

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.

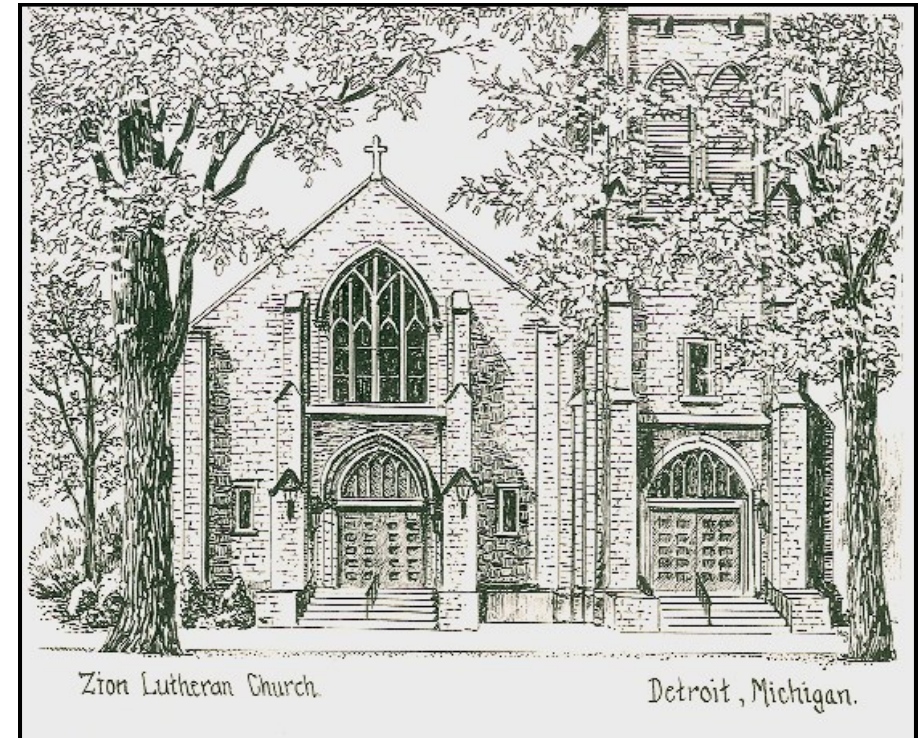
SICK AND HOMEBOUND are visited regularly by the Pastor with the Scriptures and Sacrament. Please contact the Parish Office if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation.

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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Cantate—Fourth Sunday After Easter

May 18, 2014

The Holy Spirit, The Comforter



God's Kingdom comes whenever He sends us His Holy Spirit. And the Spirit is never sent apart from Our Lord in the Gospel preaching and Gospel Sacraments. Draw near with the Faithful of God, then, to hear and receive the Spirit of the Church!

The Theme of Today's Liturgy

Today we get to sing to the Lord the "new song" born from the marvelous things and the salvation Our Lord openly shows (*Introit*). This salvation is the Holy Spirit who is the "good and perfect gift from above" (*Epistle*). The Spirit's salvation is to guide us into all truth (*Gospel*). And by the Spirit we pray the Father that we may "love what you command and desire what you promise" (*Collect*).

The Sermon

When the Christ departs, the Helper comes. He is the Spirit that proceeds from the Father and the Son. He is the Paraclete, the Comforter, the One who exhorts. Whatever the Spirit speaks He hears from the Father and the Son. So the most profound Mystery, the Mystery of the Holy Trinity, is revealed to you. And the Spirit comes to convict the world. That is His work. He convicts the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment. Faith receives the Gifts of God, unbelief is convicted. He in whom Christ dwells is declared righteous, the man without Christ is unrighteous. The man who is marked by the Triune God is vindicated, the man who bears any other mark is judged and condemned. The Christian is purchased, redeemed, won by Christ to be reconciled to the Father. Therefore you, O Baptized, you belong to the Triune God.

