion Trumpet

Zion Evangelical-Lutheran Church of Detroit

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## Savior of the Nations, Come! by Father Braden

As this issue of the Trumpet arrives, the paraments are yet violet. They are not the deep violet of Lent, although they reflect that intense hue. But now they are the brighter violet of Advent, as our repentance is tempered by the hope of the Coming of the Promised One, the One who comes in the Name of the Lord, the One to whom faith cries “Hosanna!”, “Save now!”

As we process through these violet days, we glimpse for a moment the rose of rejoicing, and we draw nigh unto the celebration of the Holy Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ, the greatest of all Mysteries. The Eternal God, the God who fills heaven and earth, deigned for a time to fill the womb of the Virgin Mary.

The One who is before all things, the Alpha, assumed Flesh in time and was born a Man. Through Him all things were made – He stood at the Father’s side as a Master Craftsman when the stars were hung and the equator traced out, when the seas were given their boundaries and the waters above were separated from the waters below. It was His breath, the breath that gives life, that animated the first man, by which he became a living being.

The same Word came unto His own, but His own received Him not. The earthly betrothed of the Virgin, not wanting to make her a public example, prepared to put her away secretly. But God intervened. The Son of God already growing in the Virgin’s womb, an angel appeared to Joseph and revealed the unimaginable to him:



*“Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and shall bear a Son”*

Matthew 1: 23

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SUNDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMASS ST. SYLVESTER, BISHOP & CONFESSOR WHITE 10a Holy Mass 11:30a Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD WHITE 10a Holy Mass	MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS WHITE 10a Holy Mass	TENTH DAY OF CHRISTMASS WHITE 10a Holy Mass (Chapel) 11a Bible Study	ST. TITUS, BISHOP AND CONFESSOR WHITE 7p Holy Mass 7:30p Adult Catechesis	TWELFTH DAY OF CHRISTMASS WHITE 10a Holy Mass (Chapel)	THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD WHITE 10a Holy Mass 1p Ladies Group
THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY WHITE 10a Holy Mass 11:30a Removal of Christmass Decorations	8:45a Matins WHITE	8:45a Matins WHITE	WEDNESDAY AFTER EPIPHANY I WHITE 10a Holy Mass (Chapel) 11a Bible Study	8:45a Matins 7p Vespers 7:30p Men's Group	9:30a Holy Mass	THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD WHITE 9:15a Private Confession and Absolution 10a Holy Mass
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY ST. HILARY BISHOP AND CONFESSOR WHITE 10a Holy Mass 11:30a Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	8:45a Matins	8:45a Matins 7p Vespers 7:30p Men's Group	WHITE 10a Holy Mass (Chapel) 11a Bible Study	7p Holy Mass 7:30p Adult Catechesis		8:45a Matins 9:15a Private Confession and Absolution 1p Ladies Group
THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD ST. AGNES, VIRGIN AND MARTYR WHITE 10a Holy Mass 11:30a Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	8:45a Matins	8:45a Matins 7p Vespers 7:30p Men's Group	ST. TIMOTHY BISHOP AND MARTYR 23 10a Holy Mass (Chapel) 11a Bible Study	CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL RED 7p Holy Mass 7:30p Adult Catechesis	ST. CANUTE OF DENMARK 19	ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM BISHOP AND CONFESSOR 27 8:45a Matins 9:15a Private Confession and Absolution
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“...that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit”.

And more, that angel spoke Words that bring you great hope: “...And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His

Name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.” And so it was that the Lord that rode into Bethlehem in His mother’s womb rode into Jerusalem on the prophesied beast, now not to manger, but to cross. There He saved you from your sins. And as He emptied the womb of His mother, so He miraculously emptied that sealed tomb, leaving death forever buried, leaving your sins entombed, removed from you as far as the east is from the west.

Isaiah prophesied that bright manger scene as he wrote, 700 years before, “The ox knows its owner, and the donkey its master’s crib.” (Isaiah 1:3) But like unto the men of that time, the ones who received Him not, so the men of our time are as the prophet describes “Alas, sinful nation, A people laden with iniquity, A brood of evildoers, Children who are corrupters! They have forsaken the LORD, They have provoked to anger The Holy One of Israel, They have turned away backward.” (Isaiah 1:4)

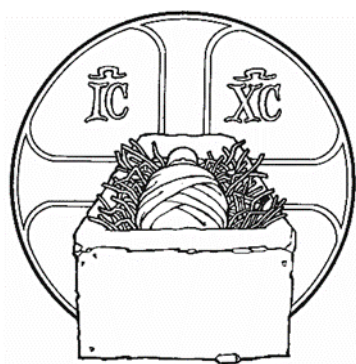
So as the world hangs candy canes and garlands, the Christ of Christmass is rejected. As the world sings of snowmen and sleighrides, they testify that they receive Him not. The world around us spirals downward into debauchery and lasciviousness, each generation growing worse in its rejection of

the Miracle of the Virgin’s Son, the Holy Incarnation.

