

Zion Evangelical-Lutheran Church

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

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.

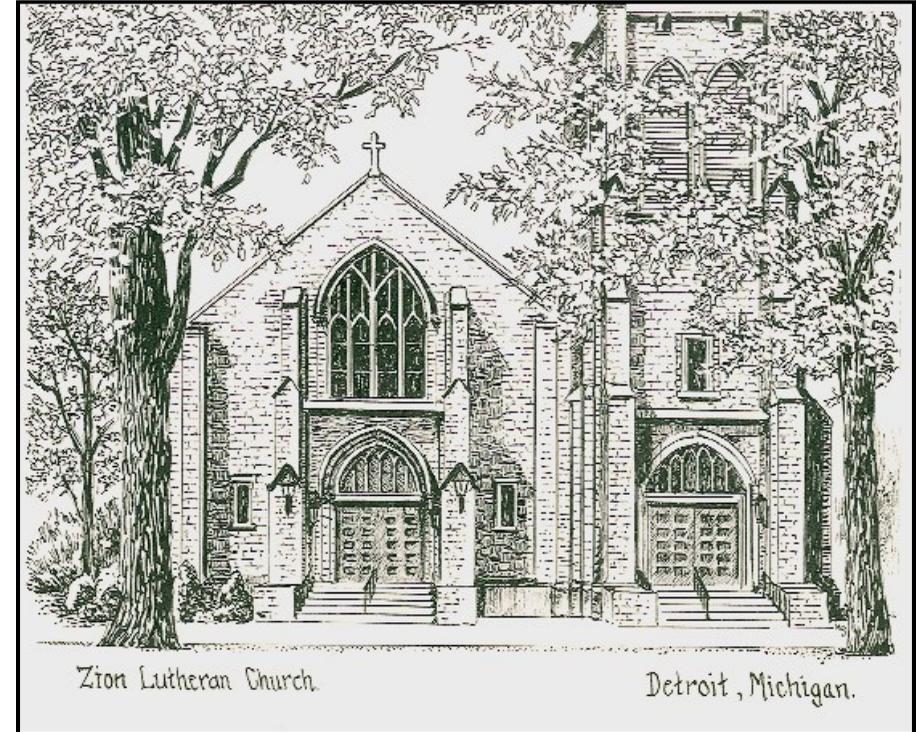
SICK AND HOMEBOUND are visited regularly by the Pastor with the Scriptures and Sacrament. Please contact the Parish Office if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation.

PARISH OFFICERS DEACONS: William Gramzow, Thomas Habitz, Jr., 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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**Third Sunday After Michaelmass
October 19, 2014**



Thy Strong Word

Welcome to the place where the surest and most certain promises are made and guaranteed and kept. For the promise is from the Lord and is as good as His Word. May you today find comfort in His strong and sure promise.

The Theme of Today's Liturgy

We desire a God whom we can count on, who never lets us down, and who cannot be overpowered – a God who holds the whole world in His power (*Introit*). That's the God David prayed to, relied upon, and leaned on and trusted in (*Old Testament*). That's the God the nobleman expected from the mouth of Jesus (*Gospel*). And that's the God who promises to shield and defend us from whatever threatens to undo us (*Epistle*). So we pray in confidence that Our Lord will keep His church (and us) in continual godly living (*Collect*) which relies solely on His true Word and sure promise.

The Sermon

Under Solomon the borders of the Davidic kingdom would expand to their farthest reach in all of history. Never since has Israel enjoyed a kingdom so large. Today the land is in ruins, shell-shocked, the ground moist with the blood of hundreds of generations. But still David's prayer was answered. A Son of his loins reigns forever. And His power and authority know no limits. But His Kingdom is not like earthly kingdoms. The nobleman cries out "Sir, come down before my child dies!" Christ answers "Go your way; your son lives." And so it was, and so it is. He said "Let there be light", and there was light. His strong Word did cleave the darkness. At His speaking it was done. Now the same Word cleaves sickness and death. By Divine breath death is defeated, and life prevails.

The Holy Eucharist

We come to the Eucharist desiring forgiveness, the strength to face the days ahead, rescue from our bondage to sin, and refreshed life. And that is precisely what Our Lord's Body and Blood give us – forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.

