

# 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.

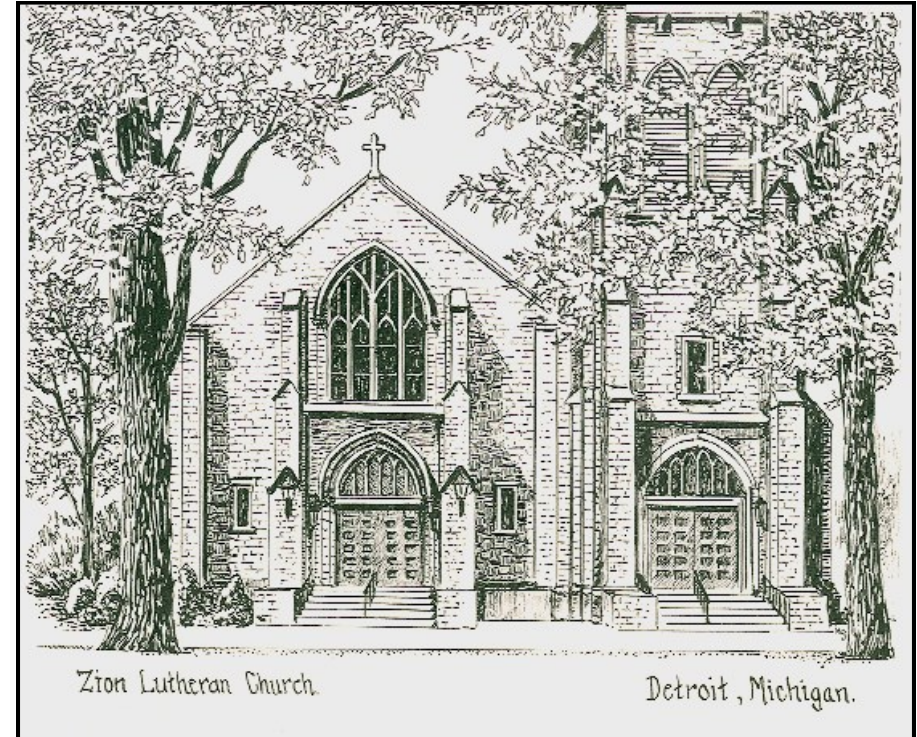
**SICK AND HOMEBOUND** are visited regularly by the Pastor with the Scriptures and Sacrament. Please contact the Parish Office if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation.

**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.

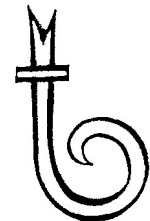
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"THE LORD HAS CHOSEN ZION;  
HE HAS DESIRED HER AS HIS DWELLING PLACE"



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**Misericordia Domini—Second Sunday After Easter**  
**April 19, 2015**



## The Good Shepherd

Our Lord is the Good Shepherd and Paschal Lamb, Host and Food, Server and Nourishment. May you here receive true nourishment for your life in Him!

### The Theme of Today's Liturgy

Our Lord says, "I am the Good Shepherd" (*Gospel*); and the Church sings, "Rejoice in the Lord, all you righteous" (*Introit*). Our Lord bears our sins in His own body to death on the cross (*Epistle*); and the Church prays the Father to make us "partakers of the eternal joys" which Our Lord has won for us (*Collect*). The Lord promises to search out His flock and feed them (*Old Testament*); and the Church knows her Lord and His loving-kindness in the breaking of the Bread (*Alleluia*).

### The Holy Eucharist

"The good shepherd has laid down his life for his sheep in order to change his body and blood into a sacrament for us, and to satisfy the sheep he had redeemed with his own body as food" (*St. Gregory the Great*).

### The Sermon

Christ is the Good Shepherd who lays down His life for the sheep. All others that were sent to feed God's flock failed. Every shepherd—save one—was born with the fallen image of Adam. The sheep have been scattered. The sheep themselves are not blameless, willfully wondering from the flock, straying toward the lair of the wolves. It is for your sake that Christ became the sacrificial lamb. He is the Lamb of God that takes away your sin. What a happy and blessed exchange. In the waters of Holy Baptism, the Father sees you holy, a lamb without blemish, while His Son goes to the cross baring your sin. Having been washed clean, come eat and drink of the feast that the Good Shepherd has prepared for you: His very Body and Blood. And being thus strengthened depart in joy, knowing that your risen Lord will bring you to your true home which is in heaven.

