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HOLY MASS is celebrated every Sunday and Wednesday at 10am, and on holy days as announced. *Wednesday Masses are at 9:30am & 7pm during Lent.*

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.

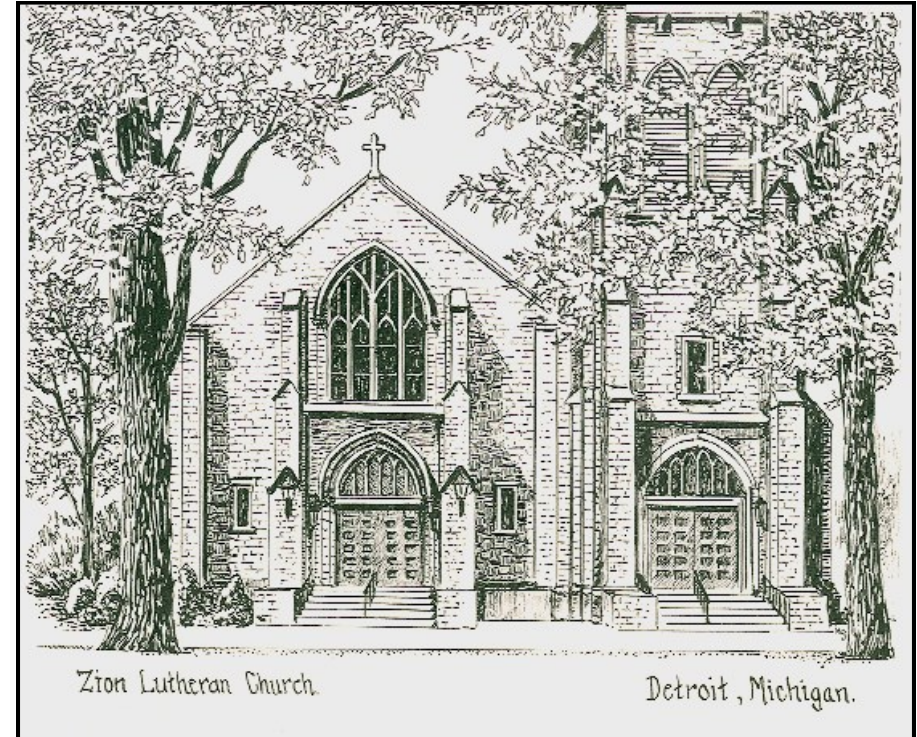
SICK AND HOMEBOUND are visited regularly by the Pastor with the Scriptures and Sacrament. Please contact the Parish Office if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation.

PARISH OFFICERS DEACONS: William Gramzow, Thomas Habitz, Jr., Eric Russell; **TRUSTEES:** Gregory Gramzow, 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), 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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**Invocabit—First Sunday in Lent
February 22, 2015**



Lead Us Not Into Temptation

You are among the Faithful today! Gathered around the Word and Altar of Our Lord you receive strength for your faith and comfort in the face of fear. Our prayer is that your trust in the Savior may also be bolstered by His Word and Supper.

The Theme of Today's Liturgy

Doubt, lack of faith, unbelief – that is ultimately what Satan wanted from Jesus (*Gospel*), and that was the test for Abraham (*Old Testament*). It all goes back to the old question “Did God really say...” (Gen 3). Therefore we pray that our Lord “mercifully hear our prayer and stretch forth the right hand of [His] majesty to defend us from all those who rise up against us” (*Collect*). For our confidence is that we shall call upon the Lord, and He will answer and deliver us (*Introit*), by grace, through faith in Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

“If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down...” the devil taunted. Then to put the finishing touch on his temptation, he cited Holy Scripture. He appealed to pride. Any man, challenged as to his very parentage or rightful station would defend it. He would prove who he is. But pride is sin, and in the Son of God no pride was found. He sought no glory. He humbled Himself. He gave all glory to God the Father. Abraham was right. God would provide for Himself a Lamb. Christ is the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. His death fulfills the sentence, for you, and for all men of all times.

The Holy Eucharist

The Blessed Sacrament is given to us by God to strengthen and preserve against the assaults of the devil. The Sacrament is also a pledge and constant reminder of the One who not only has overcome the devil, but also promises to fight him for us in our flesh.

The Readings

Genesis 22.1-14; 2 Corinthians 6.1-10; St. Matthew 4.1-11

The Hymns for Today's Mass

Processional Hymn	446
Chief Hymn	262
Offering Hymn	437
Distribution Hymns	144; 383
Retiring Processional Hymn	369

An Explanation of the Common Service: Introduction

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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.”

