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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.

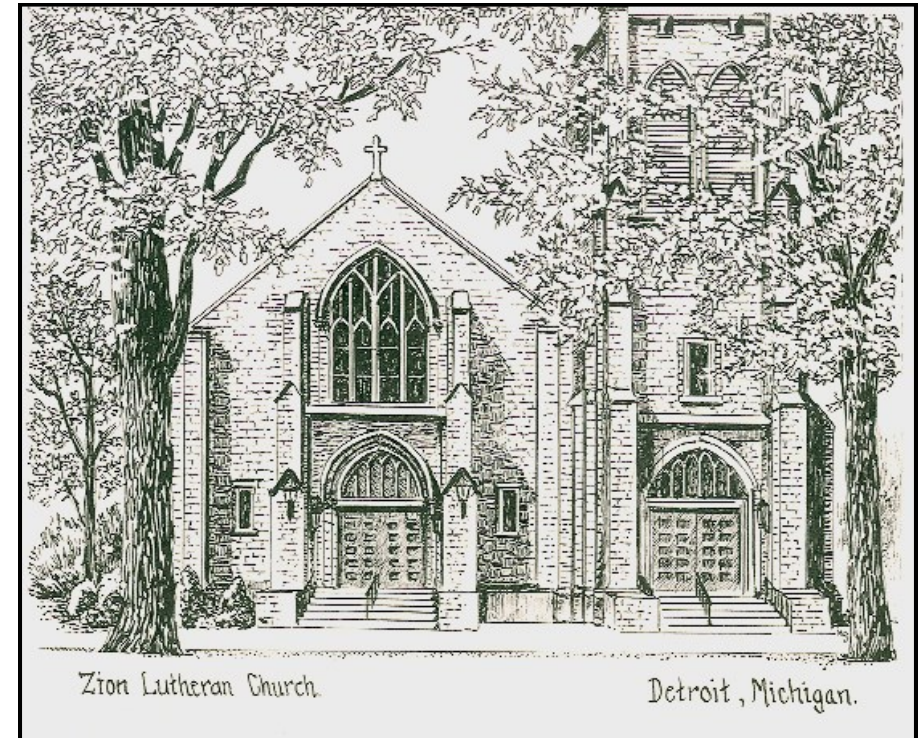
SICK AND HOMEBOUND are visited regularly by the Pastor with the Scriptures and Sacrament. Please contact the Parish Office if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation.

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.

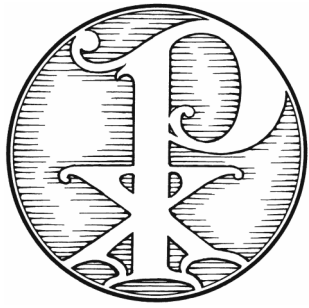
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**Commemoration of the Faithful Departed
November 2, 2014**



Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord

Today we remember in thanksgiving before God those who have gone before us with the sign of faith. They are our fathers in the faith, who were saved by God’s grace through faith in Jesus Christ. Their lives are examples to us of God’s grace in times of tribulation and suffering, and of the victory over death God grants to you, and to all those who believe in Jesus Christ.

The Theme of Today’s Liturgy

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord (Introit) is the prayer of faith that calls upon God’s Promise of salvation and everlasting life. That everlasting life is ours because of God’s mercies and His faithfulness (*Old Testament*). In this we should rejoice, and not be ignorant concerning those who have fallen asleep (*Epistle*). As we walk through the valley of death, the God that grants forgiveness and everlasting life is with us (*Tract*). Because of His grace and promise, we, like Martha, can be sure that we will rise again in the resurrection on the last day (*Gospel, Communion*).

The Holy Eucharist

“The Lord is your portion” as you eat His Body and drink His Blood. Therefore you “hope in Him, as you wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.”

The Readings

Lamentations 3.22-33; 1 Thessalonians 4.13-18; St. John 11.21-27

The Hymns for Today’s Mass

Processional Hymn	619
Chief Hymn	607
Offering Hymn	200
Distribution Hymns	590; 589; 597
Retiring Processional Hymn	585

The Mass: Preface and Sanctus (Part 2)

Jesus’ giving of perfect thanks and His perfect presenting of Himself to the Father, in the stead of all humanity is the foundational rationale for our saying of the Sanctus. In short, since Jesus said, “This do,” it is right for us as well, in the administration of the Holy Sacrament, to give thanks. Thus the proper preface contains the words, “It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto Thee, O Lord,” etc. This is said first of all in response to Jesus’ command.

