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“Blow the Trumpet in Zion” (Joel 2.15)



Zion Trumpet

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by Father Braden

“Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?” The question asked by Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome was a natural one. The tomb was sealed. The stone was large, too large, too heavy for them to move. They believed the tomb to be full of death. Death comes to all men. Just as the women knew it was impossible for them to move the stone that sealed the tomb, so did the women know that no man can defeat death.

But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away. What was impossible for them to do, God did for them. He took upon Himself their flesh. He took upon Himself their sins. He died for them. And then He took up His life again.

When they arrived at the tomb, it wasn't a place of death. It was a pulpit. For there, where they expected death, was a heaven-sent preacher, an angel of the Lord. And from that unlikely pulpit the angel preached a sermon heard throughout the world, and throughout time and eternity: “Do not be afraid... You seek Jesus of Nazareth who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here!” At those words heaven and earth rejoice, for Christ conquered death.

The Great Promise of Easter is that what He did, He did for you. He took your flesh upon Himself. He took your sins upon Himself. He died for your sins. And He rose for your justification, that in the Risen Christ you be declared holy and pure, sinless and without spot or blemish before God. And all that - forgiveness, resurrection, and eternal life - He makes yours as you believe what the angel preached: the tomb is empty. Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed!

Join us, won't you, as we rejoice in the truth of the resurrection of

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“...the angel answered and said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid, for I know you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen as He said.’ “

St. Matthew 28:5-6



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our Lord, and as we bask in the Divine Gifts that He alone can give? The Great Vigil of Easter will be celebrated on Sunday, April 21st at 6:30 a.m., the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m.

Our Zion Altar Guild was recently reorganized. For many years Kathleen Atkins faithfully led our Zion ladies in the work of caring for the Chancel, and for the linens and vestments used in the Service of Holy Communion. We are very thankful to Kathleen for her dedicated service. Recently Kathleen passed the leadership of our Altar Guild to Jessica Chavez, who has served on the Altar Guild for many years.

On Saturday, January 12th an organizational meeting was held to bring several new ladies into the Altar Guild. At that meeting Fr. Braden did an orientation session, bringing the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to bear on the work of the Altar Guild. He explained all the linens, their use,



their proper names, and the correct handling and folding of each one.

In March a second training session was held, to pair the newly appointed

ladies with those who have served for some time. By the time you read this issue of the Trumpet, the newly organized Altar Guild should be fully functioning. Fr. Braden would like to thank all of our Altar Guild ladies, those who have served in the past, those who currently serve, and those recently brought into service. Your work is a valuable part of preparation for the Divine Service! Thank you!

Emily Solomon Honored with International Award – Zion's Cantor, Miss Emily Solomon, was recently honored with an international award. *The Diapason* magazine is the international journal of organists, organ builders, harpsichordists, carilloneurs, and church musicians. Our Emily, a doctoral student in sacred music at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, received the prestigious honor of being selected as one of "20 under 30", one of 20 musicians under 30 years old that has distinguished herself in musical expertise and knowledge.

Emily was recognized for her contributions to harpsichord, organ, and early music. She also serves as the Director of the acclaimed Academy of Early Music in Ann Arbor. She is a continuing Visiting Artist in harpsichord at Western Michigan University, and has played several times on tours of historic churches and on historic instruments in both Europe and Eastern Europe. She has also toured internationally with the Concordia University Ann Arbor Choir. We are blessed to have Miss Solomon as our Cantor at Zion. Congratulate her on her award next time you see her! I would also recommend that you give ear to the remarkable preludes and postludes that Emily prepares and plays before and after the Mass. It is our hope to have Emily give a recital at the St. Michael Conference again this year.

Passiontide and Holy Week at Zion begin with *Judica* Sunday, April 7th. On that day as we enter the church we are met by the violet veils that cover all the images of our Lord Jesus Christ, reminding us that His Divinity was veiled in Humanity, and His Glory was veiled in His Humiliation and His Suffering. Sunday, April 14th is Palm Sunday, the first day of Holy Week. Daily Mass is held all week, except Holy Saturday.

