

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.

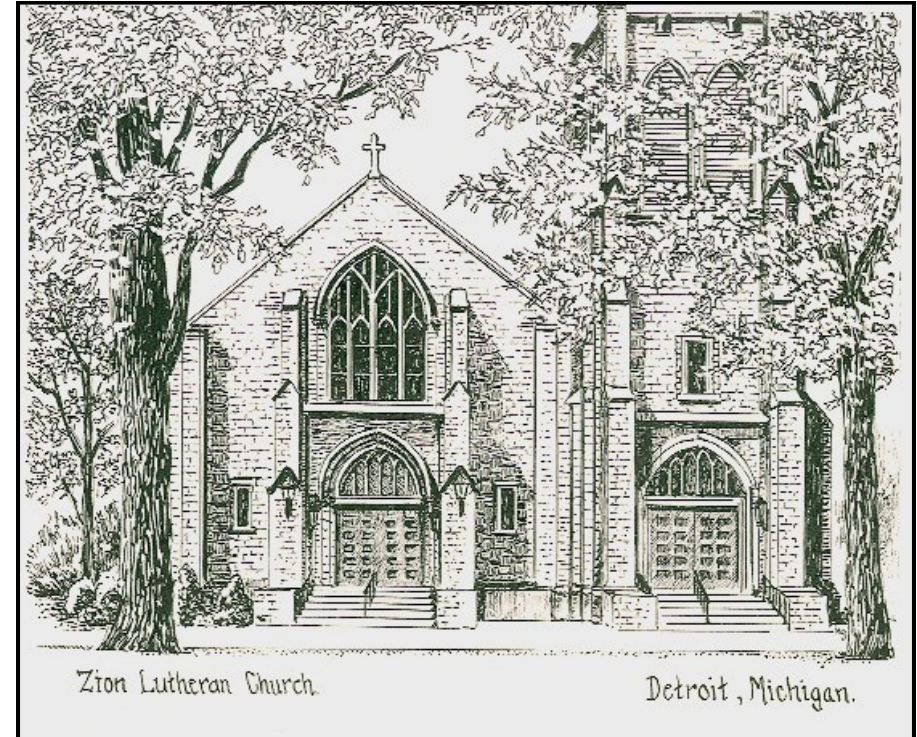
SICK AND HOMEBOUND are visited regularly by the Pastor with the Scriptures and Sacrament. Please contact the Parish Office if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation.

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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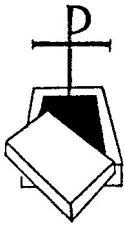
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The Resurrection of Our Lord

April 5, 2015



The Lord is Risen! Alleluia!

This is the Queen of Feasts, the Sunday of all Sundays, at which the Lord of Lords both presides and is Himself our food and drink! May the Resurrected Lord, in His Word and Supper, raise and uplift you to newness of life!

The Theme of Today's Liturgy

"Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands, for our offenses given. But now at God's right hand He stands and brings us life from heaven. Therefore let us joyful be, and sing to God right thankfully, loud songs of alleluia. Alleluia!" (*Chief Hymn*). There is no more fitting summary for this day when Christ Jesus "overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life" (*Collect*). Our prayer, then, is that we "keep this feast with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth" (*Epistle*).

The Holy Eucharist

Christ Jesus is our Paschal (Passover) Lamb who was sacrificed for us. But the Passover Lamb is not simply killed, it is also eaten as the sustaining food for the journey to the Promised Land. In the same way, Christ our Passover is also our meat and drink to nourish and sustain in this life to the life of the world to come. So Our Lord doesn't just live—He now also lives in you and through you and with you!

The Readings

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

Gloria in Excelsis

What is the Gloria in Excelsis?

It is one of the oldest morning hymns of the Christian Church—a hymn of adoration, celebrating God's glory as manifested in the merciful gift of His Son. It is so called from the first words of the Latin, meaning literally, "Glory in the Highest."

By whom and when were the opening words sung?

By the Angels at the birth of Christ (St. Luke 2.14).