In the reformation of the Service, who led the Lutheran movement?

Luther, who in the year 1523 published his treatise “Of the Order of Divine Service in the Congregation,” and later in the same year, his “Form of the Mass”; and John Bugenhagen, chief pastor at Wittenberg, who published an “Order of Christian Mass,” in 1524. For other early Lutheran Orders, see the Preface to the Common Service.

What were the principal changes which the Lutheran Reformers introduced?

While the Lutheran Reformers retained all that was deemed sound and Scripture in the Latin Mass, the work of purification required some changes. The chief change was in the view which was taken of the Mass. What had been wrongly regarded as a sacrifice, was now understood in its true significance as a sacrament.

The Liturgy was translated into the language of the people; the Sermon was assigned greater importance; all that was contrary to Scripture was removed; church song was given a new and higher place; a few things were added, such as the General Prayer and the Exhortation before the Communion.



Prepare for Next Sunday

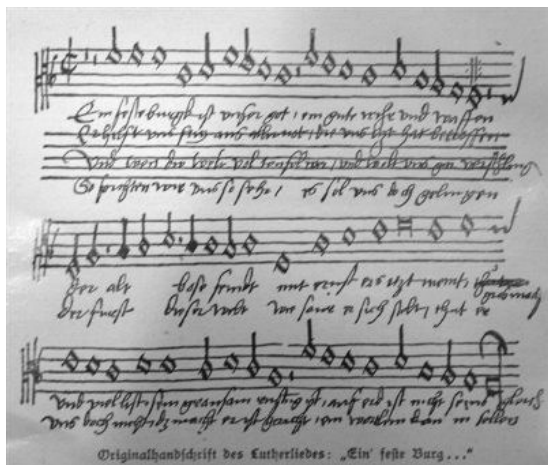
**Reminiscere—Second Sunday in Lent
March 1, 2015**

“Remember, O Lord”

Exodus 33.12-23; 1 Thessalonians 4.1-7; St. Matthew 15.21-28
Hymns: 319, 522, 526, 517, 142, 393

The “Battle Hymn of the Reformation” is Luther’s paraphrase of Psalm 46. Christians are soldiers in the war against “the old evil foe,” who “Now means deadly woe,” and who has no equal on earth; they have dire need of spiritual armor (Ephesians 6.10-17) and a fortress that is the LORD.

No one can stand before this foe, but *he has been defeated* by the right man, Jesus Christ, upon the cross. Since Satan is the accuser and father of lies (John 8.44; Revelation 12.10), Luther tells us the word that can destroy him and his works, “LIAR” (see *Against Hanswurst*, AE XLI, 186).



Though the devil would snatch away the Word of God, yet that Word forever stands firm alongside the Spirit and his gifts. The gifts and promises of Christ are so great they surpass any loss that Christians have, even of “goods, fame, child, and wife.” The kingdom of God, his church, still belongs to those who believe in Christ, now and into eternity.

— Rev. Fr. Thomas Lock, kantor;
Trinity Evangelical-Lutheran Church – Denver, CO

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Holy Mass: Invocabit – First Sunday in Lent	Today, 10a, Church
Sunday School	Today, 11:30a, Activities Center
Adult Study	Today, 11:30a, Undercroft
Youth Study	Today, 11:40a, Rectory
Matins	Mon, 8:45a, Chapel
Holy Mass: St. Matthias, Apostle	Tue, 10a, Chapel
Vespers	Tue, 6:30p, Church
Holy Mass: Ember Wednesday in Lent	Wed, 9:30a, Church
Vespers	Wed, 6p, Church
Holy Mass: Ember Wednesday in Lent	Wed, 7p, Church
Matins	Thr, 8:45a, Chapel
Vespers	Thr, 6:30p, Rectory
Matins (<i>Ember Friday in Lent</i>).....	Fri, 8:45a, Chapel
Matins (<i>Ember Saturday in Lent</i>)	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: Reminiscere – Second Sunday in Lent	Sun, 10a, Church
Sunday School.....	Sun, 11:30a, Activities Center
Bible Study	Sun, 11:30a, Undercroft
Youth Study	Sun, 11:40a, Rectory

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

THE PSALM FOR THIS WEEK IS PSALM 91. PRAY IT EVERY DAY!

