

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, Friday, 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.

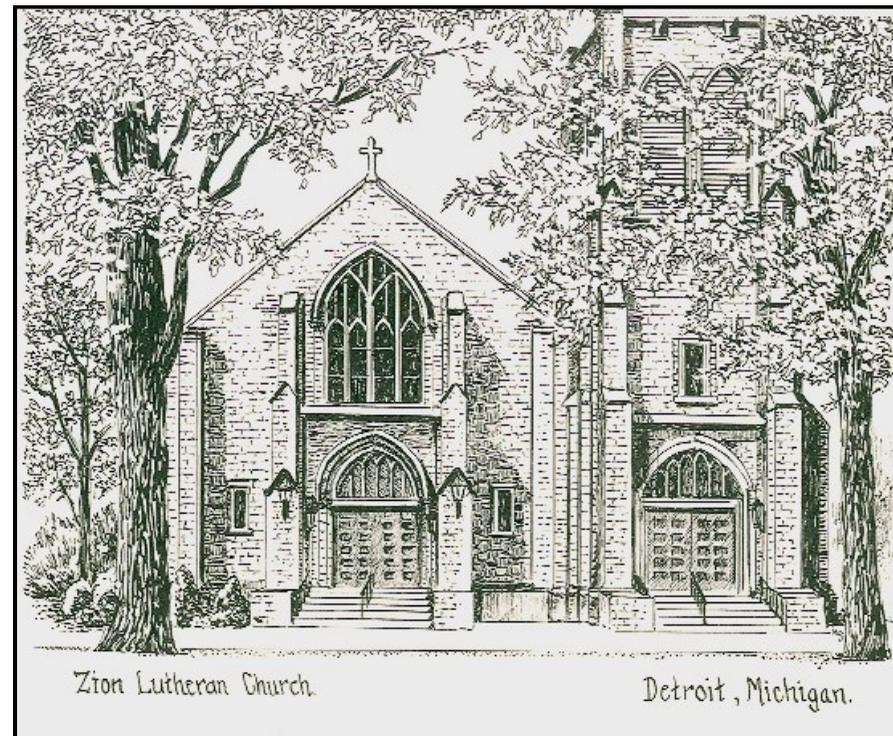
SICK AND HOMEBOUND are visited regularly by the Pastor with the Scriptures and Sacrament. Please contact the Parish Office if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation.

PARISH OFFICERS DEACONS: William Gramzow, Thomas Habitz, Jr., Eric Russell TRUSTEES: Roderick Atkins, Gregory Gramzow, Paul Snoes; PARISH EDUCATION: Shirley Cross, Alan Kroske, Pamela Ruffin; OFFICERS OF THE VOTERS: Roderick Atkins (chairman), Jason Balaska (vice-chairman), Kristi Russell (secretary), Gregory Gramzow (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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HE HAS DESIRED HER AS HIS DWELLING PLACE"



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First Sunday After the Epiphany

January 12, 2014

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.

The Sermon

He had to be about His Father's business. He had to be surrounded by the Altar, the Candlestands, the Showbread, the holy incense and the Chrism. He had to be where the sacrifices were offered. He had to be where prayers were made. He had to be where the Word of God was read and preached. Like His earthly parents, many men seek Him where He has never promised to be. They assume He will be where they think He ought to be. But thanks be to God, He is still among the Holy Things. He is here, where water is tinged with His Blood for your rebirth. He is here, where God's Word is read and preached and taught. He is here, where His once-for-all Sacrifice is applied to you in Holy Absolution. He is here, with bread and wine, for your forgiveness and salvation. His Father's business is your eternal life. He so loved the world that He sent His Son for you.

The Holy Eucharist

The things of the Father begin and find fruition in the Father's house. This is where the 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 Prelude Two Settings of "Now Praise We Christ, the Holy One"
— Healey Willan (1880-1968) / Georg Böhm (1661-1733)

The Postlude Now Praise We Christ, the Holy One —J. G. Walther (1684-1748)

The Hymns for Today's Mass

Processional Hymn	294
Chief Hymn	98
Offering Hymn	133
Distribution Hymns	625, 99
Retiring Processional Hymn	104



Prepare for the Baptism of Our Lord

Monday, January 13, 2014

To Fulfill All Righteousness

9:30am

Isaiah 60.1-6; 1 Corinthians 1.26-31, St. John 1.29-34

Hymns: 598, "To Jordan Came the Christ Our Lord" (insert), 301, "Now Christ, the Very Son of God" (insert), "I Bind Unto Myself Today" (insert)



Prepare for Next Sunday

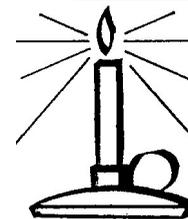
Second Sunday After the Epiphany

The Lord of Gladness

January 19, 2014

Isaiah 61.1-6, Romans 12.6-16, St. John 2:1-11

Hymns: 539, "The Only Son From Heaven" (insert), 134, 550, 387, 353



Upon a manger filled with hay
In poverty content He lay;
With milk was fed the Lord of all,
Who feeds the ravens when they call.

Luther’s magnificent hymn “Now Praise We Christ, the Holy One” (# 104), the RETIRING PROCESSION HYMN, expresses the mystery of the Incarnation.

God, who created all things, and cares for all things, even seemingly small, insignificant things (cf. Mt 6:26), is made small, becomes poor, and nurses at His mother’s breast.

