

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.

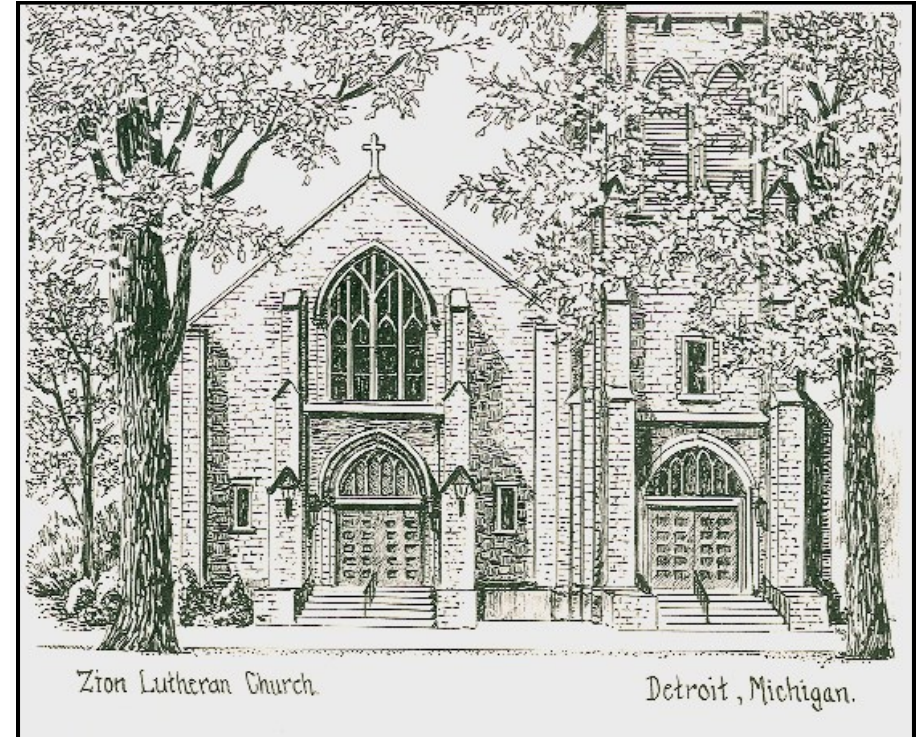
SICK AND HOMEBOUND are visited regularly by the Pastor with the Scriptures and Sacrament. Please contact the Parish Office if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation.

PARISH OFFICERS DEACONS: William Gramzow, Thomas Habitz, Jr., 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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Rogate—Fifth Sunday After Easter

May 25, 2014

The Praying Church



Welcome to Our Lord’s House of Prayer. Here He meets your need with His Gospel in Preaching and the Sacraments. And when you have heard and received that Gospel, what else can you do but call upon His name and give Him thanks?

The Theme of Today’s Liturgy

Prayer begins with listening to our Lord and His Word. So we hear that “the Lord has redeemed His servant Jacob,” His people (*Introit*). We take to heart that “Christ has redeemed us with His Blood” (*Gradual*). And we confess that He is the God “from whom all good things come” (*Collect*). Then we “make a joyful noise to God” and pray for His merciful guidance to live in the righteousness He alone gives. In this way prayer makes us “doers of the Word and not hearers only” (*Epistle*). To this faithful doing our Lord attaches His wonderful promise: “Whatever you ask the Father in my name, He will give you; and you will receive, that your joy may be full” (*Gospel*).

The Sermon

The Lord’s ways are not our ways. His thoughts are higher than our thoughts. So He gives us His Word, that His good and gracious will be revealed to us. He gives us the Holy Sacraments, that we might truly know Him. For it is in the application of His forgiveness, mercy, grace and salvation that we come to know Him rightly. And He gives us prayer, not because He needs it, but because we do. The Lord bids us pray in His Name. He bids us pray the Father “Thy will be done.” That is often the hard prayer to pray. But His ways are not our ways. His ways lead to everlasting life. “Thy will be done” is the prayer of faith.

The Holy Eucharist

The Blood with which He has redeemed you He makes your Drink as He streams His Blood, and so His everlasting life, into you. His Body He makes your Food as He banquets you with Heavenly Food here on earth. He who has left the world and has gone to the Father is still Immanuel, God with us, God for us, in this Holy Sacrament, by which you receive forgiveness, salvation, and faith, which makes you bold to pray “Our Father...”