What does Luther say of this part of the Gloria?

"It did not grow; nor was it made on earth; it came down from heaven."

How may the contents of this hymn be outlined?

I. Adoration of God the Father

(a) In the words of the Angels,

(b) In a rich outburst of praise and thanksgiving in the words of the Church.

II. Adoration of God the Son,

By acknowledging Him as the Lord, the Only-begotten Son, the Christ, God, the Lamb of God.

III. Petition to God the Son,

(a) As the One Who procures mercy, by taking away the sin of the world;

(b) As the One Who dispenses mercy, sitting at the right hand of God, the Father.

IV. Praise to God the Son,

In a three-fold ascription of equal holiness, power, and glory with the Father and the Holy Ghost, as the reason for our prayer and praise.

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."

Prepare for Next Sunday

Quasimodogeniti—First Sunday After Easter

April 27, 2014

Genesis 32.22-30; 1 John 5.4-10; St. John 20.19-31

Hymns: 331, 208, 206, "The Gifts Christ Freely Gives" (insert)

The Hymns for Today's Mass are listed in the Ordo.

Therefore let us joyful be
 And sing to God right thankfully
 Loud songs of Alleluia!

The CHIEF HYMN, “Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands” (# 195) is Martin Luther’s (1483-1546) Easter hymn. One of the finest Easter hymns, it is based on an early German hymn, the SEQUENCE HYMN, “Christ is Arisen” (# 187).

The sequence hymn, “Christ is Arisen,” is based on the ancient Sequence *Victimae Paschali* (Latin: “Paschal Victim”), sung following the Alleluia.

Luther’s strong text ties Christ’s Resurrection victory to the Passover, for Christ is our “true Paschal Lamb.” As the blood of the lamb marked the doors of the Israelites in the first Passover: “See, His blood doth mark our door; Faith points to it, Death passes over, and Satan cannot harm us.” Buried with Christ in His death in Baptism, we rise to new life with Him whose grace gives “Eternal sunshine to the heart.” Today in the Mass, He feeds us with His Word and His Supper: “Christ alone our souls will feed, He is our meat and drink indeed!”

The vigorous tune, “Christ Lag in Todesbanden,” is based on the tune from the German sequence hymn “Christ ist erstanden” and the plainsong tune for the Latin Sequence *Victimae Paschali*.

The PRELUDE is three settings of “Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands.”

- ✦ Georg Böhm (1661-1733) served as kantor in Lüneberg and likely was a mentor to J.S. Bach.
- ✦ J.S. Bach (1685-1750) ranks among the greatest composers of all time and served as kantor in Leipzig.
- ✦ Heinrich Scheidemann (1595-1633) was a prolific early Baroque composer who wrote more organ compositions than any other composer of his time. He served as kantor in Hamburg.



THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

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| Holy Mass: Great Vigil of Easter | Today, 6:30a, Church |
| Easter Breakfast..... | Today, 8:30a, Undercroft |
| Adult Choir Rehearsal..... | Today, 9:15a, Rectory |
| Holy Mass: Resurrection of Our Lord | Today, 10a, Church |
| Holy Mass: Easter Monday | Mon, 10a, Church |
| Holy Mass: Easter Tuesday | Tue, 10a, Chapel |
| Vespers | Tue, 6:30p, Church |
| Holy Mass: Easter Wednesday | Wed, 10a, Chapel |
| Adult Bible Study..... | Wed, 10:45a, Rectory |
| Matins | Thr, 8:45a, Chapel |
| Holy Mass: Easter Thursday | Thr, 7p, Church |
| Men’s Group | Thr, 7p, Church |
| Holy Mass: Easter Friday | Fri, 10a, Chapel |
| Private Confession and Absolution..... | Sat, 9a, Chapel |
| Holy Mass: Easter Saturday | Sat, 10a, Church |
| Youth Catechesis..... | Sat 10a, Church |
| Holy Mass: Quasimodogeniti – Easter I | Sun, 10a, Church |
| Sunday School | Sun, 11:30a, Activities Center |
| Adult Study | Sun, 11:30a, Undercroft |
| Youth Study | Sun, 11:40a, Rectory |
| Potluck..... | Sun, 12:30p, 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.

