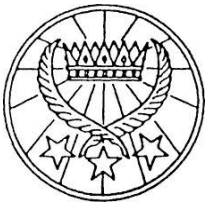


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“Blow the Trumpet in Zion” (Joel 2.15)

Zion Trumpet

Zion Evangelical-Lutheran Church of Detroit

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St Andrew:

by Father Braden

St. Andrew was a disciple of John the Baptizer, then a disciple of Christ, chosen by the Lord and sent as an Apostle. (Read John 1:40, Matthew 10:2, and Mark 1:16) The name Andrew is Greek, meaning “manhood” or “valor.” He was from Bethsaida. (Read John 1:44) He was the older brother of St. Peter, a fact discerned from the position of his name when Scripture names the two men. Together, the sons of Jonas were fisherman. Walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, the Lord sees Andrew and Peter casting nets into the water, and He bids them become “Fishers of men”. (Read Matt 4:19) They immediately left their nets, indeed, left



everything and followed Jesus. They later lived in a house in Capernaum. (Read Mark 1:21, 29)

St. Luke withholds mention of St. Andrew until the sixth chapter of his Gospel, naming him as an Apostle, and reporting that he is Simon Peter’s brother. (Read Luke 6:14) It is

Andrew that identifies the young man with five barley loaves and two small fish which the Lord multiplies to feed the 5000. (Read John 6:8-9) It is Andrew, together

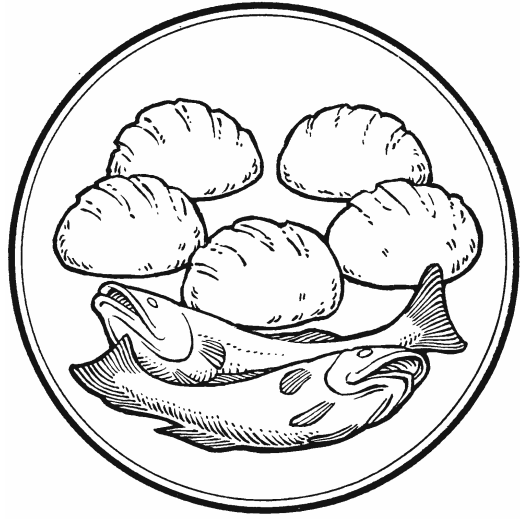
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“... Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." They immediately left their nets and followed Him.”
Matthew 4:18-20

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with Philip, that takes the Greek men attending the Feast to see Jesus. (Read John 12:22) With Peter, James and John, Andrew inquired of the Lord regarding the Last Day. (Read Mark 13:3-4) Andrew was in the Upper Room when Jesus appeared after His resurrection. (Read Acts 1:13).



As an Apostle, and one of the men closest to Jesus, Andrew would have witnessed His miracles, heard His teaching, and lived and traveled with the Incarnate Lord. As St. John writes, so too would it have been true of St. Andrew: *“That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life-- the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us-- that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.”* (1John 1:1-4)

Not much else is written in Scripture regarding St. Andrew. The tradition of the Church is that Andrew preached the Gospel in the northern reaches of what is now Turkey, and also in Greece. Several church fathers comment on Andrew’s life: Eusebius, apparently citing Origen, indicates that Andrew went to Scythia. Gregory of Nazianzus says he went to Epirus. Jerome says he went to Achaia, Theodoret says Andrew went to Hellas. Nicephorus records that Andrew preached in Cappadocia, Galatia and Bithynia. Interestingly, Nicephorus also places cannibals in the list of peoples to whom St. Andrew preached. Given the location of these areas, all are quite possible.

It is reported that at the command of the governor Aegeas, Andrew was martyred by crucifixion at Patrae (or Patras), a Greek city west of Athens in the northern Peloponnese. This occurred under the reign of Nero, on November 30, the Year of our Lord 60. Tradition records that he was not nailed to the cross, rather bound. His cross was not of the traditional “T” shape, rather it was a "crux decussata," an “X-shaped cross”, also known as a "saltire cross", although this tradition seems to arise in the 14th century. After being transported to several different places, including Rome, one tradition records the final resting place of St. Andrew’s remains to be in Patras at a church named in his honor. This tradition also asserts that the cross upon which Andrew was martyred is also kept at Patras. Another tradition places St. Andrew’s earthly remains at Amalfi in Italy. On the way to

Birthday Anniversaries

October
 3 Rev. Mark Braden
 4 Kenneth Ingram
 8 Michael Brink
 13 David Gorski
 18 Chandra Gray
 26 Kevin Wiedelman

November
 18 Linda Buskirk
 21 Paula MacMunn
 23 Josef Ruffin

Baptism Anniversaries

October
 1 Monica Faerber
 2 Ethan Atkins
 11 Drucilla Huddleston
 26 Kenneth Ingram
 27 Kevin Wiedelman

November
 2 John Chavez
 8 Nicholas Alford
 16 Darwin Terry
 17 Silas Gray
 25 Joshua Chavez

Marriage Anniversaries

October
 24 Mr. & Mrs. Josef Ruffin

November
 28 William & Nancy Gramzow

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 historic Sunday Gospel lessons 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.