At the Sacrament, we are especially concerned with *this* time and *this* place. We say “all times” and “all places” because here we recognize that all times and all places have been renewed and restored, as far as God is concerned, to the status once known to Eden. Thus the Supper has sometimes been called Eucharist (“Thanksgiving”), which is certainly fitting, provided we understand that it is Jesus’ thanksgiving and not ours that makes this Sacrament what it is. With this awareness, however, we are given great cause “at all times and in all places” to give thanks, even for the continued existence of all times and all places. By Christ’s atonement, the cloud of God’s wrath has passed over and left the world intact. Most importantly therefore ought we to sing the great Sanctus here, at the Supper, for here are the very elements by which this atonement was wrought, and they are given us to eat and drink. Every table prayer is but a dim reflection of the Sanctus, which is the Great Thanksgiving of faith, sung simultaneously on earth and in heaven, or in the words of the Proper Preface, “with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven.” Thus we sing “Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God of Sabaoth!” For not only were these words first chanted by the seraphim in Isaiah’s vision, and not only does “Sabaoth” (“hosts”) refer to the heavenly hosts, the armies of God’s angels, but most importantly, all redeemed and restored creation in heaven and on earth sing this together in gratitude to the Christ who has wrought so wondrous a salvation for us. All creation bends, as it were, toward the altar on which Christ sits, to acknowledge its restoration in Him.

—Burnell F. Eckardt, Jr.,

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

Music for the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

The Prelude God's Time is the Best Time (from BWV 106) —J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

The Postlude In the Midst of Earthly Life —Samuel Scheidt (1587-1653)

Among J.S. Bach's manifold contributions to Lutheran music are his cantatas. A cantata is a multi-movement musical work for instruments, choirs, and soloists. Bach wrote over 200 cantatas, including one or more for each Sunday and festival of the liturgical year. The cantata was a major part of the Mass, replacing the chief hymn. Some of the cantatas were based on hymns, and the congregation would sing along on some of the movements.

Today's PRELUDE is the opening movement of Bach's Cantata # 106, *Gottes Zeit ist die allerbeste Zeit*. It is one of his earliest cantatas, written around 1707. It was a cantata for a funeral, likely for Adolf Strecker, mayor of Mühlhausen, Germany.

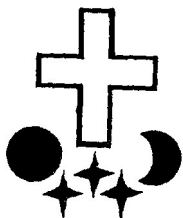
Prepare for Next Sunday

Third-Last Sunday in the Church Year
November 9, 2014

Job 14.1-6; Thessalonians 4.13-18; St. Matthew 24.15-28

Hymns: 601, 407, 619, 393, 596, "Evening and Morning" (insert)

"Signs of the End"



No. 3879

Fifth Week After Michaelmass

Nov 2-9

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Holy Mass for the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed..... 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
Holy Mass for Wednesday of Michaelmass V **Wed, 10a, Chapel**
Bible Study Wed, 10:45a, Rectory
Matins Thr, 8:45a, Chapel
Metro Detroit Pastors' Study Group at English District Office..... 12p
Men's Group Thr, 7p, Rectory
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 Third-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, and Pauline Rivard; the family of Stella Rumpel (mother of Patty Braden).

GIFTS AND DONATIONS From Fr. Gary Schultz for the Benevolence Fund in memory of Louise V. Bussing (✠ Nov 3, 2006).

THE PSALM FOR THIS WEEK IS PSALM 85. PRAY IT EVERY DAY!