On Maundy Thursday two Masses are celebrated, the Chrism Mass at 9:30 a.m., at which the oils are blessed, and the Mass of the Institution at 7:00 p.m., at which we hear the account of our Lord's Institution of the Sacrament of the Altar. Mass ends with the Stripping of the Altar, as Psalm 22 is chanted. The congregation leaves in silence.

based upon the pious principles of The Church Catholic, formed through the centuries by the great saints of God. We need to know that the hour and the manner in which we celebrate The Mass of Christ in this Year of Grace 1952 is the same hour and the same manner in which The Church has celebrated it from the beginning. Martin Luther of pious memory, if he could return from the dead, would bless us for using this Liturgy tonight, for this is when and how he wanted Christ's Birth to be commemorated, and this is when and how he commemorated it himself. Saint Augustine pronounced in this hour the very same words in Latins which we hear in English. Those persecuted Christians in the catacombs of Rome received the same Sacrament in the same way in the same hour, and gave up their lives to receive it. Our Liturgy is yellow with age, and red with the blood of the Martyrs."

Thank you for these words, Fr. Runge. We thank God for the Liturgical and Confessional Lutheran Christian heritage you received from your fathers in the faith, for your faithful work in the liturgical renewal of our Synod, and for your stewardship in passing that Liturgy and Faith down to us. Pray God these same words can be said of our Celebration of God's Divine Service every Sunday and Feast Day at Zion today, and that He would strengthen us to pass the same Faith and Liturgy on to those who come after us!



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 6:00pm.

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 Stechholz, William Gramzow, Thomas Habitz, Jr., Michael Anderson
TRUSTEES: Silas Gray, Paul Snoes, Bill Arthur;
PARISH EDUCATION: Shirley Cross, Robert Kelly III,
Janet Stechholz
ENDOWMENT BOARD: Fr. Mark Braden (chairman) Tom Habitz, Jr., William Gramzow, Alan Kroske;
OFFICERS OF THE VOTERS: Thomas Habitz, Jr. (chairman), Alan Kroske (vice-chairman), Pamela Ruffin (secretary), Paul Snoes (treasurer), Jessica Chavez (financial secretary).

that we pastors handle in serving the Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Supper. Bravo to the Altar Guild women. It is usually LWML women, members of a women's Bible Class or guild who clean up the Narthex, arrange pamphlets neatly, straighten hymnals, provide the "man-power" for School fund-raisers and events, and the list goes on. Most Church choirs and handbell groups seem to have a majority of women. And this does not include you women who faithfully serve on Church Councils, Christian Service Committees, teach Sunday School classes, volunteer at hospitals and nursing homes, staff MOST Ministries, Lutheran Special Education Ministries, etc. A shout-out is also in order to pastors' wives, who stand by their husbands, especially when they falter.

You love God. May the Lord God bless you dear women, and particularly you who are women of the year, for your humble, kind, unassuming, and faithful service to Christ Jesus, our Lord, His Church, our congregations and schools, and communities. We honor you as we give glory and praise to the Lord, our God.



Birthday Anniversaries Baptism Anniversaries

April
23 William Gramzow
25 Bryan Westgate

April
9 Anthony Spicer
11 Robert Kelly III
19 Fayth Atkins

May
2 David Kasner
8 Anthony Spicer
12 Andrew Stechholz
13 Roderick Atkins
28 Susan Spicer

May
4 Carol Matschikowski
14 Betty Gill
21 William Gramzow
22 Natalie Balaska
29 Anthony Atkins
29 Roderick Atkins

New Nativity Scene One of the great joys of the Pastor is the visitation of the homebound. Although they are not able to attend church on Sundays, these faithful of Zion continue in daily prayer and devotion, and are visited by the Pastor each month to receive Holy Communion. Many of our homebound have enjoyed decades of membership at Zion, and have been sustained and fortified in the faith by the lips and hands of several generations of Zion Pastors.

On a recent visit to the home of one of our homebound faithful, I received, on behalf of the congregation, a beautiful Nativity Scene, a Crèche. This beautiful Crèche has graced the living room of Florine Kaiser for many years. The stable is hand-made out of wood, the figurines ceramic, the artisanship truly beautiful. On behalf of Zion I extend our thanks to Florine for the beautiful gift. It is my hope to use the Nativity Scene in the Narthex for Christmastide this year.