The Holy Eucharist

The Holy Spirit comforts you in the Holy Eucharist by opening your spiritual eyes to believe that the bread is Christ's Body and the wine is Christ's Blood given to be your forgiveness, your life and your salvation.

The Readings

Isaiah 29.9-14; James 1.17-21; St. John 16.5-15

The Prelude At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing —Jan O. Bender (1909-1994)

The Postlude Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice —Matthias Weckmann (1616-1674)

The Hymns for Today's Mass

Processional Hymn	195
Chief Hymn	387 (stanzas 1-6) (choir: stanza 3)
Offering Hymn	204
Distribution Hymns	387 (stanzas 7-10); "At the Lamb's High Feast" (insert)
Retiring Processional Hymn	202

The Mass: Intercessions

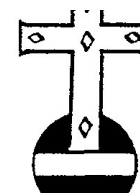
Every Christian has the right to pray. This is God's will. When we pray in the right way, we do not think only of our own needs, but of the needs of all the people we love and work with as well, and we think of those who need our special help.



Now in the Prayer of the Church (the Intercessions), the congregation thinks of all its children and excludes no one, just as Jesus prayed for all His friends. We call Jesus our High Priest, because He prays for us. In the Intercessions, we pray to God in the Name of Jesus and present all the needs of the Church. But let us not forget that this prayer is also a Thanksgiving, for thanksgiving must always precede all petitions.

—Berthold von Schenk, "The Little Service Book"

Prepare for Next Sunday



Rogate—Fifth Sunday After Easter

May 25, 2014

Isaiah 55.6-11; James 1.22-27; St. John 16.23-30

Hymns: 21, 458, 437, 528

Proclaim the wonders God hath done! It is fitting on Cantate (Latin: “sing”) Sunday to sing Luther’s (1483-1546) first congregational hymn, “Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice” (# 387). Having rediscovered the Gospel and the joy that comes through Christ’s salvation, Luther wrote this hymn in 1523. It likely also had as its inspiration “Salvation Unto Us Has Come (# 377).

Stanza nine fits well with today’s Gospel from John 16:5-15:

Now to My Father I depart, The Holy Spirit sending
And heavenly wisdom to impart, My help to thee extending
He shall in trouble comfort thee, Teach thee to know and follow Me,
And in all truth shall guide thee.



The tune is said to have been transcribed by Luther after he heard it sung by a traveling artisan.

At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing The DISTRIBUTION HYMN (insert) is a Latin hymn from the sixth-ninth centuries. Bringing in Old Testament imagery, the hymn is a rich portrayal of joy in Christ emphasized in the Easter season.

F. Samuel Janzow (1913-2001), professor at of theology and English at Concordia University Chicago and member of the hymnal committee for the 1982 Lutheran Worship, summarizes:

“The Easter joy of faith’s feeding upon Christ and his sin-and-death-and-hell-conquering crucifixion and resurrection is poetically pictured in this hymn as a feast at which the blood of the Lamb is the wine that faith drinks, and the Lamb’s flesh, or body, is the food upon which it feeds during this victory banquet.”



THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Holy Mass for Cantate, Easter IV	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, 5:30pm, Chapel
Holy Mass for Wednesday of Cantate	Wed, 10a, Chapel
Bible Class	Wed, 10:45a, Rectory
Matins	Thr, 8:45a, Chapel
Men’s Group	Thr, 7p, Rectory
Matins	Fri, 8:45a, Chapel
Matins	Sat, 8:45a, Chapel
Private Confession and Absolution.....	Sat, 9:15a, Chapel
Youth Catechism.....	Sat, 10a, Rectory
Adult Choir Rehearsal.....	Sun, 9a, Rectory
Holy Mass for Rogate, Easter V	Sun, 10a, Church
Adult Bible Class.....	Sun, 11:30a, Undercroft
Sunday School	Sun, 11:30a, Activities Center

IN OUR PRAYERS Edward Brown, Linda Buskirk, Charles Capsel (Kristi Russell’s father), 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, and Pauline Rivard.