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

THE PSALM FOR THIS WEEK IS PSALM 118. PRAY IT EVERY DAY!

This is the Easter Psalm! The central theme is v 15-20. The strength of the Lord’s arm (v 15-16) is shown when He pulls His Own from the jaws of death and hell. The “gate” through which the Righteous One enters (v 19-20) is the tomb itself. In other words, the grave is changed into a gateway in the life of the world to come. And this is the Lord’s doing—part of His marvelous plan (v 23). This is the prayer, then, the Faithful pray with Christ their Lord.

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 \$5; children \$4. The menu includes: eggs, biscuits and gravy, pancakes, bacon, sausage, coffee, tee, and juice.

ADULT CHOIR REHEARSALS will resume Sunday, April 19. There is no rehearsal next Sunday. Thanks to those who have sung in the choir recently: Patricia Braden, Sarah Braden, Thomas Habitz, Andrew Stechholz, Janet Stechholz, and Kevin Wiedelman.

ALTAR SERVERS Thank you to those who have served during the Holy Week and Easter Masses: Eric Chestnut, Elijah Edwards, James Gramzow, Thomas Habitz, Nathaniel Jensen, Robert Kelly IV, Eric Russell, Dylan Smith, and Kevin Wiedelman

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.

THE CELEBRATION CONTINUES! For fifty days, the Church celebrates the Easter season. For Easter week, daily Mass is celebrated at Zion:

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

GOTTESDIENST The new issues of *Gottesdienst: A Journal of Lutheran Liturgy* are available in the Narthex.

Easter Lily Donations 2015

From Mrs. Kathleen Atkins

From Mr. Thomas Habitz Jr. in memory of Hattie Sanders (✕ Aug 4, 1998) and Emma Cole (✕ Sep 1, 1995)

From Mr. Robert Kelly III in honor of Leticia Kelly, Linda Kelly, and Teri Kelly

From Paula L. MacMunn in memory of Leonard C Hoeft (✕ Jun 17, 1995), Genevieve Hoeft (✕ Feb 25, 1997), Carl L. Hoeft (✕ Jul 13, 2011), Gottfried Hoeft (✕ Mar 30, 1955), Louise Hoeft (✕ Dec 10, 1966), Marion Hoeft (✕ Jul 17, 1993), Phyllis Hoeft (✕ Apr 24, 2002), Harry Kroll (✕ May 18, 1988), Clara Kroll (✕ Apr 9, 1995), John MacMunn (✕ Jul 29, 1992), and George W. Abick (✕ Jan 11, 2015)

From Carol Matschikowski in memory of Eleanora Matschikowski (✕ Feb 20, 2004)

From Alexis Ruffin in honor of Ruth Ruffin

From Mr. and Mrs. Eric Russell in memory of Carol Russell (✕ Nov 13, 2014) and Darlene Capsel (✕ Jan 5, 2011)

From Rev. Fr. Gary Schultz in memory of Kenneth E. Schultz Sr. (✕ Sep 22, 1981) Olivia A. Schultz (✕ Aug 31, 2009), Richard A.F. Bussing (✕ Jun 4, 1983), Louise V. Bussing (✕ Nov 3, 2006), and Dale E. Bussing (✕ Mar 10, 1992)

From Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Smith and family in memory of Wesley Kolver

From Mr. Kevin Wiedelman in memory of Keener F. Wallace (✕ 1985) and Flossie L. Wallace (✕ 1999)

From Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Williams in memory of Jacqueline Rogers (✕ Nov 5, 2008)

In memory of Norma "Sue" Kraning by her nieces and nephews

In memory of Sophie E. Szelles by her grandchildren and great-grandchildren

In memory of Esther Gramzow by her grandchildren and great-grandchildren

In honor of William and Nancy Gramzow by their children and grandchildren.