Zion's History is important to me, and to all of us. I've mentioned before that when I have a few quiet moments, I like to read old Zion Bulletins and Ordos, to learn more about those who have gone before us, about their faith, and about their practice. A few weeks ago I came across the Christmas Day Ordo from 1952. I was very interested in the Order of Service and the Propers. After the congregation prepared for worship silently in the pews, the Pastor ascended the altar, read the appointed Scripture passage, and preached the sermon - first - before anything else happened. After the sermon an anthem was sung while the Pastor moved to the Prayer Desk at the foot of the Chancel steps. The Service that followed was very similar to what we do every Sunday. It was based on the Lutheran Common Service, but included an extended Eucharistic Prayer. The Lord's Prayer was included in the prayer that followed the Words of Institution. Those who worship with us today would have been very much at home liturgically on Christmas Day in 1952. I'd like to give Fr. Kenneth Runge, who preached and Celebrated on the Feast of the Holy Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ in 1952, the last word in this issue of the Trumpet:

"The manner in which The Holy Eucharist is celebrated in our midst was not determined by a small group of Christians in Zion's midst, but by entire Christendom. In other words, our Liturgy is

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Good Friday is April 19th. The *Tre Ore* Service is held from noon until 3:00 p.m., the hours of darkness that covered our Lord as He hung on the cross. Stations of the Cross, a Service of Scripture and Prayer, is held at 7:00 p.m.

At this writing, we are working with a group of pre-seminary students from Concordia University Wisconsin, who have come in the past to serve at Zion's altar, and hope to return to Zion to serve at our Holy Week Masses.

Church Floor Restoration — In March Zion's historic slate floors were returned to the beauty our members and visitors have enjoyed for over 85 years. I don't know what the floors looked like in the original church building. My guess is that they were wood plank floors, since the church was built in 1882. On the 50th anniversary of that building, it was razed, and the new church was built. The new church, the church building that we enjoy, has beautiful multicolored slate floors. Over the years, wax accumulation, grime, and the salt used to combat ice in the winter rendered the slate a muted reflection of its original beauty. Our Zion Board of Trustees recruited a stone restoration company to bring the floors back to their original splendor. It took two weeks of hard work, but in March we enjoyed the restored floors for the first time. They are beautiful.

For the first time in many years the special, softer flooring that was used under the pews is visible. It is dark red in color, and was meant to deaden the sound of shoes and kneelers striking the ground during Mass. The high heels of many generations of faithful Zion ladies have left their signatures in the floor, a precious reminder of our mothers in the faith.

To do the necessary work, all of the furnishings had to be removed from the Nave, the Chancel and the Narthex. This allowed us to relocate the Altar Guild case to the newly renovated Undercroft stairwell. Now, next to the new bottled water dispenser and the new AED (automated external defibrillator, the emergency device used in case of heart attack) station, is our well-lit Altar Guild case.

The Altar Guild case has known several homes in the recent past. It has been in the school gym, where it was on display when the coffee hour after Mass was held there. It has been in the Undercroft, where the coffee hour was moved after leasing the school. It is now returned to that general area. The case features carefully selected Confessional

Lutheran books, Bibles, candles, and gifts. I encourage you to support our Altar Guild by availing yourself of their wares. The money the Altar Guild raises is returned to the church in the form of support for the St. Michael Conference every September.

