

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, please speak with the Pastor before approaching the Altar.

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

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.

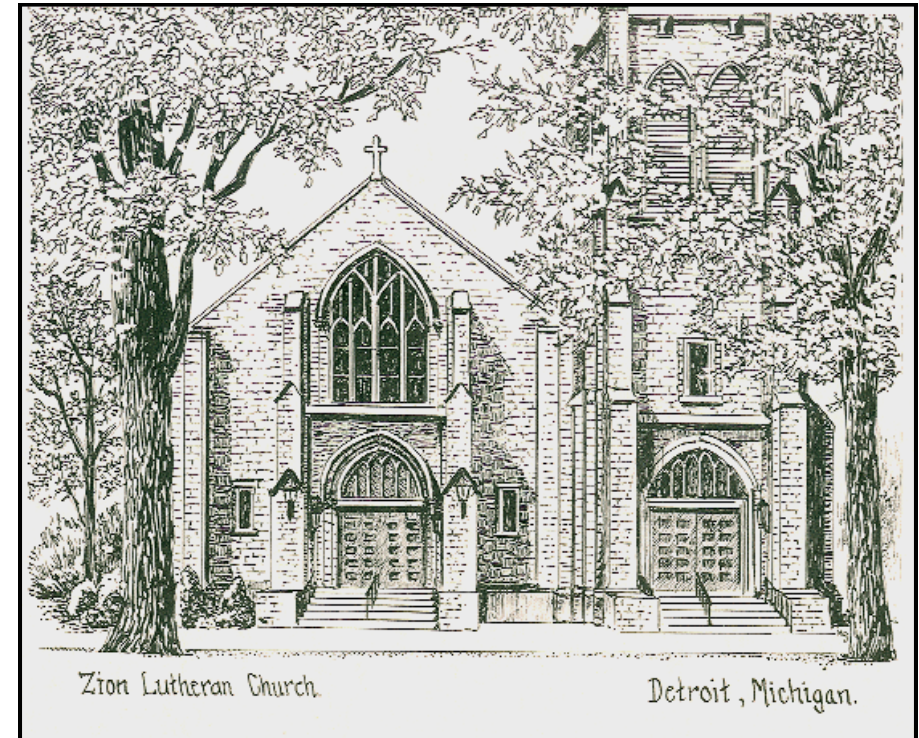
SICK AND HOMEBOUND are visited regularly by the Pastor with the Scriptures and Sacrament. Please contact the Parish Office if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation.

PARISH OFFICERS DEACONS: William Gramzow, Thomas Habitz, Jr., Michael Anderson **TRUSTEES:** Silas Gray, Paul Snoes, 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).

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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First Sunday After the Epiphany

January 10, 2018

The Father’s Business



In the House of the Lord you receive the blessing and benefit that sees you through all hardship and suffering. May the preaching and Sacraments gladden you. For this is where the Lord richly fills you with Himself in His Word and Supper!

The Theme of Today’s Liturgy Today, Our Lord reveals His purpose: to be about His Father’s things in the Temple, yet seated in the midst of His enemies (*Gospel*). This contrasts with the image we

have of Our Lord now; sitting on a throne, high and lifted up (*Introit*). And as Our Lord offers Himself willingly for our salvation, we pray for grace to do the same (*Collect*) by presenting our bodies a living sacrifice (*Epistle*). In this way, as we are made members of His body, we bless God (*Gradual*), make a joyful noise (*Alleluia*), and give Him praise (*Chief Hymn*).

The Sermon The Boy Jesus taught Israel’s teachers. They were astonished at His understanding and His answers. But they still did not believe who He is. The Scriptures testify of Him. He is the Center of Holy Writ. The Prophets and the Patriarchs pointed to Him. So too the lesson He gives to Mary and Joseph. Joseph is not His father. And the Things of His Father were there, in the Temple. So He could not be among the company returning from the Passover. All of Things of His True Father pointed to Him. Therein, in Him, is your salvation. By His atoning Sacrifice the One who was not in the company traveling from Jerusalem to Galilee grafts you in to the company of angels and archangels and all the company of heaven.

The Holy Eucharist The things of the Father begin and find fruition in the Father’s house. This is where Jesus is found even now – in the midst, among the preachers and teachers, laying down His Body and Blood for the Life of all.

The Readings Ecclesiastes 12:1-7; Romans 12:1-5; St. Luke 2:41-52

The Hymns for Today’s Mass

Processional Hymn	294
Chief Hymn	98
Offering Hymn	133
Distribution Hymns	625; 99
Retiring Processional Hymn	104 Stanzas 1,7

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First Week after Epiphany

Jan 7-14

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Holy Mass: First Sunday After Epiphany	Today, 10a, Church
Removal of Christmass Decorations	Today, 11:30a, Church
Matins.....	Mon, 8:45a, Chapel
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Holy Mass: Wednesday after Epiphany I	Wed, 10a, Chapel
Adult Study	Wed, 10:45a, Rectory
Matins	Thr, 8:45a, Chapel
Vespers.....	Thr, 7p Chapel
Men’s Group	Thr, 7:30p, Rectory
Matins	Sat, 8:45a, Chapel
Private Confession and Absolution.....	Sat, 9:15a, Chapel
Holy Mass: Baptism of Our Lord	Sat, 10a, Church
Ladies Group.....	Sat, 11a, Rectory
Holy Mass: Second Sunday after Epiphany	Sun, 10a, Church
Sunday School	Sun, 11:30a, Rectory
Bible Study.....	Sun, 11:30a, Undercroft

IN OUR PRAYERS Michael Anderson, Edward Brown, Linda Buskirk, Lela Casey, John Chavez, Gladys Cline, Anna Dalton, Drucilla Huddleston, Florine Kaiser, Lawrence Kasner, Margaret Quinkert, Fr. Erich Fickel and the Fickel family, Gloria Bailey, Nellie Bolton, Henry Frey, grandson of Fr. James Frey, Bill Gramzow, Richard Kelly Father of Bobby Kelly, Joan Seborowski mother of Paul Snoes, and Latoya Davis Gray, granddaughter of Lois Meriwether.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED to take down the Christmass decorations immediately following Holy Mass.

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THE PSALM FOR THIS WEEK IS PSALM 100. PRAY IT EVERY DAY!

In this Psalm, all lands (and people) are encouraged to worship the Lord with singing, acts of love, and faithful knowledge (v 1-3). That worship is grounded in our confidence that, regardless of our ethnic heritage, we are the Lord’s people (v 3b) Therefore we enter the house of the Lord to bless and thank Him (v 4) because His mercy, which makes us His own children, will continue forever (v 5).