What a fitting Psalm to pray throughout the week when we contemplate Our Lord’s fasting and temptation. In it we boldly confess that Our Lord delivers us from every evil, past, present and to come. The angels (v 11), the “feathers” of His “wings” (v 4) and even His “shadow” (v 1) He uses for your protection and rescue. Therefore we gladly make the Lord our habitation (v 9), the One in whom we trust (v 2), and the One we call upon in trouble (v 15). For He delivers us and satisfies us with the long life of eternal salvation. (v 15-16).

Today's Announcements

INVOCABIT The First Sunday in Lent takes its name "Invocabit" from the first words of the Introit in Latin, "He shall call" (Ps 91.15).

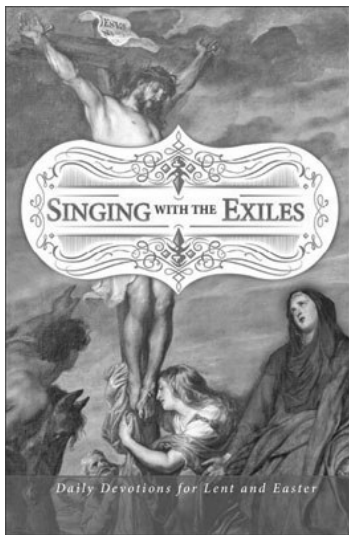
LITURGICAL OBSERVANCES DURING LENT During Lent, the Prelude, Postlude, and the *Gloria in Excelsis* are omitted from the Mass, "Alleluia" is not used in the Mass or the Divine Office, and the *Benedicamus* is used in place of the *Ite, missa est*.

ST. MATTHIAS, APOSTLE The church commemorates St. Matthias on February 24. Holy Mass will be celebrated Tuesday at 10am in the Chapel. Remember this day in your daily prayer at home. Read Acts 1.15-26 and St. Matthew 11.25-30. Pray the Collect on page 90.

LENT IS A SEASON OF INCREASED FASTING The brochure "On Fasting," available in the tract rack, includes guidelines for Christian fasting.

LENT IS A SEASON OF INCREASED CATECHESIS Our catechism students are studying the Ten Commandments in Luther's *Small Catechism*. Consider reviewing the commandments and their meanings as part of your daily prayer this Lent.

LENT IS A SEASON OF INCREASED ALMSGIVING Coin folders as a guide for additional giving during Lent are available in the Narthex.



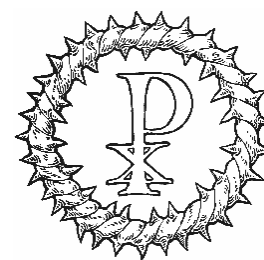
DAILY MEDITATIONS FOR LENT One of the disciplines of Christians during Lent is to increase time spent in Daily Prayer. To assist in this, "Singing with the Exiles," a series of Lent and Easter meditations is provided in the Narthex.

LENT MID-WEEK MASSES The schedule is found on the facing page. Additional copies are available in the Narthex. Place one on your bulletin board or refrigerator. Share a copy with your friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers.

LENT BROCHURE Copies of the Church Year brochure about Lent are available in the tract rack in the Narthex.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY Today: Hosea chapter 2. Wednesday: Our study of Revelation will look at major themes in the book.

Lent Mid-Week Masses 2015



The holy forty-day fast of Lent began on Ash Wednesday. The words of the prophet Joel admonish the chosen people of God to true repentance, not an external repentance to be seen by others, but a tearing of heart in anguish over sin, all the while trusting in God's Gospel promise. Repentantly, in heightened devotion, each Wednesday in Lent, we will receive God's gifts of Word and Sacrament, Liturgy and Preaching at 9:30am and 7pm. Our Wednesday Lenten homilies will focus on the appointed Wednesday Gospel readings, which speak of the horrible sentence imposed upon sinful men, and the gracious Promise of deliverance in Christ Jesus.

Invocabit February 25
"The Sign of Jonah"
St. Matthew 12.38-50

Reminiscere March 4
"Whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave"
St. Matthew 20.17-28

Oculi March 11
"These are the things which defile a man"
St. Matthew 15.1-20

Laetare March 18
"Do you believe in the Son of God?"
St. John 9.1-38

Annunciation March 25
"With God, nothing is impossible"
St. Luke 1.26-38

Make midweek Mass part of your family's
repentant preparation for the celebration of Holy Easter.