

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

**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.

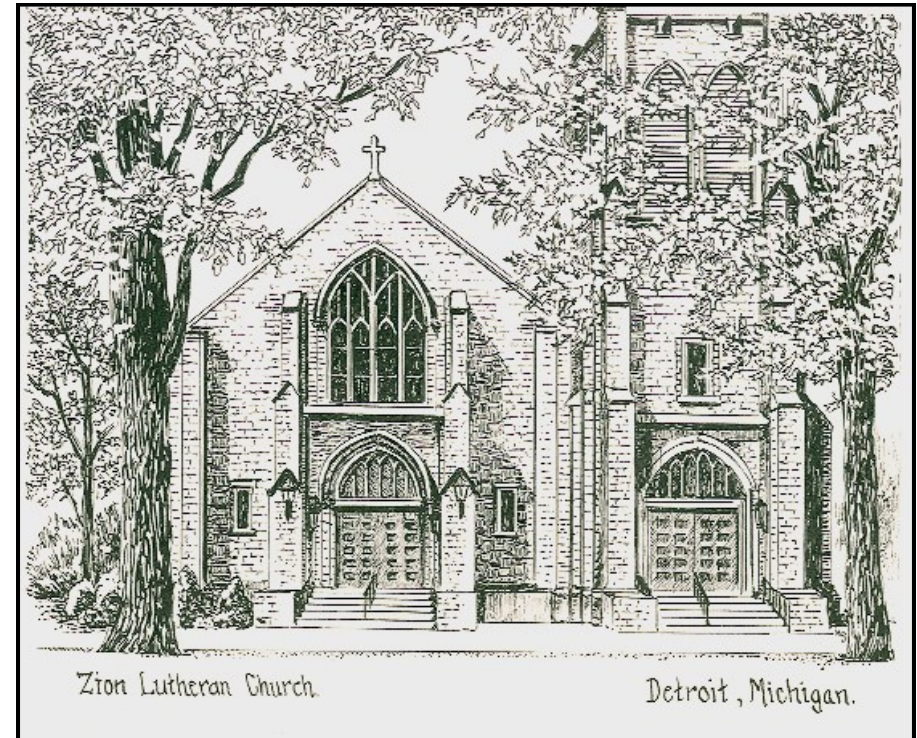
**SICK AND HOMEBOUND** are visited regularly by the Pastor with the Scriptures and Sacrament. Please contact the Parish Office if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation.

**PARISH OFFICERS** DEACONS: William Gramzow, Thomas Habitz, Jr., Eric Russell TRUSTEES: Paul Snoes, Kevin Wiedelman; PARISH EDUCATION: Shirley Cross, Robert Kelly III, Pamela Ruffin; OFFICERS OF THE VOTERS: Thomas Habitz, Jr. (chairman), Jason Balaska (vice-chairman), Kristi Russell (secretary), Kevin Wiedelman (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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**Palmarum—Palm Sunday**  
**March 29, 2015**



## The Man of Sorrows

Our Lord enters Jerusalem triumphantly, by joyful shout and palm branches. But that triumph is soon eclipsed by His suffering and death, where His true Triumph is found. May His victory be your consolation this day as you see through His Passion to His entry into the Heavenly Jerusalem.

### The Theme of Today's Liturgy

"The Lord is my Rock and my Fortress and my Deliverer" (*Introit*). The deliverance He brings comes through His riding in, through His Incarnation and death on your behalf (*Epistle*). It is yours this day to hear the account of His Passion, His willing suffering and death, His active and passive obedience, by which He earns for you salvation (*Gospel*). That salvation is won by His drinking of the cup (*Communio*), that He bring you the Cup of Salvation, that you enter heaven triumphantly (*ProceSSIONal Gospel*).

### The Sermon

They could not watch with Him. What lay ahead was too horrible. He prayed that the cup be taken from Him, but it was His to drink according to the Father's will. All the disciples forsook Him and fled. Peter denied Him. The Sanhedrin sought false testimony to put Him to death. They found none. But still He was found guilty of blasphemy, although His testimony was true. His life was sold for thirty pieces of silver. But the price of your redemption is not measured in gold or silver, but in His innocent suffering and death, in the shedding of His Blood. He did not abandon you. He endured arrest, torture and death for you. He does not deny you. He testifies in your behalf before the Father. His Blood declares you innocent. It is yours to drink the Cup He gives, the Cup of Life. That is the will of God. He answers your prayer of "Hosanna!"

