

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); **VES-PERS:** 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.

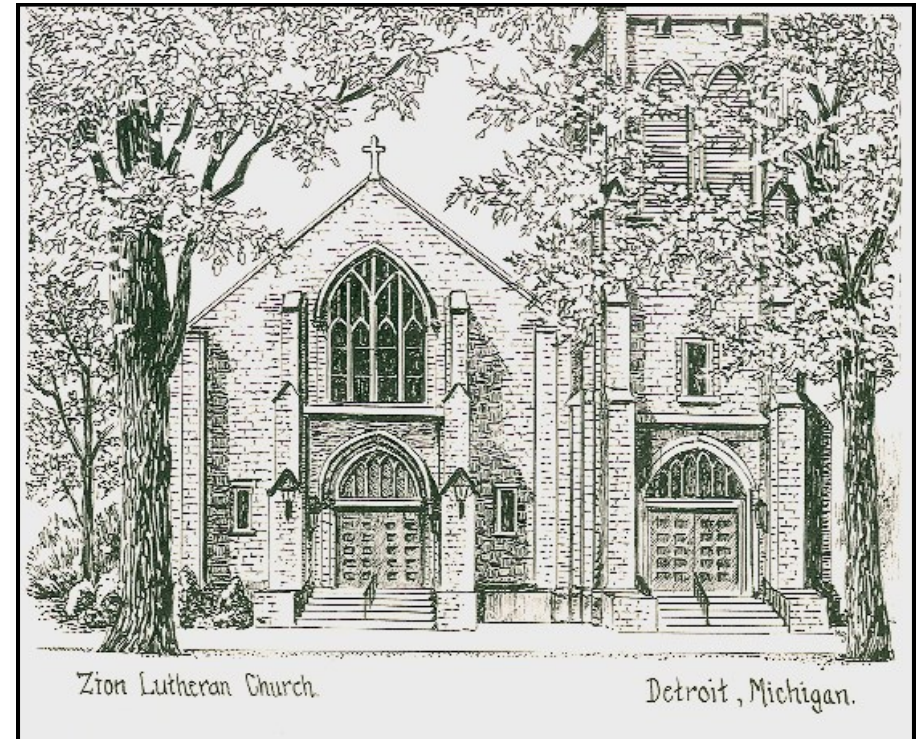
SICK AND HOMEBOUND are visited regularly by the Pastor with the Scriptures and Sacrament. Please contact the Parish Office if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation.

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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"THE LORD HAS CHOSEN ZION;
HE HAS DESIRED HER AS HIS DWELLING PLACE"



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Second-Last Sunday in the Church Year
November 16, 2014



The Last Judgment

Welcome to all those gathered with us around the throne of Our Lord! Here is where the Lord descends. And here is where He gives us His strength so that we may stand before Him without fear on the Day of Judgment.

The Theme of Today’s Liturgy

“The Day is surely drawing near when God’s Son. The Anointed, shall with great majesty appear as Judge of all appointed” (*Chief Hymn*). Our prayer is that Our Lord judge us not according to our deeds, but rather by His Name and according to His strength (*Introit*). When He judges us by His mercy and loving-kindness then we can be sure we are truly blessed of the Father (*Gospel*). And with that blessing already spoken, we do not fear the Last Judgment but instead have the “patience and faith” to face not only that day, but the day of death and any days that trouble us (*Epistle*).

The Sermon

The Son of Man will come in His glory to separate the sheep from the goats on the Last Day. Until the last day sheep and goats live side by side. We cannot tell who is a sheep and who is a goat. Christ will separate them. The goats will be sent to everlasting punishment. Eternal torment is the reward for their wickedness. Although we deserve this same punishment we are saved by grace. All of Christ’s good works are credited to us. He is our Good Shepherd and we go into eternal life.

The Holy Eucharist

As His Blood-bought sheep, Christ pastures us on His Body and Blood, keeping us steadfast until He separates us from this world, and leads us into the world to come.