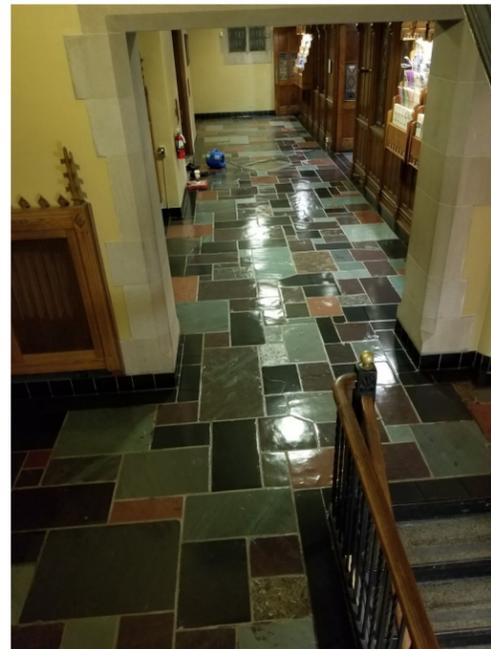
I would especially like to thank our Board of Trustees for the recent work on the church front stairs, the church floor restoration, the move of the Altar Guild case to the Undercroft stairwell, and the many, many maintenance and repair projects that they accomplish each week that go unnoticed, in the school buildings, in the Rectory, in the Church, and on our campus grounds. I know that all our members join me in saying "Thank You!"



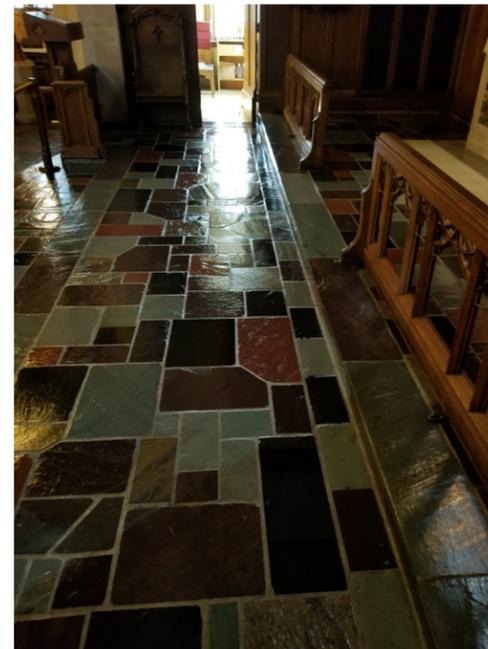
Nave Floor Before



Nave Floor After



Narthex Floor After



Chancel Area Floor After

Anniversary Celebration – On Sunday, February 17th, there was a celebration and catered luncheon after Mass in recognition of several important anniversaries. Father Braden celebrated his 10th anniversary at Zion the first Sunday in January. His 15th anniversary of Ordination falls this May. The Braden's 40th wedding anniversary is this September.

It was a Grand Gala! The Undercroft was nicely decorated, with centerpieces on each table. The food was catered by Polish Village Café of Hamtramck. The program featured the presentation of several gifts to Fr. Braden, including a framed, hand-painted oil rendering of Zion's Chancel which was unveiled during the ceremony.

Fr. Braden would like to thank all those who worked to make the celebration such a great success, everyone who attended or sent congratulatory cards, letters and emails, and to everyone who brought gifts! I count my service to Christ at Zion as a wonderful Gift. You have all been a blessing to us. Thank You!



A Salute to the Women of the Year - 2019 Council of Lutheran Women (Greater Detroit)

by Archdeacon David Stechholz

(On March 19, The Annual Council of Lutheran Women "Woman of the Year" Luncheon was held. Mrs. Karen Anderson was honored as Zion's "Woman of the Year". This address was given by our own Archdeacon Stechholz).

It is truly an honor to salute you dear women of the year at the annual Council of Lutheran Women luncheon right here in Livonia, where my wife and I reside. Livonia may not have a real "downtown," but we are blessed with a great park system, a City motto that reads "In God We Trust" and a slogan, "Families First."

So let me start there. You dear ladies are the backbone of your families, the caregivers who give love, nurture, spiritual encouragement, and inspirational support to the members of your families, as well as doing all or most of the laundry, shopping, cooking, and house-cleaning. Proverbs 31, Philippians 4, and Luke 10 note such women of faith and service. While the husband is to be the spiritual head of the household, he is often probed up by the godly woman of faith in the household. Thank you for this noble service that is often unrecognized in contemporary American culture.

From the perspective of a retired District President & Bishop and a semi-retired Pastor, I so value the steady, faithful, dependable labors of love of the women of our congregations and churchly organizations. Often times these acts of godly service and mercy ministry go unrecognized. They are often behind the scenes. Consider the faithfully washed and ironed altar linens and purificators