### The Holy Eucharist

"If now I seek the forgiveness of sins, I do not run to the cross, for I will not find it given there. But I will find in the Sacrament or Gospel the Word which distributes, presents, offers, and gives to me the forgiveness which was won on the cross." (*Martin Luther*)

### The Readings

St. Matthew 21.1-9; Philippians 2.5-11; St. Matthew 26.36-27.60

### The Hymns for Today's Mass

ProceSSIONal Hymn	All Glory, Laud, and Honor (in ordo)
Chief Hymn	162 (choir: stanzas 2 & 4)
Offering Hymn	O Thou Eternal Christ of God (in ordo)
Distribution Hymns	Lift High the Triumph Song Today (in ordo); 55
Retiring ProceSSIONal Hymn	161

Church joyously celebrates the Resurrection. The Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord begins Eastertide, a six-week season during which time the altar is vested with white paraments. *Victimae Paschali*, or "Paschal Victim," is the sequence hymn for Easter. This ancient hymn (written by Wipo of Burgundy in the eleventh century) has been sung for almost 1000 years before the Gospel reading on Easter. "Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining. Have mercy, Victor King, ever reigning!" The Lord is Risen!



### Prepare for the Chrism Mass: Thursday, April 2—9:30am

Isaiah 61.1-9; James 5.13-16; St. Luke 4.16-22

Hymns: 148, 144, 307, 384, 158

### Prepare for the Mass of the Institution: Thursday, April 2—7pm

1 Corinthians 11.20-32; St. John 13.1-15

Hymns: "The Word Descending from Above," 311, 163, "Now My Tongue The Mystery Telling"

### Prepare for the Tre Ore: Friday, April 3—12-3pm

Isaiah 52.13-53.12; Romans 5.6-11; Hosea 6.1-6; Exodus 12.1-11; St. John 18.1-19.42, Lamentations 3.1-33, 39-58; Hebrews 4.14-5.9

Hymns: 140, 146, 143, 172, 142, "At the Cross Her Station Keeping," "Sing, My Tongue, The Glorious Battle," 171, 167

### Prepare for the Easter Vigil: Sunday, April 5—6:30am

Genesis 1.1-2.2; Exodus 14.10-15.1; Isaiah 4.2-6; Deuteronomy 31.22-30; Colossians 3.1-4; St. Matthew 28.1-7

Hymns: 661, 202, "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing," 205, "Now Let the Vault of Heaven Resound," 189, 199

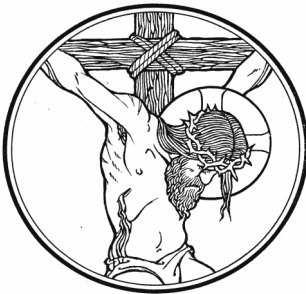
### Prepare for Next Sunday

### The Resurrection of Our Lord—Easter Day April 5, 2015

Isaiah 25.6-9; 1 Corinthians 5.7-8; St. Mark 16.1-8

Hymns: 199, 187, 195, 192, "Now Let the Vault of Heaven Resound," 205, 200

While the Gospel of St. John does not include an account of the Institution of the Sacrament of the Altar as do the other Gospel accounts, the “High Priestly Prayer” that Jesus prayed in the upper room before His betrayal and arrest, is found only in St. John (13.31-18.26). At the end of the Maundy Thursday Mass, the altar is stripped, representing the stripping, humiliation and torture of our Lord. During the stripping of the altar, Psalm 22 is chanted while the congregation sits in silence.



**Good Friday** continues the *Triduum Sacrum*, without Invocation or Benediction. Many churches observe the *Tre Ore* on Good Friday, or the “three hours” of darkness during which our Lord hung on the cross (from the sixth hour until the ninth hour, see St. Matthew 27.45, St. Luke 23.44). On Good Friday it is customary that the ancient “Reproaches” are chanted. The seven statements our Lord made while hanging on the cross are the customary focus of Good Friday, as the Passion according to St. John provides the Gospel reading. Good Friday is one of only two days of the Church Year that black paraments are used.

**Easter Vigil** is celebrated in the late evening on Holy Saturday or the early morning of Easter Sunday. It is a candlelight Service, and during the Vigil the first proclamation of Christ’s Resurrection is made. This is done before the sun comes up on Easter morning, since “... on the first day of the week Mary Magdelene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb.” (John 20.1) Our Lord’s Resurrection preceded the sunrise on Easter morning. When the women arrived at the tomb, He had already risen! The paraments that were stripped on Maundy Thursday and replaced by black on Good Friday are now bright gold.



Easter Vigil begins with the Service of Light, when the light of Christ enters again into Nave, still dark from Good Friday. The great Easter Praeconium, chanted during the Service of Light, proclaims the joy of the Holy Church over God’s great acts of salvation.

**The Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord** is observed on Easter Sunday morning at or after sunrise. It is a glorious proclamation and celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, in which our risen Lord brings His saving Gifts to us. The Gospel reading is St. John 20.1-18, the account of the empty tomb. The *Gloria in Excelsis*, the *Gloria Patri*, and the *Alleluias*, omitted during Passiontide and Lent, return to the Mass as the

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

<b>Holy Mass: Palmarum – Palm Sunday</b> .....	<b>Today, 10a, Church</b>
Sunday School .....	Today, 11:30a, Activities Center
Adult Study .....	Today, 11:30a, Undercroft
<b>Holy Mass: Holy Monday</b> .....	<b>Mon, 10a, Chapel</b>
Vespers .....	Mon, 6:30p, Church
<b>Holy Mass: Holy Tuesday</b> .....	<b>Tue, 10a, Chapel</b>
Vespers .....	Tue, 6:30p, Church
<b>Holy Mass: Holy Wednesday</b> .....	<b>Wed, 10a, Chapel</b>
Vespers .....	Wed, 6:30p, Church
<b>Maundy Thursday: Chrism Mass</b> .....	<b>Thr, 9:30a, Church</b>
Vespers .....	Thr, 6p, Church
<b>Maundy Thursday: Mass of the Institution</b> .....	<b>Thr, 7p, Church</b>
Adult Choir Rehearsal.....	Fri, 11:15a, Rectory
<b>Good Friday: Tre Ore</b> .....	<b>Fri, 12noon-3pm, Church</b>
<b>Good Friday: Stations of the Cross</b> .....	<b>Fri, 7p, Church</b>
<b>Great Vigil of Easter</b> .....	<b>Sun, 6:30a, Church</b>
Easter Breakfast.....	Sun, following Vigil Mass, Undercroft
Adult Choir Rehearsal.....	Sun, 9:15a, Rectory
<b>Holy Mass: Resurrection of Our Lord</b> .....	<b>Sun, 10a, Church</b>

**IN OUR PRAYERS** Jennifer Balaska, Jean Beaupied, Roger Beaupied, Edward Brown, Linda Buskirk, Charles Capsel, Lela Casey, John Chavez, Gladys Cline, Anna Dalton, Susan Edwards, Sandy Frey, Ellen Hayden, Drucilla Huddleston, Florine Kaiser, Lawrence Kasner, Earlene Maynarich, Michael Maynarich, Margaret Quinkert, and Julie Snoes.

**POT-LUCK AT THE RECTORY** Sunday, April 12 following Bible Class and Sunday School. Everyone is welcome. Please RSVP on the sheet in the Narthex.

**NEXT SUNDAY** there will be no Bible Class or Sunday School.

THE PSALM FOR THIS WEEK IS PSALM 22. PRAY IT EVERY DAY!

Keep in mind that this is the Psalm Our Lord prayed on the cross, You can hear His faithful suffering as He is left alone to die by His Father (v 1-15). You can also hear His confidence that the same Father will come through for Him, answer Him, and deliver Him (v 16-31, esp. v 21). These are strong and moving words which should be prayed whenever we consider Our Lord’s death and our own suffering and heartache.

## Today's Announcements

**EASTER BREAKFAST** will be served following the Easter Vigil in the Undercroft. The proceeds will benefit the Zion Benevolence Fund. Adults are \$4 in advance or \$5 at the door (children \$3, or \$4 at the door). The menu includes: eggs, biscuits and gravy, pancakes, bacon, sausage, coffee, tee, and juice.

**ADULT CHOIR REHEARSALS** will be Friday at 11:15am and Sunday at 9:15am in the Rectory. There will be no rehearsal on Sunday, April 12.