The Readings Isaiah 55.6-11; James 1.22-27; St. John 16.23-30

The Prelude Our Father, Thou in Heaven Above –J. Schneider (1702-1788)

The Postlude Our Father, Thou in Heaven Above –D. Buxtehude (1637-1707)

The Hymns for Today’s Mass

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| Processional Hymn | 21 |
| Chief Hymn | 458 (stanzas 1-6) |
| Offering Hymn | 437 |
| Distribution Hymn | 528 (stanzas 1-6, interlude, stanzas 11-15) |
| Retiring Processional Hymn | 458 (stanzas 7-9) |

The Mass: Offering

What can we offer? Jesus took wine and bread at that first Communion, before He died for our sins. He told us to do this also.

Now, this is a strange offering, a bit of bread and wine. But when we think of it, it is really quite a meaningful offering; for bread and wine represent creation, life, food, work, and joy. It also shows that God can take the common things of our life and make them into something wonderful.

The bread and wine have also another meaning. They symbolize the union of the Church with Christ from Whom all life comes. Almost 2000 years ago the Christians prayed: “As this bread was once scattered on the mountains, and is here gathered into one, so also gather Thy Holy Church out of every nation, and every city and village and house, and make one living, holy, catholic Church; and as this wine was gathered from the fruit of the vine, so all thy people may abide as branches in that holy Vine, made known to us in Thy Son Jesus Christ.”

With the bread and wine we place our offering of money on the altar. This also has a deep meaning. The offering is a symbol of one’s self. This is why the early Christians prayed: “And here we would present ourselves, though unworthy, body, soul, and spirit unto Thee.” The offering is not only money. When we place our offering on the plate, which is taken to the altar, we are on that plate.

– Berthold von Schenk, “The Little Service Book”

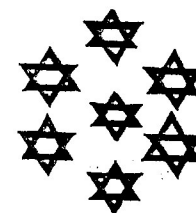
Prepare for Ascension Day

Thursday, May 29, 2014—7pm

2 Kings 2.9-15; Acts 1.1-11; St. Mark 16.14-20

Hymns: “Look, Ye Saints, the Sight is Glorious” (insert), 218, 216, 223, 217, 212

Prepare for Next Sunday



Exaudi—Sunday After Ascension

June 1, 2014

Isaiah 32.14-20; 1 Peter 4.7-11; St. John 15:26–16:4

Hymns: 211, 267, “This Joyful Eastertide” (insert), 306, 216

Music for Rogate

Ask, and you will receive that your joy may be full. It is fitting on Rogate Sunday to sing Luther's (1483-1546) catechism hymn on the Our Father, "Our Father, Thou in Heaven Above" (# 458). Setting the teachings of the Small Catechism to music, we both learn and confess Christian teaching on prayer, and the role of prayer in our lives.



With this hymn in 1539, Luther completed his project of writing a hymn for each of the six chief parts of Christian doctrine. The tune was an existing tune which he revised for use with his text.

Luther strongly encouraged the use of music to teach the Christian faith, writing over 40 hymns and encouraging others to do so. With this hymn, Luther unpacks Jesus' words: "Whatever you ask the Father in my name, He will give you." Prayer is given so that we may plead to the Father through the Son for the needs of our neighbors, friends, community, and the entire world. We live in Christ's forgiveness and share it with others.

The introduction to the chief hymn (stanzas 1-6) is by Johann Krieger (1651-1735), kantor in Zittau, Germany.

The introduction to the retiring processional hymn (stanzas 7-9) is by Donald Rotermond (b. 1932).

The organ meditation music during the distribution is the setting of "Our Father, Thou in Heaven Above" by J.S. Bach (1685-1750) from his *Orgelbüchlein*. Bach wrote settings of all Luther's catechism hymns. In this setting, Bach uses an accompanying motif that presents a pattern, and then uses it in its mirrored form.



THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

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| Holy Mass for Rogate, Easter V | Today, 10a, Church |
| Adult Bible Class..... | Today, 11:30a, Undercroft |
| Sunday School..... | Today, 11:30a, Activities Center |
| Matins (<i>Rogation Monday</i>) | Mon, 8:45a, Chapel |
| Matins (<i>Rogation Tuesday</i>) | Tue, 8:45a, Chapel |
| Vespers | Tue, 5:30pm, Chapel |
| Holy Mass for Rogation Wednesday | Wed, 10a, Chapel |
| Bible Class | Wed, 10:45a, Rectory |
| Matins | Thr, 8:45a, Chapel |
| Vespers | Thr, 5:30p, Chapel |
| Adult Choir Rehearsal..... | Thr, 6:15p, Rectory |
| Holy Mass for the Ascension of Our Lord | Thr, 7p, Church |
| Matins | Fri, 8:45a, Chapel |
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| Private Confession and Absolution..... | Sat, 9:15a, Chapel |
| Youth Catechism..... | Sat, 10a, Rectory |
| Adult Choir Rehearsal..... | Sun, 9a, Rectory |
| Holy Mass for Exaudi | Sun, 10a, Church |
| Voters' Assembly | Sun, 11:30a, Undercroft |

IN OUR PRAYERS Edward Brown, Linda Buskirk, Charles Capsel, Lela Casey, John Chavez, Gladys Cline, Anna Dalton, Martha Draspa, Sandy Frey, Ellen Hayden, Drucilla Huddleston, Florine Kaiser, Lawrence Kasner, Eleanor Luka, Earlene Maynarich, Michael Maynarich, Robert Murdock, Margaret Quinkert, and Pauline Rivard.