And yet in mercy, in His great love which knows no limit, He does not forsake us. For “Behold, Daughter of Zion, your King comes!” The Savior of the Nations comes. He is the Coming One, the One whose Advent brings salvation, the One whose final Advent brings the resurrection of all flesh. His forgiveness is for you. His righteousness He makes yours.

His Name is Jesus, for He saves you from your sins. And He does it by coming to you, the Coming One present now, by whose breath the first man received life, who breathed that same breath onto His Apostles giving them the Keys to the Kingdom of Heaven, that when the Called and Ordained Servant of the Word speaks Holy Absolution upon you, it is as if Christ Himself speaks it.

As the Baptizer called the multitudes to repentance, so does faith feel true contrition. As we prepare to celebrate His birth, as we await His final Advent, we do so repentantly, expectantly, hopefully, and with the glimpse of rose even joyfully. We live not for this life, but for the next, the life He won for us, the life that cannot be taken away.



“Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given!” As the violet of Adventide gives way to the bright gold of the Celebration of the Nativity of our Lord, may the same Christ bless you richly by His

Word and Holy Sacraments, as He blesses and keeps you steadfast in faith until His final Advent.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>3</b> AD TE LEVAVI ADVENT I  VIOLET <b>10a Holy Mass</b> 11:30a Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible Study</p>	<p><b>4</b> ST. PETER CHRYSO- LOGUS  8:45a Matins</p>	<p><b>5</b>  8:45a Matins</p>	<p><b>6</b> WEDNESDAY OF ADVENT I ST. NICHOLAS BISHOP AND CONFESSOR  VIOLET <b>9:30a Holy Mass</b> 11a Bible Study <b>7p Holy Mass</b></p>	<p><b>7</b> ST. AMBROSE BISHOP CONFESSOR &amp; DOCTOR  8:45a Matins 7p Vespers 7:30p Men's Group</p>	<p><b>8</b> CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIR- GIN MARY  10a Holy Mass (Chapel)</p>	<p><b>9</b> 8:45a Matins 9:15a Private Confession and Absolution 1p Ladies Group</p>
<p><b>10</b> POPULUS ZION ADVENT II  VIOLET <b>10a Holy Mass</b> 11:30a Children's Pro- gram</p>	<p><b>11</b> 8:45a Matins 6p Trustees Meeting</p>	<p><b>12</b> 8:45a Matins</p>	<p><b>13</b> WEDNESDAY OF ADVENT II ST. LUCY, VIRGIN &amp; MAR- TYR  VIOLET <b>9:30a Holy Mass</b> 11a Bible Study <b>7p Holy Mass</b></p>	<p><b>14</b> 8:45a Matins 6:30p Vespers 7p Adult Catechesis</p>	<p><b>15</b> 8:45a Matins 9:15a Private Confession and Absolution O <i>Wisdom</i></p>	<p><b>16</b> 8:45a Matins 9:15a Private Confession and Absolution O <i>Wisdom</i></p>
<p><b>17</b> GAUDETE ADVENT III  ROSE <b>10a Holy Mass</b> 11:30a Christmas Deco- rating  O <i>Wisdom</i></p>	<p><b>18</b> 8:45a Matins  RED O <i>Adonai</i></p>	<p><b>19</b> 8:45a Matins 7p Vespers 7:30p Men's Group  O <i>Root of Jesse</i> O <i>Emmanuel</i></p>	<p><b>20</b> EMBER WEDNESDAY IN ADVENT  VIOLET <b>9:30a Holy Mass</b> 11a Bible Study <b>7p Holy Mass</b>  O <i>Key of David</i></p>	<p><b>21</b> ST. THOMAS, APOS- TLE  10a Holy Mass(Chapel) 6:30p Vespers 7p Adult Catechesis  O <i>DAYS PRING</i></p>	<p><b>22</b> O <i>King of Nations</i></p>	<p><b>23</b> VIGIL OF CHRIST- MASS  WHITE 8:45a Matins 9:15a Private Confession and Absolution  O <i>Emmanuel</i></p>
<p><b>24</b> RORATE COELI  VIOLET <b>10a Holy Mass</b></p>	<p><b>25</b> NATIVITY OF OUR LORD  GOLD Christmass Midnight 10a Holy Mass</p>	<p><b>26</b> ST. STEPHEN, PRO- TOMARTYR  10a Holy Mass(Chapel)  RED</p>	<p><b>27</b> ST. JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST  WHITE <b>7p Holy Mass</b></p>	<p><b>28</b> HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS  WHITE <b>7p Holy Mass</b> 7:30p Adult Catechesis</p>	<p><b>29</b> FIFTH DAY OF CHRISTMASS  WHITE 10a Holy Mass (Chapel)</p>	<p><b>30</b> SIXTH DAY OF CHRISTMASS  WHITE 10a Holy mass (Chapel)  December 31 is on Janu- ary</p>

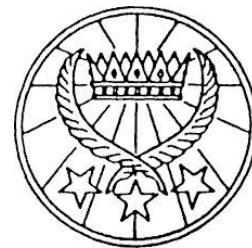
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## Christmaside Schedule

Again this year we enjoy a rich and full celebration of Holy Christmas with daily Mass from the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord through the Sunday in the Octave of the Epiphany. Please set aside time to put away the things of the world, and to receive the Gifts of Heaven that our Incarnate Lord brings us in the Holy Mass:

**Fourth Sunday in Advent** - December 24, Sung Mass in the Church at 10:00 a.m.

**The Nativity of our Lord, Midnight** - Sung Mass in the Church at 12:00 a.m.

**The Nativity of our Lord** - Sung Mass in the Church at 10:00 a.m.

**St. Stephen, Proto-Martyr (12/26)** - Spoken Mass in the Chapel at 10:00 a.m.

**St. John, Apostle & Evangelist (12/27)** - Spoken Mass in the Church at 7:00 p.m.

**The Holy Innocents, Martyrs (12/28)** - Spoken Mass in the Church at 7:00 p.m.

**Fifth and Sixth Days of Christmas (12/29, 30)** - Spoken Mass in the Chapel at 10:00 a.m.

**Sunday in the Christmas Octave (12/31)** - Sung Mass in the Church, 10:00 a.m.

**The Circumcision of our Lord (1/1)** - Sung Mass in the Church at 10:00 a.m.

**The Holy Name of Jesus (1/2)** - Sung Mass in the Church at 10:00 a.m.

**The Tenth Day of Christmas (1/3)** - Spoken Mass in the Chapel at 10:00 a.m.

**St. Titus, Bishop & Confessor (1/4)** - Spoken Mass in the Church at 7:00 p.m.



**The Twelfth Day of Christmas** (1/5) – Spoken Mass in the Chapel at 10:00 a.m.

**The Epiphany of our Lord** (1/6) – Sung Mass in the Church at 10:00 a.m.

**Holy Family, Sunday in the Epiphany Octave** (1/7) – Sung Mass in the Church at 10:00 a.m.

**The Baptism of our Lord** (1/13) – Sung Mass in the Church at 10:00 a.m.

Each day of Christmastide is a unique Celebration, taken together we enjoy the fulness of the blessing of the Holy Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ. Join us, won't you, as we receive God's Gifts? And join us as we ponder that which passes our understanding, and yet benefits and blesses us beyond measure: the Mystery of the Holy Incarnation of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Installation of Officers** Zion is richly blessed with faithful members who serve our parish. It is a joy to work with them, and I sincerely appreciate their efforts on behalf of the smooth operation of the many facets of our life on Zion's campus. Each year at our Annual Meeting in October we elect new and returning officers, who are installed into their positions in early January. I extend my sincere thanks to those who have served in the past year, and I look forward to accomplishing our parish goals together with the new officers in the upcoming year, *Deo volente*. Watch the Sunday Bulletin for the announcement of the Installation of the 2018 officers of our congregation. Please keep them in your prayers, and support them in their work.

## Anniversary

As we move from 2017 into the Year of our Lord 2018, we remember that we are still in our 135<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year of the founding of Zion. I am daily thankful for all those faithful members and Pastors that came before, upon whose shoulders we stand, who laid the solid foundation upon which we build, which the Holy Spirit working through them brought, for the true Foundation and Cornerstone is Christ Jesus. (Acts 4:10-12; 1 Corinthians 3:11) Were we established on anything or anyone else, we would be but sinking sand.

And as we move from 2017 into the Year of our Lord 2018, I celebrate my ninth anniversary as Pastor of Zion. While nine years pales in comparison to those faithful men that served Zion for three and four decades, still for this (and for them) I am very thankful to the Lord of the Church, and pray His blessing on our parish in the year to come.

**“Savior of the Nations, come,  
Virgin Son, make here Thy home.  
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,  
That the Lord chose such a Birth!”**

*The Lutheran Hymnal, #95,*

Text: *Veni, Redemptor Gentium*, St. Ambrose, A. ✠ D. 397



## Birthday Anniversaries

### December

2 Jessica Chavez  
14 Theodore Krey  
17 Kathleen Atkins  
19 Fayth Atkins  
20 Revelle Cross  
20 Roselle Cross III  
25 Thomas Habitz, Jr.  
27 Janet Schulz

### January

2 Alexandria Atkins  
2 Natalie Balaska  
8 Nancy Gramzow  
23 Anna Dalton  
23 Judith Donnell  
23 Richard Schultz  
25 Rose Atkins

## Baptism Anniversaries

### December

15 Paula MacMunn  
29 Theodore Krey

### January

17 Janet Schulz  
20 Alexandria Atkins  
25 Rose Atkins

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

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

**THE DIVINE OFFICE** is prayed in the Chapel of the Holy Incarnation in the Rectory. **MATINS:** Daily 8:45am (except when there is a morning Mass); **VESPERS:** Thursday 6:30pm.

**PRIVATE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** is available on Saturday from 9-10am 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 Anderson **TRUSTEES:** Silas Gray, Paul Snoes, Kevin Wiedelman; **PARISH EDUCATION:** Shirley Cross, Robert Kelly III, Sarah Braden **OFFICERS OF THE VOTERS:** Thomas Habitz, Jr. (chairman), Alan Kroske (vice-chairman), Pamela Ruffin (secretary), Kevin Wiedelman (treasurer), Jessica Chavez (financial secretary).