This hymn is a German translation based on the hymn at Lauds (Morning Prayer) for Christmas Day “A solis ortus cardine” by Coelius Sedulius, a sixth-century bishop. Although Luther wasn’t the first to write a translation of the Latin, his significantly rearranged the first stanza so that the opening focus is clearly on Christ.

The tune is based on the traditional plainsong melody.

Today’s PRELUDE is two settings of “Now Praise We Christ.” The first, a quiet contemplative setting is by Healey Willan, an English-born Canadian church musician whose music is widely used in the United States in the Missouri Synod. The second, with the melody accented by the right hand on a separate manual, is by Georg Bohm.

The CHIEF HYMN, “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” (# 98), is by Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348-413). A Spanish scholar, he is known for two major works: the *Preistephanon*, a collection of poems honoring martyrs of Spain, Rome, and Africa; and the *Cathemerinon*, a series of hymns for the various hours of the day. It is from this latter work that “Of the Father’s Love” originates.

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Holy Mass for the First Sunday After the Epiphany..... Today, 10a, Church Pictorial Directory Photos..... Today, 9-9:45a & 11:30a-12:30p, Undercroft Hallway Christmass Decoration Removal Today, 11:15a, Church
Holy Mass for the Baptism of Our Lord..... Mon, 9:30a, Church Matins Tue, 8:45a, Chapel
Pastors’ Circuit Meeting at Shepherd King, West Bloomfield Tues, 10a Vespers Tue, 5:30p, Chapel
Holy Mass for Wednesday of Epiphany I.....Wed, 10a, Chapel Matins Thr, 8:45a, Chapel
Vespers Thr, 5:30p, Chapel
Matins Fri, 8:45a, Chapel
Matins Sat, 8:45a, Chapel
Private Confession and Absolution..... Sat, 9:15a, Chapel
Youth Catechism..... Sat, 10a, Rectory
Women’s Group..... Sat, 1p, Rectory
Holy Mass for the Second Sunday After the Epiphany Sun, 10a, Church Adult Bible Class..... Sun, 11:30a, Undercroft
Sunday School Sun, 11:30a, Activities Center

IN OUR PRAYERS David Beens, Edward Brown, Linda Buskirk, Lela Casey, John Chavez, Gladys Cline, Anna Dalton, Martha Draspa, Sandy Frey, Ellen Hayden, Drucilla Huddleston, Florine Kaiser, Lawrence Kasner, Eleanor Luka, Earlene Maynarich, Michael Maynarich, Robert Murdock, Margaret Quinkert, Pauline Rivard, and Sylvia Schleif.

ALTAR AND STATUE FLOWERS in honor of Fr. Braden’s Fifth Anniversary as Pastor of Zion

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).

Today's Announcements

LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTION Anyone interesting in subscribing to the *Lutheran Witness* magazine for 2014 may do so by placing \$8.76 in an envelope labeled "Lutheran Witness" with their name and address in the offering plate. The last date to subscribe or renew your subscription will be January 23. The *Lutheran Witness* is the official periodical of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY MAKE-UP DAY 54 people were photographed for our directory, about 23% of our members. The make-up session is today from 9am-9:45am and 11:30am-12:30pm. If you have not been photographed, please go immediately to the Undercroft following Holy Mass for your picture. Please remind those who are not here today that Friday is the last day to submit a picture to the parish office.

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

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD is celebrated on the octave ("eighth day") of the Epiphany. Join us for Holy Mass sung in the Church tomorrow, Monday, January 13 at 9:30am. The Rev. Fr. Ryan D. Beffrey, pastor of Mount Olive Evangelical-Lutheran Church, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, will be the guest preacher and celebrant.

FATHER BRADEN MARKS FIFTH ANNIVERSARY Due to last Sunday's inclement weather, the celebration of the fifth anniversary (January 4) of Fr. Braden's installation at Zion will take place **TODAY** following the decoration removal. All praise to Christ for His Ministry at Zion through the work of Fr. Braden. Pray for Our Lord's continued blessing on the work of Zion and Fr. Braden. Please remember to congratulate him on this milestone, and enjoy some refreshments with Father, Patty, and Sarah in the Undercroft. Thanks be to God, who has raised up a faithful undershepherd in our midst!

FATHER BRADEN TRIP TO COLOMBIA This week, Fr. Braden travels to Colombia to work with the Lutheran Church there. Remember him and the Colombian church in your prayers. In Fr. Braden's absence, Fr. Schultz will celebrate Mass on Wednesday at 10am in the Chapel.

ADULT CHOIR The Zion Adult Choir will sing for the Transfiguration of Our Lord, Feb 9. Rehearsals will be Sundays, Jan 19 and 26 from 9-9:45am, and Feb 2 and 9 from 8:45-9:30am. Please indicate your willingness to sing to Kantor Schultz after Mass today.



The Baptism of Our Lord Monday, January 13, 2014

In Matthew 3, Jesus says that it is necessary for Him to be baptized in order "to fulfill all righteousness."

In the water of the Jordan River, the sin of the world is placed upon Christ, so that, in your baptism, Christ's righteousness is placed upon you.

"Do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection" (Romans 6).

This event of Christ for you is commemorated in the Church on the octave ("eighth day") of the Epiphany—January 13.

**Holy Mass
9:30am
In the Church**