

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.

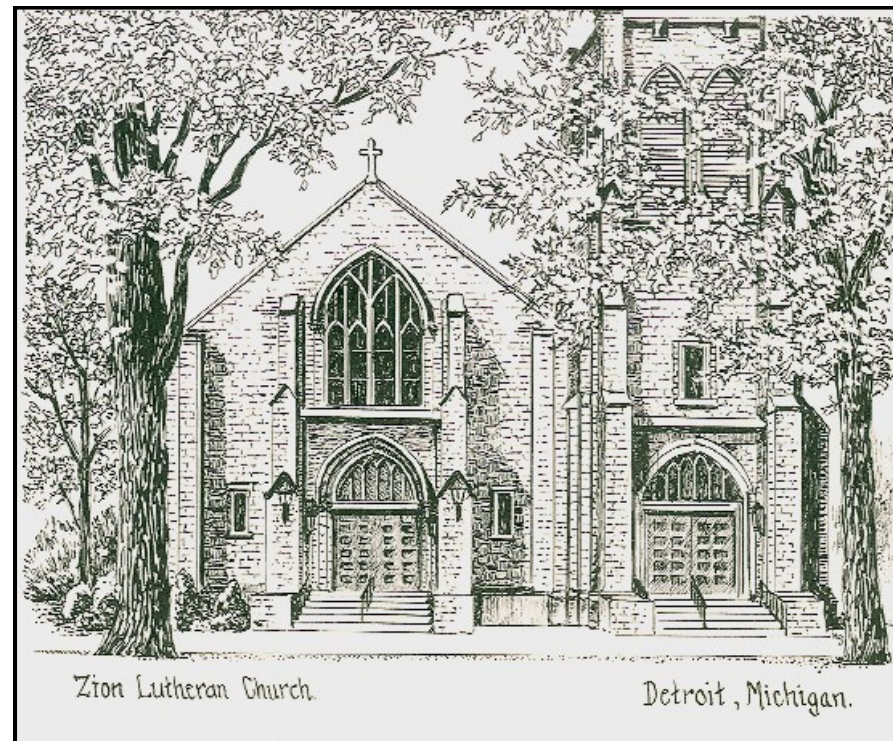
SICK AND HOMEBOUND are visited regularly by the Pastor with the Scriptures and Sacrament. Please contact the Parish Office if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation.

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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Second Sunday After the Epiphany

January 19, 2014

The Lord of Gladness



Welcome to the Marriage Feast of the Lamb whose Blood both cleanses us from sin and makes the heart glad! May you together with all the Faithful be refreshed, nourished, and strengthened by this Holy Mass.

The Theme of Today's Liturgy

In today's Mass, we make a joyful noise unto God (*Introit*) and declare the good He does for our soul (*Offertorium*). In this joy, we beseech the almighty God who governs all things in heaven and earth mercifully to hear and grant our prayer (*Collect*). That He does by the various gifts He gives His ministers in the church, which all point toward godly faith which lives toward others (*Epistle*). But most of all, Our Lord does us good by setting out the good wine in His Blood which manifests His glory (*Gospel*).

The Sermon

There were six waterpots of stone, according to the manner of purification of the Jews. The jars did their job whether empty or full. Their job was to call everyone who passed by unclean. The water they contained could not wash away the uncleanness that brings death, no mere water can. So these jars, like the two tablets of stone God gave Moses, can only accuse. But in Christ, the jars, and the Law, is fulfilled. He fills them to the brim. He ushers in the New Testament as the Old is filled with the wine of the New, now those jars not accusing, but nourishing, not convicting, but blessing. For against love there is no Law. Indeed God has kept the best until now!

The Holy Eucharist

The heart is gladdened by the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation in the Blood of the New Testament that we are given to drink. In this way, our faith is strengthened and confirmed, even as His mercy and kindness reveal Our Lord's glory.

The Readings Isaiah 61.1-6; Romans 12.6-16a; St. John 2.1-11

The Prelude Partita on "The Only Son From Heaven" —D. Rotermund (b. 1932)

The Postlude The Only Son From Heaven (BWV 601) —J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

The Hymns for Today's Mass

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| Processional Hymn | 539 |
| Chief Hymn | "The Only Son From Heaven" insert (choir: stanza 3) |
| Offering Hymn | 134 |
| Distribution Hymns | 550 (interlude after stanzas 3 and 6); 387 (stanzas 1, 2, 4, and 8) |
| Retiring Processional Hymn | 353 |

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The Second Week After the Epiphany

Jan 19—26

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Holy Mass for the Second Sunday After the Epiphany Today, 10a, Church Adult Bible Class..... Today, 11:30a, Undercroft Sunday School Today, 11:30a, Activities Center

Matins Mon, 8:45a, Chapel

Matins Tue, 8:45a, Chapel

Vespers Tue, 5:30p, Chapel

Holy Mass for Wednesday of Epiphany II.....Wed, 10a, Chapel

Private Confession and Absolution..... Sat, 9a, Chapel

Holy Mass for the Conversion of St. Paul.....Sat, 10a, Church Youth Catechism..... Sat, 10a, Church Adult Choir Rehearsal.....Sun, 9a, Rectory

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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.

LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTION Anyone interesting in subscribing to the *Lutheran Witness* for 2014 may do so by placing \$8.76 in an envelope labeled "Lutheran Witness" with their name and address in the offering plate. Thursday is the last day to subscribe.

ADULT CHOIR The Zion Adult Choir will sing February 9 and 16. Rehearsals continue Sundays, Jan 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.

THEOLOGICAL SYMPOSIA This week the annual Exegetical and Confessions Symposia are held at the seminary. Fr. Braden and Fr. Schultz will be attending portions of the symposia. Consult the calendar for changes in the weekly schedule. Holy Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday as usual.

THE PSALM FOR THIS WEEK IS PSALM 66. PRAY IT EVERY DAY!

We joyfully sing out of the honor of God's name (v 1, 2, 4) because of His works (v 3, 5). His works are not just the magnificence of His creating (v 6, 7) but that He redeems us by giving us His rich and fulfilling life in the midst of affliction (v 8-12). Our response is to give thanks by keeping our vow of participating in His remembrance at the altar (v 13-15). In this way, at the Mass we declare and proclaim what He has done, how He has helped us, and how He attends to our prayers (v 16-19). And so we end our praise of God where we began it: by blessing His Name because of His mercy (v 20).