The Readings

Daniel 7.9-14; 2 Thessalonians 1.3-10; St. Matthew 25.31-46

The Hymns for Today’s Mass

Processional Hymn	590
Chief Hymn	611 (stanza 4: choir)
Offering Hymn	521 (stanzas 1-3) (stanza 2: choir)
Distribution Hymns	521 (stanzas 4-6); 612; 313
Retiring Processional Hymn	529

The Mass: Preface and Sanctus (Part 3)

It is worth noting that the way in which this thanksgiving is said does not even give reference to the ones saying it. For while the words “we give thanks” are certainly an acceptable and even biblical way to express gratitude to God, any time the giving of thanks removes altogether the first person (“I” or “we”) from the utterance, there is less opportunity for the speaker to take any credit for the fact that he is the one giving thanks, and consequently more glory implicitly expressed to God who is being thanked. This is the intentional basis for the common expression *Deo gracias* (Thanks be to God) or again, the in the words *solī Deo gloria* (to God alone be the glory). The speaker does not even appear in the expression, so fully is all glory directed to the One being thanked. So also throughout the Sanctus: “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God of Sabaoth! Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory! Hosanna in the Highest! Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord!” These words, which combine Isaiah’s vision with Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem, provide us with two captivating images which, taken together, declare Jesus as Lord of Hosts coming to bring salvation to His people.

After the Preface, when the celebrant turns toward the altar for the Sanctus, the Mass represents the Passion of Our Lord and His resurrection., The celebrant does not turn again to the Faithful until after the Verba are said. He now enters, as it were, into the secret of the sanctuary, there to treat alone with God, much as Moses did on the mountain, or as the high priest would do in the temple, or ultimately, as those instances foretell, as Jesus did in His Passion. The celebrant now says the *Secret*, a private prayer, so-called because he says it in a low voice, in imitation of Jesus in the Garden of Olives, when He moved a stone’s throw away from His disciples, in order to enter into the silence of recollection and prayer.

—Burnell F. Eckardt, Jr.,
“The New Testament in His Blood: A Study of the Holy Liturgy of the Christian Church”

Music for the Second-Last Sunday in the Church Year

The Prelude The Day is Surely Drawing Near —Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

The Postlude The Day is Surely Drawing Near —Heinrich Scheidemann (1595-1663)

The choral setting of “The Day is Surely Drawing Near” is by Daniel G. Reuning. The organ introduction is by Johann Ludwig Krebs.

The choral setting of “What God Ordains is Always Good” is by Johann Pachelbel.

O Jesus Christ, do not delay! The CHIEF HYMN, “The Day is Surely Drawing Near” (# 611) is loosely based on the ancient sequence *Dies irae, dies illa* (paraphrase at # 607). The hymn, having come to the attention of Bartholomäus Ringwaldt (1532-1599), Lutheran pastor in Lagenfeld, Germany, his attention in Christ’s second coming, the result of his study of Revelation, prompted him to revise the hymn for the 1586 *Handbüchlin. Geistliche Lieder und Gebetlein* with the heading “A hymn about the Day of Judgment, improved by Bartholomäus Ringwaldt.” The hymn became very popular and was frequently sing by congregations and individual Christians amid the horrors of the Thirty Years’ War (1618-1648). The final stanza in particular became imprinted in the prayerful hearts of many.

The PRELUDE is a setting by Johann Pachelbel, a German composer, organist and teacher who brought the south German organ tradition to its peak. He composed a large body of sacred and secular music, and his contributions to the development of the chorale prelude and fugue have earned him a place among the most important composers of the middle Baroque era.