The Readings

2 Samuel 7.18-29; Ephesians 6.10-17; St. John 4.46-54

The Hymns for Today's Mass

Processional Hymn	470
Chief Hymn	261 (Choir sings stanza 2)
Choral Voluntary	choir: "O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth"
Distribution Hymns	247; 444; 447
Retiring Processional Hymn	452

The Mass: Preface

The Preface opens with a Salutation, in which the celebrant says "The Lord be with you" and the people respond, "And with your spirit." This is the final preparation for the greatest event of the day, and indeed the greatest thing in all of life, the giving and receiving of the Blessed Sacrament. By this prayer, the celebrant petitions the Lord to be in the hearts and minds of the people who are about to receive this great Gift, that is, that He may grant them abundant faith. Their response, "And with your spirit," here as well as in other places, is a petition that the spirit of the celebrant and the Holy Spirit would be the same, that is, that the celebrant would be entirely faithful and true, by the Holy Spirit's power (which incidentally is why the more recent "and also with you" is unfortunate, to say the least).

Next, a verse is said responsively, the celebrant intoning, "Lift up your hearts," and the people replying, "We lift them up unto the Lord," calling to mind a penitential section from the book of Lamentations: "Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the Lord. Let us lift up our heart with our hands unto God in the heavens. We have transgressed and have rebelled: thou hast not pardoned" (Lamentations 3.40-42). That is, we lift up our hearts for cleansing here, begging for mercy, in a brief word reminiscent of the Kyrie we had uttered earlier.

And then, as if in immediate response, our faith rises in remembrance of the Lord's mercy, and gives thanks. In fact, the thanks we give for His mercy is not merely in the next words, the celebrant's invitation, "Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God," and the reply, "it is meet and right so to do," but more robustly in the great Sanctus, which is itself the actual giving of the thanks prescribed in the Preface.

– Burnell F. Eckardt, Jr.,

"The New Testament in His Blood: A Study of the Holy Liturgy of the Christian Church"

The Prelude Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word —Jan O. Bender (1909-1994)

The Postlude Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word (BWV 1103) —J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

That in these gray and latter days, There may be men whose life is praise, Each life a high doxology, To Father, Son, and unto Thee.

The CHORAL VOLUNTARY (during the Offering) is Martin Franzmann’s (1907-1976) “O God, O Lord of Heaven And Earth.” Written for the 450th anniversary of the Reformation in 1967, Franzmann’s hymn expresses the revolutionary work of the Word of God in the life of sinners and in this dying world. “Thy Word meant life triumphant hurled, In splendor through Thy broken world!” The organ arrangement is by Donald Busarow (1934-2011).

O God, O Lord of heaven and earth,
Thy living finger never wrote
That life should be an aimless mote,
A deathward drift from futile birth.
Thy Word meant life triumphant hurled
In splendor through Thy broken world.
Since light awoke and life began,
Thou hast desired Thy life for man.

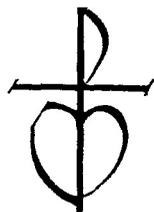
Our fatal will to equal Thee
Our rebel will wrought death and night.
We seized and used in prideful spite
Thy wondrous gift of liberty.
We housed us in this house of doom,
Where death had royal scope and room,
Until Thy servant, Prince of Peace,
Breached all its walls for our release.

Thou camest to our hall of death,
O Christ to breath our poisoned air,
To drink for us the dark despair
That strangled our reluctant breath
How beautiful the feet that trod
The road that leads us back to God!
How beautiful the feet that ran
To bring the great good news to man.

O Spirit, who didst once restore
Thy church that it might be again
The bringer of good news to men,
Breathe on thy cloven Church once more,
That in these gray and latter days
There may be men whose life is praise,
Each life a high doxology
To Father, Son, and unto Thee.

The organ introduction to “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast” (# 261) is by Hans Friedrich Micheelsen (1902-1973).

Prepare for Next Sunday



Fourth Sunday After Michaelmass “Forgive Us Our Trespasses”

October 26, 2014

Proverbs 3.11-20; Philippians 1.3-11; St. Matthew 18.21-35

Hymns: 477, 321, 287, 292, 429, 319

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Holy Mass for the Third Sunday after Michaelmass Today, 10a, Church Bible Study Today, 11:30a, Undercroft Sunday School Today, 11:30a, Activities Center
Matins Mon, 8:45a, Chapel
Matins Tue, 8:45a, Chapel
Vespers Tue, 6:30p, Chapel
Holy Mass for Wednesday of Michaelmass III.....**Wed, 10a, Chapel**
Bible Study Wed, 10:45a, Rectory
Matins Thr, 8:45a, Chapel
Vespers Thr, 6:30p, Chapel
Adult Catechesis Thr, 7p, Rectory
Matins (St. Raphael, Archangel)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, 8:45a, Rectory
Holy Mass for the Fourth Sunday After Michaelmass **Sun, 10a, Church Bible Study**Sun, 11:30a, Undercroft Sunday SchoolSun, 11:30a, Activities Center

IN OUR PRAYERS Edward Brown, Linda Buskirk, Charles Capsel, Lela Casey, John Chavez, Gladys Cline, Anna Dalton, Martha Draspa, Susan Edwards, 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 Kathleen Atkins for the Altar Guild in memory of Lillie Atkins (✝ October 18, 2012)

THE PSALM FOR THIS WEEK IS PSALM 119:1-16. PRAY IT EVERY DAY!