"This is a psalm of prayer in which the psalmist pleads against God's wrath and seeks His grace. The wrath (in my opinion) consists in this, that they have a lack of God's Word and true preaching; also a lack of good government, peace, and godly authority; and finally a lack of fruitful times and good harvest. These afflictions hang together, one with the other. Therefore, the psalmist prays that God would speak again, so that His people will not fall into folly, blaspheme in impatience, nor seek other gods; so that peace, unity, truth, and love might wash over His people, and that the land be fruitful; so that they can live a proper and honorable life in a God-pleasing way in peace and quietness, as St. Paul also teaches us to pray." (Martin Luther)

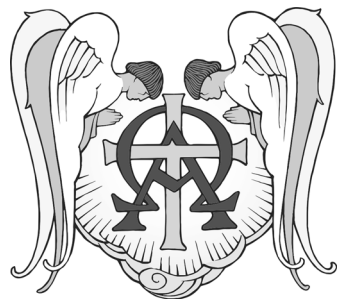
Today's Announcements

MEN'S GROUP is Thursday, November 6. Gather in the Rectory before 7pm. At 7, we pray Vespers in the Church and then return to the Rectory for the study, food, and Gemütlichkeit. This month's study continues in the Formula of Concord, Solid Declaration II "Of Free Will" at paragraph 57. Please RSVP to FrBraden@ZionDetroit for a count for the food.

ADULT CHOIR Thanks to those who have participated in the Adult Choir recently: Patricia Braden, Sarah Braden, Mitchell Meyer, Andrew Stechholz, Janet Stechholz, Kevin Wiedelman, and Suzanne Zobel. We always welcome more singers. We will begin rehearsing music for Advent and Christmass next Sunday, November 9 at 8:45a. The choir will sing November 16, Thursday, November 27 (Thanksgiving), November 30, December 14, and Christmass Midnight.

GOOD SHEPHERD INSTITUTE This afternoon – Tuesday, Father Schultz is attending the Good Shepherd Institute for Sacred Music and Pastoral Theology at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne.

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, and Michael Edwards 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 yesterday and fills up quickly. Last year the conference was full by January. We will need to make reservations by November 16. Registration forms are available from Father Schultz.

LUTHERFEST: A REFORMATION CHORAL FESTIVAL The Lutheran Center Association presents LutherFest: A Reformation Choral Festival next Sunday, November 9 at 4pm at Guardian—Dearborn. The event features the Michigan-Ohio Chorale, a brass quintet, flutes, strings, and joint choir from area parishes. Refreshments will follow the concert. For more information, call 800-572-6711.

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

On the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (also known as All Souls' Day), we remember before God, in thanksgiving, all those who have gone before us with the sign of faith. In the early days of the Christian Church, the names of all the faithful departed were read at each Mass from the *Diptych*.

Over time this changed to regular prayers for the faithful departed, which was practiced during the Reformation as is cited in the *Apology* and in Martin Chemnitz's *Examination of the Council of Trent*. He writes "...in the history of antiquity remembrance was made in the prayers of the church also of the departed, whose souls the godly commend to God in their prayers... our Apology says that we do not prohibit prayers for the dead... also Luther in his confession permits this."

That we not be misled to think that our commemoration of the faithful departed in any way seeks or effects a change in the eternal disposition of the faithful departed, Chemnitz continues "However all sane people know that it does not follow by any kind of necessity."

Observance of the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed was codified over a thousand years ago. Doctrinal abuses during the dark ages and medieval period, especially in Germany, led the churches of the Reformation to stop observing this feast, and Luther to write against the annual observance of a *Requiem*.

While the final Sunday of the Church Year, *Totenfest*, is the commemoration of the faithful departed of the parish, Commemoration of the Faithful Departed commemorates the Christian departed of all times and places, as does the Feast of All Saints. The Feast of All Saints focuses on joy and bliss of the Church in Glory; the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed reminds us that physical death is for the Christian the "last enemy" (1 Corinthians 15.26), for us the portal to life eternal.

The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed uses the Propers of the *Requiem Mass* or funeral Mass. *Requiem* is a Latin word that means "rest," as we sing in the Introit for today: "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord..." The historic sequence for the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed is *Dies Irae*, paraphrased for us in the hymn "Day of Wrath, O Day of Mourning" (# 607).

A right remembrance of the faithful departed is explained by Chemnitz in his *Examination*: "Therefore the prayers of the ancients for the dead were not satisfactions for the sins of the dead, not redemptions of their souls from the fire of purgatory, but public celebrations, applications, and sealings of the divine promises about the forgiveness of sins, the repose, and the salvation of those who died piously: they were instructions and exhortations for the living; they were consolations and strengthening of the grieving; and they were declarations of kindly affections of the mind toward the departed." It is in this spirit that we observe the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed.