

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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Populus Zion—Second Sunday in Advent

December 9, 2018

The Coming Redeemer



If you seek deliverance from the things that can harm you; if you seek help and salvation; then you have come to the right place. Here, in this Holy Mass, the Redeemer comes to you to be your Rescue and your Savior. Receive Him as He comes to you, as He comes for you, in His Word of Forgiveness and in His Body and Blood.

The Theme of Today’s Liturgy Our Redeemer comes mightily to “cause His glorious voice to be heard” and to give you “gladness of heart” (*Introit*). He is “the Sun of Righteousness” who comes with healing in His wings (*Old Testament*). This is why we are told the signs of His coming so that “when these things begin to happen” we might “look up and lift our heads” (*Gospel*), because Our Lord will “stir up our hearts and to make ready the way of His only begotten Son” (*Collect*).

The Sermon “There will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars...” the Lord promises of His Coming in Power, His coming in Glory. The signs are all around you. So hear the Word of the Lord: “When these things begin to happen, lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near.” Look not below, but above. Trust not in that which spoils and rusts, rather trust in the Eternal Word. Cling not to the earthly, the temporal, but to the heavenly, the eternal. Let the fig tree be your sign – for it is already budding. Heaven and earth will pass away, but His Word will by no means pass away.

The Holy Eucharist True redemption draws near as Christ our Redeemer comes to us in His Body and Blood. He laid down His life for us on the cross, that we might receive Him in His most Holy Sacrament. In Him, we do not fear, rather we pray that He would hasten His Coming.

The Readings Malachi 4:1-6; Romans 15:4-13; St. Luke 21:25-33

The Hymns for Today’s Mass

Processional Hymn	73 [Third Tune]
Chief Hymn	67
Offering Hymn	68
Distribution Hymns	59; 65
Retiring Processional Hymn	72

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Second Week in Advent

Dec 9-16

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Holy Mass for Populus Zion – Second Sunday in Advent.....Today, 10a, Church
 Adult Bible Class Today, 11:30a, Undercroft
 Sunday School.....Today, 11:30a, Rectory
 Matins Mon, 8:45a, Chapel
 Matins Tue, 8:45a, Chapel
 Vespers..... Tue, 7p, Church
 Men’s Group Tue, 7:30p, Rectory
Holy Mass for Wednesday of Advent IIWed, 9:30a, Church
 Bible Study Wed, 11a, Rectory
Holy Mass for Wednesday of Advent II Wed, 7p, Church
 Matins Thr, 8:45a, Chapel
 Vespers..... Thr, 6p, Church
 Adult Catechesis..... Thr, 6:30p, Rectory
 Matins Sat, 8:45a, Chapel
 Private Confession and Absolution Sat 9:15a, Chapel
 Adult Catechesis..... Sat, 10a, Rectory
Holy Mass for Gaudete – Third Sunday in Advent.....Sun, 10a, Church
 Children’s Christmass Program.....Sun, 11:30a Undercroft

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.

CORRECTED CHRISTMASTIDE CALENDAR The Christmastide Liturgical Calendar is included in the Bulletin today on an insert. Please use this calendar to plan your worship for Christmastide, as it presents the correct times and locations.

PORTALS OF PRAYER The December Portals of Prayer devotionals are written by our own Archdeacon Stechholz! Be sure to read them every day, and share a copy with a friend. A rite for family devotions during Advent is available in the Narthex, as are Advent devotional materials.

THE PSALM FOR THIS WEEK IS PSALM 80. PRAY IT EVERY DAY!

Verse 3 (repeated in v 7 & 19) is the key verse in Psalm 80. It is a prayer that the Lord restore us and look on us with His compassion and mercy. For only then are we saved. The rest of the Psalm is built on that prayer. It acknowledges that we are troubled, in need of help, and deserve God’s anger (v 1-6). It questions why God has destroyed what He built (v 8-13) and it pleads with God to return. But in all that, the hope is the same—that the Lord will not treat us as we deserve but look on us with the kindly affection of a Father. For that is our only hope!