Psalm 119 is about the Lord’s Word and our desire to hold fast to His Word. “Law,” “testimonies,” “precepts,” “statues,” “commandments,” and “judgments” speak both of the demands Our Lord makes on us, and the certainty of His promises. For His promises are as binding and true as laws. They are the laws He has made for Himself toward us. So our Lord lays down the law for us to follow. But He also says that His promises are as binding, sure and dependable as any legal document. The blessing applies to those who rely on that Word, and whose faith is seen as they live in and through Our Lord’s Word. Our prayer is that we base our confidence and living not on what we think is best, but on what our Lord does and gives in His Word.

Today's Announcements

DETROIT LUTHERAN SINGERS FALL CONCERT *"Sacred Pairings,"* a program of sacred music, will be presented by the Detroit Lutheran Singers today at 3:30pm at Our Shepherd—Birmingham, and at 7:30pm at St. Paul—Royal Oak. Composers represented include John Rutter, K. Lee Scott, and Detroit's Brazeal Dennard as well as Scarlatti, Poulenc, and Christiansen. The program will have rich variety, from "Jubilate Deo," to "The Lord Is My Light," to "Elijah Rock," plus a new arrangement of a well-known hymn. The choir is directed by Mr. Christopher Hall. Tickets (\$15; \$10 seniors and students; under 12, free) will be available at the door or at www.detroitlutheransingers.com.



ADULT CATECHESIS is Thursday at 7pm. Participants are encouraged to pray Vespers at 6:30pm in the Chapel.

ENGLISH DISTRICT PASTORS' CONFERENCE This Wednesday-Thursday, Fr. Braden and Vicar Grieser will attend the English District Pastors' Conference in Port Clinton, OH.

FESTIVAL OF THE REFORMATION Mark your calendars and plan to attend Holy Mass for the Festival of the Reformation, Friday, October 31 at 7pm. This day commemorates the work of the Lutheran reformers in returning the Church to true catholic doctrine around the rediscovery of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

REFORMATION OPEN HOUSE POT-LUCK Following the Holy Mass for the Festival of the Reformation on Friday, October 31, we will have a Pot-Luck Open House in the Rectory. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. Please indicate the total number attending and what you will bring.

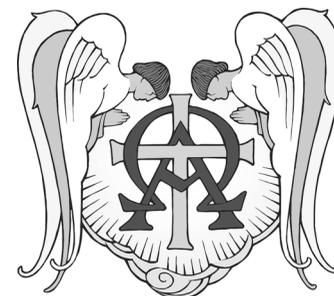
FEAST OF ALL SAINTS Mark your calendars and plan to attend Holy Mass for the Feast of All Saints, Saturday, November 1 at 10am. This day commemorates those who have died in the faith and now rest from their labors, even as we look forward to joining them. The Rev. Fr. Joel Baseley of Emmanuel—Dearborn will be the guest preacher, and guest musicians from Emmanuel will join us for this festival Mass, directed by Kantor Jacob Weber.

THANKS to those who helped prepare the mailing on Wednesday to area parishes about our Reformation and All Saints Masses: Dr. Michael Anderson, Jennifer Balaska, Fr. Braden, Vicar Grieser, Bobby Kelly III, Fr. Schultz, and Sherrie Williams.

FLYERS AVAILABLE Please pick up flyers in the Narthex about the Reformation and All Saints Masses. Use them as a reminder for yourself, and help publicize these special Masses by distributing them to your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers.

HIGHER THINGS YOUTH GATHERING

Higher Things assists parents, congregations, and pastors in cultivating, encouraging and promoting a distinctively Lutheran identity among youth and young adults.



This summer's Higher Things gathering rejoices in the gift of the Te Deum, "We Praise Thee, O God," a hymn of praise that gives us a foretaste of what's happening in worship in heaven and on earth.

Higher Things is July 21-24, 2015 in Grand Rapids. This year we have Zion youth interested in attending. Fr. Schultz, Vicar Grieser, and Michael Edwards will lead the group. The gatherings are primarily geared toward high school youth, but confirmed students of any age and college-aged students may also attend.

Registration begins November 1 and fills up quickly. Last year the conference was full by January. We will need to make reservations by mid-November. Registration forms are available from Father Schultz.

Te Deum: Higher Things 2015

Who?
Confirmed Youth, High School Students, College Students

What?
Youth Gathering

When?
July 21-24, 2015

Where?
Grand Rapids, MI

Cost:
\$345