### The Readings

Ezekiel 34.11-16; 1 Peter 2.21b-25; St. John 10.11-16

### The Hymns for Today's Mass

Processional Hymn	210
Chief Hymn	436
Offering Hymn	207 (stanzas 2, 4, 6)
Distribution Hymns	196; 648
Retiring Processional Hymn	195 (choir stanza 4)

## Music for Misericordia Domini

**The Prelude** Sheep May Safely Graze — J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

**The Postlude** The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done — S. Wente (b. 1952)

### Summary of the Chief Hymn

#### The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want (# 436)

The chief hymn for Good Shepherd Sunday is a hymn on a hymn! When Jesus sang hymns with his disciples, they would have been singing from their hymnal, the Psalms—Psalm 23 included. Since this hymn is a paraphrase of Psalm 23, Christians have been singing these words for more than three thousand years!

King David wrote Psalm 23, perhaps the most beloved of all the Psalms. Our hymn pictures Jesus as the answer to David's hymn. It shows Jesus loving us; Jesus leading us to good water; Jesus shepherding us when we go astray; Jesus walking through the valley of the shadow of death with and for us; Jesus feeding us a meal in the wilderness of this life; and Jesus bringing us to eternal life.

Its place in the middle of the Easter season shows the Good Shepherd rounding up his scattered church after his resurrection. One will call to mind Jesus shepherding the disciples on the road to Emmaus, bringing the Apostles and particularly Thomas back to the fold, opening Mary's tear filled eyes to see that he is the Risen One, curing Peter's broken conscience and restoring him, appearing to his brother James and many others as the Shepherd who loves them. Even now he gathers the scattered through the preaching of the Word and restores the lost into the fold through the great "peace be to you," of the absolution.

— Rev. Adrian N. Sherrill  
Pastor, Trinity — Denver



### Prepare for Next Sunday

**Jubilate—Third Sunday After Easter** "A Little While"

**April 26, 2015**

Isaiah 40.25-31; 1 Peter 2.11-20; St. John 16.16-23  
Hymns: 205, 263, "With High Delight" (insert), 523, 201

**An Explanation of the Common Service**

The Lutheran Church may justly claim that, in the Common Service, she possess and uses “the completest embodiment of the Common Service of the Christian Church of all ages;” a Service “which may be tendered to all Christians who use a fixed Order, the Service of the future as it has been of the past.”

*Where do we find the petition of the Collect answered?*  
 In the Epistle and Gospel of the Day, which, with the Sermon, constitute the chief part of the Office of the Word.

*What is the meaning of the word Epistle?*  
 An epistle is a letter. The Epistle lesson is usually taken from the letters of the New Testament.

*What is the Epistle?*  
 The Epistle is the Word which the Holy Spirit addresses to believers through the Apostle, and in which are set forth the faith and life which should characterize them. In the Epistle for Christmass, Paul tells us what the birth of Christ means to us, and describes the manner of life which should follow from our knowledge of this great fact.

*Why is Alleluia sung in response to the Epistle?*  
 Alleluia (or “Hallelujah”) is a Hebrew word meaning “Praise the Lord.” It is the expression of joy with which the people of God have always received His Word.

*What may be used in addition to the Alleluia at this point of the Service?*  
 As suggested by the rubric, the proper Sentence may be sung with the Alleluia. The Gradual is a Psalm sung from the steps (gradus) of the altar.

*Is the Alleluia ever omitted?*  
 As the rubric states, the Alleluia is omitted from Septuagesima to Good Friday.

**THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK**

<b>Holy Mass: Misericordia Domini – Easter II</b> .....	<b>Today, 10a, Church</b>
Sunday School .....	Today, 11:30a, Activities Center
Adult Study .....	Today, 11:30a, Undercroft
Youth Study .....	Today, 11:40a, Rectory
Matins .....	Mon, 8:45a, Chapel
Matins ( <i>St. Anselm, Bishop and Confessor</i> ) .....	Tue, 8:45a, Chapel
Vespers .....	Tue, 6:30p, Church
<b>Holy Mass: Wednesday after Misericordia Domini</b> .....	<b>Wed, 10a, Chapel</b>
Adult Study .....	Wed, 10:45a, Rectory
Matins ( <i>St. George, Martyr</i> ).....	Thr, 8:45a, Chapel
Vespers .....	Thr, 6:30p, Church
Adult Catechesis .....	Thr, 7p, Rectory
Matins .....	Fri, 8:45a, Chapel
Private Confession and Absolution.....	Sat, 9a, Chapel
<b>Holy Mass: St Mark, Evangelist</b> .....	<b>Sat, 10a, Church</b>
Youth Catechesis.....	Sat 10a, Church
Adult Choir Rehearsal.....	Sun, 8:45a, Rectory
<b>Holy Mass: Jubilate – Easter III</b> .....	<b>Sun, 10a, Church</b>
Sunday School.....	Sun, 11:30a, Activities Center
Adult Study .....	Sun, 11:30a, Undercroft
Youth Study .....	Sun, 11:40a, Rectory