**EASTER LILIES** Today is the last day to order lilies to adorn the Altar and Baptistry for Easter Sunday. \$7 per plant. If you desire, you may make your purchase in memory of a loved one on in thanksgiving for a special event or blessing. After the Masses on Easter Sunday, you may take home the plant you donated, or deliver it to the homebound. Place your donation in an envelope together with your name and leave it in the offering plate.

**MT. OLIVE—CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, OH** invites you to their 100th Anniversary festival Mass on Sunday, April 12 at 3pm. Bishop Stechholz will be the guest preacher. Zion's former vicar, Fr. Ryan Beffrey, is the pastor of Mt. Olive. Visit MountOliveLCMS.com for more information.

### Holy Week

Holy Monday—March 30  
Holy Mass 10am (*Chapel*)  
Vespers 6:30pm  
Holy Tuesday—March 31  
Holy Mass 10am (*Chapel*)  
Vespers 6:30pm  
Holy Wednesday—April 1  
Holy Mass 10am (*Chapel*)  
Vespers 6:30pm

### Triduum Sacrum

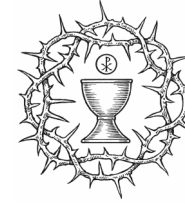
(Latin: "Three Sacred Days")

Maundy Thursday—April 2  
Chrism Mass 9:30am  
Vespers 6pm  
Mass of the Institution 7pm  
Good Friday—April 3  
Tre Ore 12-3pm  
Stations of the Cross 7pm

### Easter Week

Resurrection of Our Lord—April 5  
Great Vigil of Easter 6:30am  
Holy Mass 10am  
Easter Monday—April 6  
Holy Mass 10am  
Easter Tuesday—April 7  
Holy Mass 10am (*Chapel*)  
Vespers 6:30pm  
Easter Wednesday—April 8  
Holy Mass 10am (*Chapel*)  
Easter Thursday—April 9  
Matins 8:45am (*Chapel*)  
Holy Mass 7pm  
Easter Friday—April 10  
Holy Mass 10am (*Chapel*)  
Easter Saturday—April 11  
Holy Mass 10am

## Holy Week at Zion



The *Triduum Sacrum*, or the "Three Sacred Days," are Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. For the Church, these three Masses are observed as one extended Service. The history of the *Triduum Sacrum* is significant, and unites the Christian with the rich liturgical worship of the Church of the ages in her holiest time.

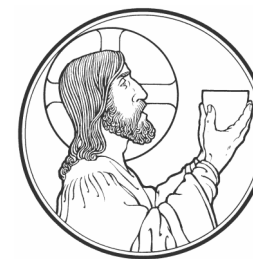
Historically on **Maundy Thursday** there were three Masses. The first was the *Mass of the Reconciliation of the Penitents*. This elaborate Mass is no longer celebrated in any church, and is lost to history. The main Mass on Maundy Thursday is the Mass of the Institution of the Sacrament of the Altar, celebrated in the evening.

The *Chrism Mass*, celebrated as the second Mass of Maundy Thursday, was held historically only in Cathedral churches, and presided over by the Bishop. At this Mass, oil was blessed for use in the upcoming year. The timing of the Mass allowed for the oil blessed on Maundy Thursday to be distributed to the churches for use on those baptized into Christ during the Great Vigil of Easter.

Two kinds of oil are blessed at the Chrism Mass – Oil for the Infirm and Sacred Chrism. Oil for the Infirm is plain, extra-virgin olive oil used for the anointing of the sick and dying. Sacred Chrism is also extra-virgin olive oil, mixed with balsam, frankincense, and myrrh. Chrism is used for the anointing of the recently baptized, those recently confirmed, and the hands of those being ordained.

The word "Chrism" is related to the Greek word Χριστός "Christ" and the Hebrew word מָשִׁיחַ "Messiah." They all convey the concept of anointing. Christ is the Anointed One.

The use of oil in anointing is practiced and commanded in Holy Scripture. The oil will anoint God's children as an external symbol of His grace and Spirit.



The *Mass of the Institution* begins with the Invocation, but there is no Benediction. The word "Maundy" comes from an older word that means "command." It is derived from the Latin *mandatum novum*, "a new command," our Lord's Words in St. John 13.34. On this night, Thursday night of Holy Week, our Lord instituted the Sacrament of the Altar. Our Lord's suffering in the garden, His betrayal and arrest followed (see St. Matthew 26.17-75). The strong connections between the Passover meal and the Institution of the Sacrament of the Altar provide an important setting for Maundy Thursday.