

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., Michael Anderson **TRUSTEES:** Silas Gray, Paul Snoes; **PARISH EDUCATION:** Shirley Cross, Robert Kelly III, Sarah Braden **OFFICERS OF THE VOTERS:** Thomas Habitz, Jr. (chairman), Alan Kroske (vice-chairman), Pamela Ruffin (secretary), Paul Snoes (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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The Nativity of St. John the Baptizer

June 24, 2018

His Name Shall Be John



It is a great comfort to faith to be reassured of the coming of the Savior. The saints of Old were saved by faith in the Coming One, we of the New by faith in the One who came, and who soon comes again. As John preached, even before his birth, the Coming One, so too do you hear, and receive this day, the One who comes to you in Word and Sacrament for your salvation.

The Theme of Today's Liturgy "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord,'" (Introit) is a voice you hear in this

Divine Service as you prepare to receive Him. It is He that takes away the sins of the world (Collect), He that is the Comfort spoken to the people of Old (Old Testament). He was from the beginning (Epistle), and yet was and is, and ever will be. Not John, but the Christ He preached is He who visits and redeems His people (Gospel), that your fellowship be with the Father and His Son.

The Sermon The Baptizer's Prophetic work had already begun. At the Visitation of Elizabeth his mother by Mary, the Mother of God, that child still in the darkness of the womb of his mother leaped for joy at the presence of the True Light, yet in the mysterious womb of the Virgin. The nascent Baptizer already, even before his birth, pointed to the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. He performed his bounding preaching of the Gospel that you might know, not John, but the Lord to whom he would point in his life, and through the accounts of the Evangelists, the Lord and Savior to whom he points you even this day.

The Holy Eucharist The Coming Lord places you into fellowship with the Holy Church as you eat His Body and drink His Blood. He is the Horn of Salvation raised up, as the Pastor elevates the Bread which is His Body, and the Cup which is His Blood. Eating and drinking, believing, your fellowship is with Him, that you live in holiness and righteousness all the days of your life, and your joy is made full.

The Readings Isaiah 40:1-5; Acts 13:13-26; St. Luke 1:57-80

The Hymns for Today's Mass

Processional Hymn	63
Chief Hymn	272
Offering Hymn	In Ordo
Distribution Hymns	61, 468
Retiring Processional Hymn	471

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THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Holy Mass for the Nativity of St. John the Baptizer Today, 10a, Church
Church Picnic.....Today, 11:30a, Rectory Yard
Matins Mon, 8:45a, Chapel
Adult Class.....Mon, 7p, Rectory
MatinsTue, 8:45a, Chapel
Endowment Board..... Tue, 7p, Rectory
Holy Mass for Wednesday of Pentecost V**Wed, 10a, Chapel**
Bible Study.....Wed, 11a, Rectory
Matins Thr, 8:45a, Chapel
Vespers.....Thr, 7p, Chapel
Men's Group.....Thr, 7:30p, Rectory
Matins Sat, 8:45a, Chapel
Private Confession and Absolution..... Sat, 9:15a, Chapel
Ladies Group.....Sat, 1p, Rectory
Holy Mass for the Sixth Sunday After Pentecost **Sun, 10a, Church**
Adult Bible Class.....Today, 11:30a, Undercroft

IN OUR PRAYERS Michael Anderson, Gloria Bailey, Nellie Bolton, Edward Brown, Linda Buskirk, Lela Casey, Gladys Cline, Anna Dalton, Fr. Erich and the Fickel family, Henry Frey, Bill Gramzow, Latoya Davis Gray, Drucilla Huddleston, Florine Kaiser, Lawrence Kasner, Richard Kelly.

CHURCH PICNINC is TODAY! Please join us in good food and fellowship.

FREE DETROIT LUTHERAN SINGERS CONCERT The Detroit Lutheran Singers will be embarking on an international tour in the summer of 2018 to Germany! The Detroit Lutheran Singers will be having a 'Farewell' Concert before they embark on their international tour. The concert will be hosted at Historic Trinity on Thursday, June 28th at 7:00 pm. Please come and enjoy this **FREE Farewell Concert** and wish them 'Auf Wiedersehen'!

THE PSALM FOR THIS WEEK IS PSALM 27. PRAY IT EVERY DAY!

Several times throughout the year, Psalm 27 is the Psalm for the week. As you pray it this week, notice the confident defiance, especially in v 1-3, 7-10. Notice also whence the strength comes to withstand whatever haunts you—not from your own inner resources, but from the Lord and His house (v 4-6, 8). Finally, notice that the Lord not only gives you the strength to face your fears but also the confidence to wait in hopeful anticipation for His ready help (v 13-14).