

Zion Evangelical-Lutheran Church of Detroit

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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 at Zion, please speak with the Pastor before approaching the Altar.

THE DIVINE OFFICE OF MATINS is prayed Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 8:45am in the Chapel of the Holy Incarnation in the Rectory.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION is taught every Sunday and Wednesday immediately 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 - 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.

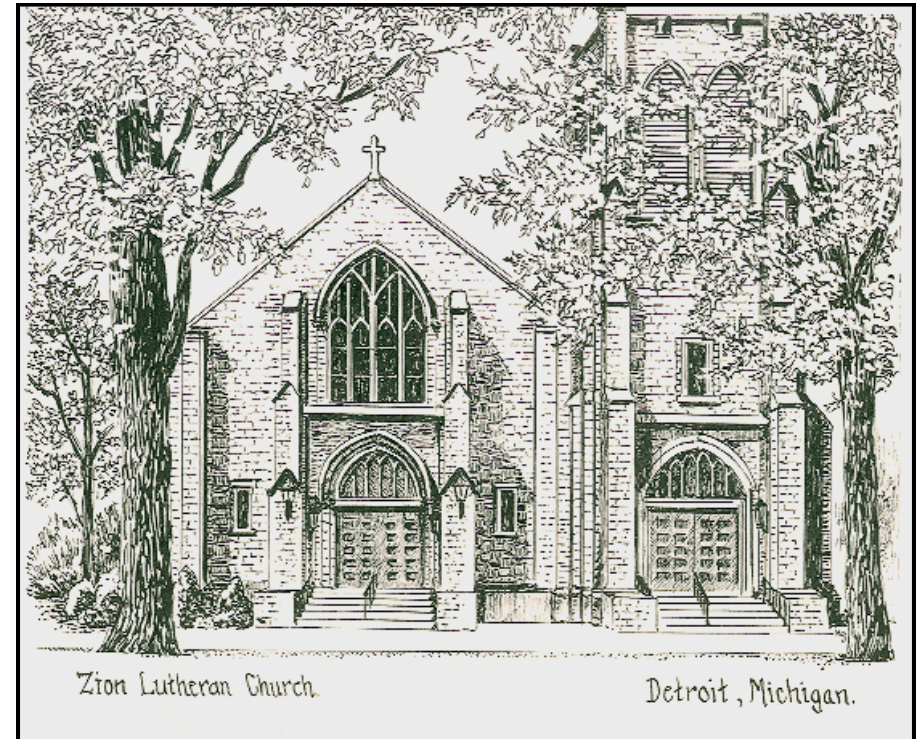
SICK AND HOMEBOUND are visited regularly by the Pastor with the Scriptures and Sacrament. Please contact the Parish Office if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation.

PARISH OFFICERS DEACONS: William Gramzow, Thomas Habitz, Jr., Michael Anderson; TRUSTEES: Silas Gray, Paul Snoes; PARISH EDUCATION: Shirley Cross, Robert Kelly III, Sarah Braden; ENDOWMENT BOARD: Fr. Mark Braden (chairman), Tom Habitz Jr., Paul Snoes, Alan Kroske OFFICERS OF THE VOTERS: Thomas Habitz, Jr. (chairman), Alan Kroske (vice-chairman), Pamela Ruffin (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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Totenfest

November 25, 2018

Wise and Foolish Virgins



Where else can you be united with your loved ones who have fallen asleep in Jesus? Where else can you partake with them in the kingdom which has no end? At this Holy Mass—where you commune with all the Faithful, both on earth and in Heaven.

The Theme of Today’s Liturgy As the Church Year comes to an end, we confess that Our Lord is the “Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending” (*Introit*). While we wait in Faith for Our

Lord’s coming, He gives us to partake of His unending Feast (*Gospel*). That is where Our Lord’s promise of a new heaven and earth meet, where we now heed Our Lord’s joyful call and feast with him in the nuptial hall of the Lamb of God (*Chief Hymn*). So the Spirit and the Church rightly call out, “Even so, come Lord Jesus” (*Alleluia*).

The Sermon The Lord does not say “the world is like.” “He says the Kingdom of Heaven is like...” He speaks of the Holy Church, hidden in the visible church on earth. He speaks of the joyous day in which the Bridegroom comes for His Bride. She has waited for Him a long time. Her chastity is proven. He returns to take His Beloved, to deliver Her, to deliver Her from the loneliness of faithful waiting. She has clung to His promise: “Be strong, do not fear! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God; He will come and save you!” She lives now by the Promise, believing that Her Bridegroom is True, that His Word is Trustworthy. She stakes her life on it. And soon faith receives its reward when sounds the call: “The Bridegroom comes, awake!”

The Holy Eucharist The Blessed Sacrament is where the Bride of Christ (the Holy Church) receives her Bridegroom (Christ Jesus), where He feeds her and provides for her, and where He shows her all His tenderness and affection.

The Readings Isaiah 35:3-10; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; St. Matthew 25:1-13

The Hymns for Today’s Mass

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| Processional Hymn | 446 |
| Chief Hymn | 609 |
| Offering Hymn | 598 (stanzas 1-4) |
| Distribution Hymns | 67; 598 (stanzas 8-11); |
| Retiring Processional Hymn | 613 |

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Nov 25-Dec 2

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Holy Mass for Totenfest the Last Sunday in the Church Year..... Today, 10a, Church Bible Study Today, 11:30a, Undercroft
Sunday School Today, 11:30a, Rectory
Matins Mon, 8:45a, Chapel
Matins Tue, 8:45a, Chapel
Holy Mass for Day of Repentance and PrayerWed, 10a, Chapel
Bible Study Wed, 11a, Rectory
Matins..... Thr, 8:45a, Chapel
Vespers..... Thr, 7p, Chapel
Men’s Group..... Thr, 7:30p, Rectory
Holy Mass for The Feast of St. Andrew ,Apostle Fri, 10a, Church
Matins Sat, 8:45a, Chapel
Private Confession and Absolution..... Sat 9:15a, Chapel
Adult Catechesis..... Sat, 10a, Rectory
Holy Mass for Ad Te Levavi – First Sunday in Advent..... Sun, 10a, Church
Bible Study Sun, 11:30a, Undercroft
Sunday School Sun, 11:30a, Rectory

IN OUR PRAYERS Michael Anderson, Gloria Bailey, Nellie Bolton, Linda Buskirk, Lela Casey, Gladys Cline, Anna Dalton, Fr. Erich and the Fickel family, Henry Frey, Bill Gramzow, Nancy Gramzow, Latoya Davis Gray, Drucilla Huddleston, Florine Kaiser, Lawrence Kasner, Richard Kelly, Erika Phares and the Phares family..

COMMEMORATION OF THE PARISH FAITHFUL DEPARTED Today during the Prayer of the Church the names of our Parish faithful departed, those who have gone before us with the sign of faith in the past year, are read. The church bell is tolled once after each name as we remember them in thanksgiving before God, and pray with the confidence of saving faith, and with the whole Church: *Requiescant in Pace*, “May they rest in peace.”

THE PSALM FOR THIS WEEK IS PSALM 24. PRAY IT EVERY DAY!

How is it that we can stand before God and enter into His presence—for He is the Mighty One, the Maker of heaven and earth, the holy One? The answer that Psalm 24 gives is that we do not go to the Lord, but that He comes to us. And we ascend to the hill of salvation, the place where He arrives, His Holy church, to greet Him. Like the wise virgins, we have been given faith, and Our Lord comes and invites us to join Him.