THE PSALM FOR THIS WEEK IS PSALM 66. PRAY IT EVERY DAY!

For the second time in two weeks we pray this joyful Psalm. Remember that the praise is sung only as a result of what Our Lord has first done—His overcoming death and the grave, and all the things that haunt and scare us! This time, as you pray the Psalm, keep in mind a particular trial you endure or a special loved one who is undergoing a rough time. And bless God (v 8) because He keeps our soul among the living (v 9) and brings us out to rich fulfillment (v 12) – especially the life and salvation He generously bestows upon us.

Today's Announcements

ROGATE comes from the Latin *rogare* which means "to ask," a reference to the strong theme of prayer in the Propers for today. In ancient practice, the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday prior to the Ascension of Our Lord were known as Rogation Days. These days of early summer were times of special prayer for the protection of the crops. The Major Rogation was on April 25, also the Feast of St. Mark. The rite used in the ancient church was derived from the litanies of St. Mamertus of Vienne (d. 470), when that region (then called Gaul) was threatened by volcanic activity. The Introit for Rogate, "With the voice of singing declare ye, and tell this: utter it even to the end of the earth..." is from Isaiah 48.20, a joyful proclamation of the freedom of Israel from the Babylonian captivity, and of God's gracious deliverance of His people. The Gospel for Rogate, like those for the preceding Sundays Cantate and Jubilate, all point to the Ascension, and hence point the eyes of the faithful to our risen Lord's eternal reign in heaven.

ASCENSION DAY A first class feast of the Church, Ascension Day commemorates our Lord's ascension into heaven where He sits at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us. Make it your top priority to attend Holy Mass on **Thursday, May 29, at 7pm** to celebrate this feast of Christ. Remember this day in your daily prayer at home. Read Acts 1.1-11 and St. Mark 16.14-20. Sing hymn # 218. Pray the Collect on page 71.

ASCENSION DAY OPEN HOUSE Following the Holy Mass on Ascension Day, Zion members and guests are invited to the Ascension Day Open House at the Rectory. The open house will be a potluck. Please RSVP on the sheet in the Narthex and indicate what you will bring to the Open House.

ADULT CHOIR Rehearsals are Thursday at 6:15pm and Sunday at 9am in the Rectory.

CLEAN-UP DAY Fr. Schultz and Vicar Hopkins are planning to remove trash and weeds from the alley behind the Church and Rectory tomorrow, May 26. Anyone is invited to assist with this project. Please let Fr. Schultz know that you can help.

LAY SYMPOSIA ON HOLY SCRIPTURE AND THE LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS The first annual lay symposia on Holy Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions will be held on Saturday, May 31, from 12:30-5:30pm at Redford Evangelical-Lutheran Church (22159 Grand River, Detroit). The presenter will be the Rev. Dr. Carl C. Fickenscher II, professor of pastoral theology at Concordia Theological Seminary, who will present "God's No and God's Yes: Law and Gospel for Every Day." There is no cost. More information is available on the poster on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

EXAMINATION The Examination of our catechumens, preparing for the Rite of Confirmation, will be Saturday, June 7, at 10am in the Rectory. All Zion members and friends are encouraged to attend. Confirmation will be Pentecost Sunday, June 8.

FR. JACOB GAUGERT, MISSIONARY TO TOGO Fr. Gaugert's bi-monthly newsletter on the mission work in Togo, West Africa is available in the Narthex.

VOTERS' ASSEMBLY meets next Sunday, June 1, following Holy Mass. See the agenda on the facing page.

REGULAR VOTERS' MEETING 1 JUNE 2014 AT 11:30 A.M. AGENDA

Opening Prayer

Call to Order

Establishing a Quorum

Review of Minutes

Committee Reports

- **Trustees' Report**
- **Parish Education Report**
- **Endowment Board Report**
- **Deacons' Report**
- **Treasurer's Report**
- **Pastor's Report**

Old Business

New Business

1. Budget – 7/1/14 thru 6/30/15

Future Looking

Closing Prayer