Prepare for Next Sunday

Last Sunday in the Church Year

November 23, 2014

Isaiah 35.3-10; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; St. Matthew 25.1-13

Hymns: 446, 609, 598, 67, 613

“Wise and Foolish Virgins”



No. 3881

Second-Last Sunday in the Church Year

Nov 16-23

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Holy Mass for the Second-Last Sunday in the Church Year 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
Pastor’s Circuit Meeting at Risen Christ – Plymouth Tue
Vespers Tue, 6:30p, Chapel
Holy Mass for Second-Last Wednesday in the Church Year Wed, 10a, Chapel
Bible Study Wed, 10:45a, Rectory
Matins Thr, 8:45a, Chapel
Vespers Thr, 6:30p, Chapel
Matins Fri, 8:45a, Chapel
Matins Sat, 8:45a, Chapel
Private Confession and Absolution Sat 9:15a, Chapel
Youth Catechism Sat, 10a, Rectory
Adult Choir Rehearsal Sun, 8:45a, Rectory
Holy Mass for the Last Sunday in the Church Year Sun, 10a, Church
Bible Study Sun, 11:30a, Undercroft
Sunday School Sun, 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, Pauline Rivard, Carol Russell, and Julie Snoes

GIFTS AND DONATIONS From Mr. & Mrs. Michael Fodor and Mrs. Gail Grieser in memory of Stella Rumble; From Drucilla Huddleston for Altar and Statue flowers in honor of the birthday of Linda Buskirk (Nov 18).

THE PSALM FOR THIS WEEK IS PSALM 54. PRAY IT EVERY DAY!

In Psalm 54, we pray that the Lord use His strength and might for our benefit. For it is finally only our Lord’s strength that overcomes the many strangers and oppressors that attack us. Instead of defending ourselves, we pray that the Lord help us and uphold our life. In response, we bless and praise our Lord’s name and give Him the sacrifice of all we are. For He is the one who delivers and rescues us from every evil past, present, and to come.

Today's Announcements

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.

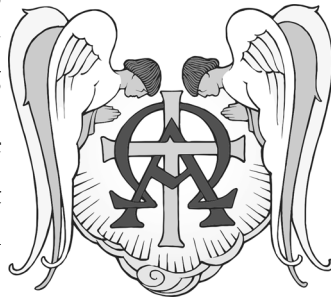
Higher Things is July 21-24, 2015 in Grand Rapids. Fr. Schultz, Vicar Grieser, Michael Edwards, and Anna Baseley will lead the group from Zion. The gatherings are primarily geared toward high school youth, but confirmed students of any age and college-aged students may also attend.

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

THANKSGIVING DISPLAY Donations are being received for the fruits and vegetables that will adorn the altar at the Thanksgiving Mass. Place your donation in an envelope marked "Thanksgiving Display." Donations will be included in the bulletin on Sunday, November 23.

ADVENT MID-WEEK MASS Plan to attend the mid-week Mass during Advent as part of your preparation for Christ's coming to His people. Masses will be held on Wednesdays at 9:30am and 7pm in the Church.

ISSUES, ETC. is a Lutheran talk radio program that airs weekdays from 3-5pm Central time, and is available on-demand anytime on issuesetc.org. Visit the site to hear discussion on many topics: the church year, doctrine, current events, and society in the context of a Lutheran worldview. Listen on your computer or mobile device at home, work, or in the car.



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National Day of Thanksgiving Thursday, November 27, 2014



Holy Mass
10am

EMMANUEL PRESS CHRISTMASS CARDS Emmanuel Press is pleased to unveil two new Christmass cards for 2014. The first card features stained glass in Faith Lutheran in Roanoke, Indiana. The words of "O Come, All Ye Faithful" appear muted in the background, with the final line of the fourth stanza boldly proclaiming, "Word of the Father



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Labia sacerdotis custodient scientiam. Mal. 2:7



now in flesh appearing!" The greeting inside continues with the refrain, "O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!"

The second design is a beautiful nativity scene pictured on a Russian triptych. A triptych has artwork divided into three panels which are hinged together and can be folded shut or displayed open. The angels in the side panels are identified in Russian as Michael and Gabriel, while the text in the middle declares "the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ." (This is also noted on the back of the card.) The greeting inside states, "Glory to the newborn King."



Visit emmanuelpress.us to view all the cards and their inside greetings. They also offer variety with a new assortment set.