GIFTS AND DONATIONS From Drucilla Huddleston for the Benevolence Fund in memory of the Rev. Fr. Gene Evans (✠ May 19, 2007).

ASCENSION DAY is Thursday, May 29. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 7pm in the Church.

VOTERS’ ASSEMBLY The Zion Voters’ Assembly will meet on Sunday, June 1, following Holy Mass. See the agenda on page 5.

THE PSALM FOR THIS WEEK IS PSALM 98. PRAY IT EVERY DAY!

The “old song” was one of despair sung on the way out of the Garden of Eden. The “new song” is based not on our creativity, but on the salvation and mercy of Our Lord toward the whole earth (v 1-3). Everything in creation joins in this song (v 4-8). It reaches its climax until the Lord comes (v 9). Yet the Lord’s coming will not produce another song of fear, but will continue the song of joy. For the Lord’s judgment means the end of death and the beginning of new life!

Today's Announcements

CANTATE means “sing.” This is the first word of Psalm 98 and the Introit appointed for this day. Psalm 98 is a joyous psalm that ascribes glory and praise to God for His great redemptive work – giving His only-begotten Son Jesus Christ to die for the sins of the world, and then to rise to new life on the first Easter morning. Christ is the Right Hand and Holy Arm of God, God in the flesh. Christ is the Righteousness revealed to the nations. Christ is our salvation, “the salvation of our God.” By God’s grace through faith in Jesus Christ, we, like all Christians of all time, are saved. Those who follow the propers carefully will note that the Gospel readings appointed for Jubilate (last week), Cantate (this week), and Rogate (next week) are all from the sixteenth chapter of St. John.

ADULT CHOIR The choir will sing for Ascension (May 29), and Pentecost (June 8). Rehearsals continue next Sunday at 9am in the Rectory. Thanks to those singing at Mass today: Kathleen Atkins, Leslie Braden, Patricia Braden, Sarah Braden, Thomas Habitz, Andrew Stechholz, and Janet Stechholz.

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED In today’s Mass, Michael and Sherry Edwards and son Elijah are received by Adult Confirmation. Children Leah, Josiah, and Anna are received as baptized members. A reception will follow Mass in the Undercroft to welcome the Edwards.



COMMUNITY CHORUS OF DETROIT presents the Verdi *Requiem* today at 4:30pm at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, 9844 Woodward (at Boston Blvd). The concert will feature Metropolitan Opera-affiliated soloists, three guest choirs for a total of 175 voices and a full symphony orchestra, directed by Dr. Edward Maki-Schramm. Tickets are \$40 at the door.

ZION MEN’S GROUP will meet on Thursday, May 22. We begin with Vespers in the Church and then return to the Rectory for study and Gemütlichkeit. Please RSVP for a count for the food: FrBraden@ZionDetroit.org.

SYLVIA JOAN SCHLEIF, 1937-2014

Sylvia was born on January 26, 1937 in Detroit to Arthur and Virginia Schleif. She was received into God’s Kingdom through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on February 14, 1937. Sylvia was confirmed in the Christian Faith at Zion on April 12, 1950.

Having faithfully heard the Word of God, and received the Body and Blood of Our Lord, Sylvia was prepared for the journey to the Zion above, and, after a period of illness, departed this life on May 14, 2014, at the age of 77 years and 108 days.

She is preceded in death by her parents and brother Donald.

The Lord has given and the Lord has taken away. Blessed be the Name of the Lord!

REGULAR VOTERS’ MEETING 1 JUNE 2014 AT 11:30 A.M. AGENDA

Opening Prayer

Call to Order

Establishing a Quorum

Review of Minutes

Committee Reports

- Trustees’ Report
- Parish Education Report
- Endowment Board Report
- Deacons’ Report
- Treasurer’s Report
- Pastor’s Report

Old Business

New Business

1. Budget – 7/1/14 thru 6/30/15

Future Looking

Closing Prayer