**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.

**GIFTS AND DONATIONS** From Drucilla Huddleston for the St. Michael Liturgical Conference in memory of Ella Parker (born April 21, 1906).

**THE PSALM FOR THIS WEEK IS PSALM 33. PRAY IT EVERY DAY!**

Psalm 33 speaks of the power of the Lord—how with only His Word (v 6-9) He made all things, and how He brings down the mighty (v 10-17). This should cause you to be in awe and to fear the Lord (v 8). But when you consider that He also turns His might against sin and death – how He mightily overpowers whatever is slowly killing you (v 18-19) – then you no longer fear but give thanks (v 1-3). And then you wait confidently for Him to come through (v 20-22) since you are sure that He will do you good, according to the righteousness you have received from Christ (v 4-5).

## Today's Announcements

**MISERICORDIA DOMINI** means "the goodness of the Lord." These are the words of Psalm 33.5, from the Introit. In Latin, verse 5 ends "misericordia Domini plena est terra" – "the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord." Psalm 33 proclaims the joy and awe of the Christian at the miraculous grandeur of the creative and redemptive acts of Our Lord. Misericordia Domini is frequently called "Good Shepherd Sunday" because the Gospel reading is John 10.11-16, where Our Lord identifies Himself as our Good Shepherd. Christ as our Shepherd is also the theme of the Old Testament (Ezekiel 34.11-16) and the Epistle (1 Peter 2.21-25). Psalm 33 continues with a verse particularly appropriate for those who prepare for confirmation: "Behold, the eye of the Lord is on on those who fear Him, on those who hope in His mercy. To deliver their soul from death..." (Psalm 33.18).

**YOUTH STUDY** Today: "Man and the Fall," Genesis 2.7–3.24 Next Sunday: "The Incarnation of the Son of God," Luke 1.26-38.

**ST. MARK, EVANGELIST** Saturday, April 25 is the commemoration of St. Mark the Evangelist. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 10am in the Church. Remember this day in your daily prayer. Read Isaiah 55.1-5; Ephesians 4.7-16 and St. Luke 10.1-9. Pray the Collect on page 90.

"St. Mark is represented by the Winged Lion. The Gospel according to St. Mark opens with a description of St. John the Baptizer, who speaks of himself as the voice of one crying in the wilderness. That this should be associated with the voice of a lion is quite natural. St. Mark emphasizes the resurrection of Christ. The resurrection declares the ability of Christ to overcome all His enemies, which reminds one of the lion, who is the king of beasts."

*(Altar Guild Manual, Paul H.D. Lang)*



**THE MICHIGAN-OHIO CHORALE** directed by Erwin Aufdemberge, presents "Voices Raised in Alleluias," a concert to celebrate Easter joy, at St. Peter – Eastpointe, on Sunday April 26 at 3pm.

**MOTHER'S DAY FLOWERS** Potted mums will adorn the altar in honor of Mother's Day on Rogate Sunday, May 10. Mums may be donated in memory of your deceased mother or in honor of your living mother. The plants are \$15, and may be taken home after Holy Mass on May 10. Please place your donation in an envelope marked "Mother's Day Flowers" and put it in the offering plate or mail it to the parish office. The deadline for donations is May 3.

## Zion Bible Camp 2015

**THE 2015 ZION BIBLE CAMP** will be June 22-26 from 9am to noon. The theme is "A New Song" by Pax Domini Press to teach the children about the Holy Liturgy.

**INVITE** your family members, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to send their children ages 3-12. There is no cost to attend the Bible Camp.

**DONATIONS ARE NEEDED** to cover the cost of the program materials (\$ 150) and supplies for food and crafts. Please put your donation in an envelope marked "Zion Bible Camp" and place it in the offering or send it to the parish office.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** to teach, and help with food, crafts, puppet shows, and recreation. Please contact Bobby Kelly if you can help.

**THE 2015 ZION CHURCH PICNIC** will be Sunday, June 28, following Holy Mass.

