

# 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. *Wednesday Masses are at 9:30am and 7pm during Advent.*

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

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

**ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** is taught every Sunday and Wednesday 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 9:15-10am 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"



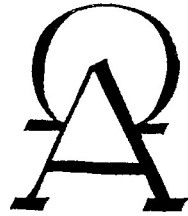
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# Gaudete—Third Sunday in Advent

December 16, 2018

Rejoice!



If you feel the weight of your sin, if you are caught up in the stress of life, if you long for rest and peace in the Lord, if you know of no place to turn for comfort —, then enter into the joy of your Lord. For at this Mass He relieves you in your tribulations!

**The Theme of Today's Liturgy** We rejoice (*Introit*) because there is comfort in the pardon of our iniquity (*Old Testament*). That pardon comes through the Mysteries of God (*Epistle*), the Mysteries that bring Christ to us. Rejoicing, pardoned, we yearn for the coming of our Lord (*Gradual*), knowing that our God will come and save us (*Communio*).

**The Sermon** In each Coming of the Promised Savior there would be comfort for the people of God, for those who awaited His Advent in faith, for those who believed the ancient Promises of His Advent. To them, to those who faithfully, expectantly wait, to you, dear Christian, God speaks through the Prophet's cries: "Comfort, yes, comfort My people!" In His Coming in the Flesh there would be comfort for those who believed in Him. And in His Coming in Glory there will be comfort for His Holy Church as He returns to deliver Her from this desert time and take Her, His Holy Bride, to the unending heavenly feast.

**The Holy Eucharist** The comfort that Isaiah announces in today's Old Testament, that faithful preachers deliver in the mysteries of God, and that Jesus points to in His help of the poor and sickly and distressed – that comfort is given to you today in the Blessed Sacrament.

**The Readings** Isaiah 40:1-8; 1 Corinthians 4:1-5; St. Matthew 11:2-10

## The Hymns for Today's Mass

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| Processional Hymn          | 63      |
| Chief Hymn                 | 60      |
| Offering Hymn              | 61      |
| Distribution Hymns         | 272; 66 |
| Retiring Processional Hymn | 75      |

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Third Week in Advent

Dec 16-23

## THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

**Holy Mass for Gaudete – Third Sunday in Advent**..... Today, 10a, Church  
 Children's Christmass Program ..... Sun, 11:30a, Undercroft  
 Matins..... Mon, 8:45a, Chapel  
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**Holy Mass for Ember Wednesday in Advent**..... Wed, 9:30a, Church  
 Bible Study..... Wed, 10:30a, Rectory  
**Holy Mass for Ember Wednesday in Advent**..... Wed, 7p, Church  
 Matins..... Thr, 8:45a, Chapel  
 Vespers..... Thr, 6p, Chapel  
 Adult Catechesis..... Thr, 6:30p, Rectory  
**Holy Mass for St. Thomas, Apostle**..... Fri, 10a, Chapel  
 Matins (*Ember Saturday in Advent*)..... Sat, 8:45a, Chapel  
 Private Confession and Absolution ..... Sat, 9:15a, Chapel  
 Vespers..... Sat, 1p, Chapel  
 Ladies Group..... Sat, 1:30p, Rectory  
**Holy Mass for Rorate Coeli – Fourth Sunday in Advent**..... Sun, 10a, Church  
 Church Decorating ..... Sun, 11:30a, Church

**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.

**CHURCH DECORATING** We will be decorating the Church next Sunday after Mass. Many hands make light work! Please join us. Lunch will be provided.

**POINSETTIAS** Today is the deadline for ordering your poinsettias to adorn our church this Christmass season.

## THE PSALM FOR THIS WEEK IS PSALM 85. PRAY IT EVERY DAY!

The favor Our Lord shows to His land is not found in material things, but in freeing those bound in sin and death, by granting forgiveness, and by turning away from His justified anger (v 1-3). Our prayer is that the Lord continue to restore us, that He not lash out in anger but show us His mercy (v 4-7). And, for our part, we will not get caught up in our foolish worry about the stuff we have, but will hear and take to heart the peace He speaks and the salvation He brings (v 8-9). This mercy and righteousness of God is ultimately tied to His Son who is the Truth that springs out of the earth (the Blessed Virgin) and the Peace which brings God's goodwill to men (v 10-11). His Son Jesus is the good Our Lord gives, the Righteous One who goes before Him, and in whose footsteps we walk in our life and living (v 12-13).