New Member Class Monday | 7pm | Rectory

Wednesday Adult Study 10:45am | Rectory

Study of the Book of Genesis after Wednesday Mass. 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 True Visible Church* by C.F.W. Walther, this class allows members and guests to study Christian doctrine at a more advanced level. Sung Vespers is prayed in the church at 6:30 p.m.

Men’s Group 1 Tue. & 1 Thr. a month | 7pm | Rectory

Study of Martin Chemnitz’s *The Two Natures of Christ*. Sung Vespers is prayed in the church before the study, *Gemütlichkeit* follows the study

Women’s Group 2 Saturdays a month | 1pm | Rectory

Study of The Book of Proverbs., following sung Vespers prayed in the Chapel

catechism, the Liturgy, Augsburg Confession, and our congregational constitution are studied. The reception of members is done by Confirmation.

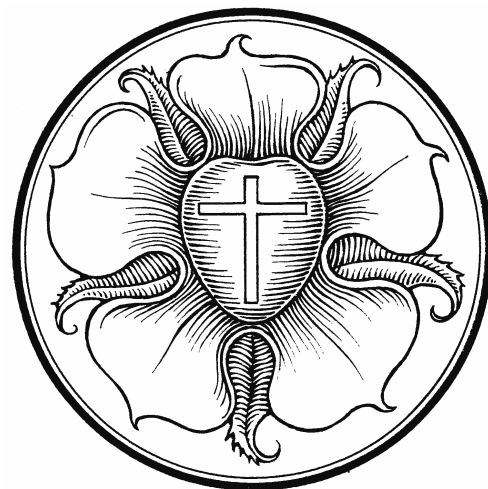
Watch the Bulletin for notices on the progress of our new members, and please join us after Mass for the reception to welcome them! Thanks be to the Lord of the Church, who alone works growth, for His beneficence to Zion!

LWML

Mrs. Janet Stechholz has agreed to serve as the Zion LWML (Lutheran Womens Missionary League) coordinator. The LWML is active in supporting many worthy causes, most especially the evangelical outreach of the LC-MS, as well as students pursuing degrees in church work, and seminarians. If you are interested in participating in LWML events, watch the Bulletin for announcements and see Janet.

Reformation

A special Reformation Mass is planned for Tuesday, October 31st, at 7:00 p.m. in the church. Mark your calendar now and keep that evening free, so that you are able to join us in receiving God's Saving Gifts in His Divine Service, and in giving thanks to Him for His grace in bringing the Pure Gospel back to the Holy Church through the Blessed Reformer, the Reverend Doctor Martin Luther!



Lutherfest

Lutherfest is an annual concert and fellowship event for metro Detroit area Lutherans. It is a musical celebration of the Reformation, and All Saints Day. The concert features the Michigan-Ohio Chorale, under the direction of Mr. Erv Aufdemberge. It is put on by the Lutheran Center Association, which also sponsors the work of the Detroit Lutheran Fellowship, the Detroit Seniors Connection, and the Lutheran Center Bookstore. The Council of Lutheran Women also operates under the umbrella of the Lutheran Center Association. Zion has long had a good relationship with the Lutheran Center Association. Fr. Braden currently serves as the Chairman of the Board of Directors, a position formerly held by Mr. Tom Habitz.

Lutherfest 2018 will be held, Lord willing, on Sunday, November 4 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Saint Clair Shores, at 4:00 p.m. A reception follows the concert. The LCA Annual Meeting will be held the same day at St. Paul at 2:30 p.m.

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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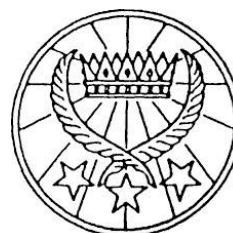
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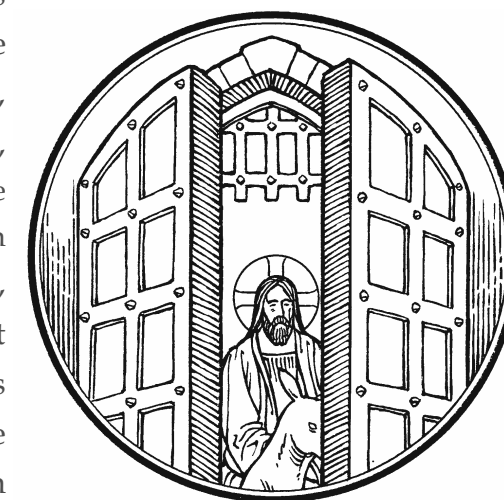
wherever they ended up, however, some of his remains are reported to have been taken to Fife, Scotland, where a shrine was dedicated in his honor. The Scottish flag features the saltire cross for this reason.

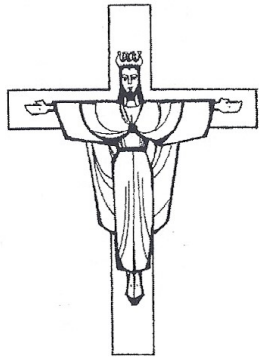
Tradition is interesting, and may well be grounded in fact – or not. What Scripture records is always true and can be trusted. Scripture is the Word of God – Divinely inspired, inerrant, without contradiction. The center of all Scripture is Jesus Christ, and the central doctrine of all Scripture is justification by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ. Without this doctrine the Church cannot stand.

We recognize the grace of God in the life of St. Andrew, and we thank God for the many who heard the Apostle Andrew preach and teach. We commemorate St. Andrew each year on November 30th, in thanksgiving to God. It is this commemoration, the

Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle and Martyr, that designates the First Sunday in Advent each year, which is the first day of the Church's Year of Grace, the liturgical year. Join us, won't you, as we commemorate St. Andrew on Friday, November 30th, and prepare for the new liturgical year, which begins on Sunday, December 2nd, the First Sunday of Advent.

Midweek Masses for Advent, at 9:30 a.m. and at 7:00 p.m. in the church, will be held, Lord willing, on December 5th, 12th, and 19th. Mark your calendar now!





Improvements around Zion

Improvements around Zion are quite evident these days, thanks to the hard work of our Board of Trustees. A major renovation, with an eye to historic preservation, has recently been completed on the front stairs to the church, both north and south entrances. Because the stone used in the construction of Zion is part of our historic designation, the historic stones were reused in the same positions they have stood since 1932 when the stairs were built. Only one step was too badly damaged to be reused, that step was replaced. The original banisters were repaired, with new iron supports, and reinstalled in their original locations. The middle banister on the south stairs has been returned to its historic use – it is removable to allow coffins to be carried in and out of the church.

The renovation was funded by a loan from the Zion Endowment. This is a “win-win” for our congregation – the Endowment receives interest on the loan, and this capitalizes on the investment. The church in turn pays a little less interest than a commercial loan would charge, and at the same time has a much more

benevolent debt-master controlling the repayment.

It looks like the repayment will take about 10 years. We encourage special gifts to aid the congregation in repaying the money the endowment. We also encourage you to enjoy the beautiful, safer front stairs, and the improvement they make in the overall appearance of our church building. They really look great!

Another improvement to our church, the fruit of a special gift, is the installation of an AED at the bottom of the tower stairs, just outside the restrooms. An AED is an Automated External Defibrillator, a special device used to aid the victim of a heart attack. The AED Zion installed is a “smart” device, and it actually gives verbal commands to the one using it so that it is properly deployed and used. We are thankful for the gift that allowed the purchase of this device. I hope we never have to use it, but if we do, it may, Lord willing, save a life.

Also at the bottom of the tower stairs, in the alcove, is a new drinking fountain. It uses bottled water, chills the water, and has been carefully installed to include its own electrical outlet, disposable cups, a wastebasket, and a nice small side table. It has been many years since the old drinking fountain at the base of the stairs was disconnected. The water lines running through the floor failed, and repairing them would have involved breaking up the tile and concrete. Our Trustees thought it better to remove the old fountain. Now we have a new

one, not connected to city water, that is easily replaceable and portable if needs be.

I am very thankful to our Trustees for these projects, and for the many behind-the-scenes projects that they have accomplished. The Lord has blessed us richly at Zion with the many faithful that serve on our various boards and committees. It is a joy for me to serve with them.

New Members

At this writing, which precedes your receipt of this issue of the Trumpet by at least three weeks, we have four adults and two children in membership classes. It is no small thing to have six members being added to our congregation. Several are transferring from other LC-MS congregations, and so have a shorter series of classes than those coming into our congregation from other denominations. For members transferring in, we review the Central Article of the Christian faith as it is presented in the Fourth Article of the Augsburg Confession. Then we study the Six Chief Parts of the Christian faith as Luther presents them in his Small Catechism. After that we study the Liturgy, review the first 15 Articles of the Augsburg Confession, and read the Zion constitution. Members are then received by Affirmation of Faith during the Mass.

For those coming to Zion from other denominations, the course of study is the entire Small Catechism, including all of “Schwan’s Questions”, or the catechetical questions and answers included in our catechism. This course of study frequently takes the better part of a year, if weekly classes are held. After the entire

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 Archdeacon David Stecholz, William Gramzow, Thomas Habitz, Jr., Michael Anderson; **TRUSTEES:** Silas Gray, Paul Snoes; **PARISH EDUCATION:** Shirley Cross, Robert Kelly III, Sarah Braden; **OFFICERS OF THE VOTERS:** Thomas Habitz, Jr. (chairman), Alan Kroske (vice-chairman), Pamela Ruffin (secretary), Paul Snoes (treasurer), Jessica Chavez (financial secretary).