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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.

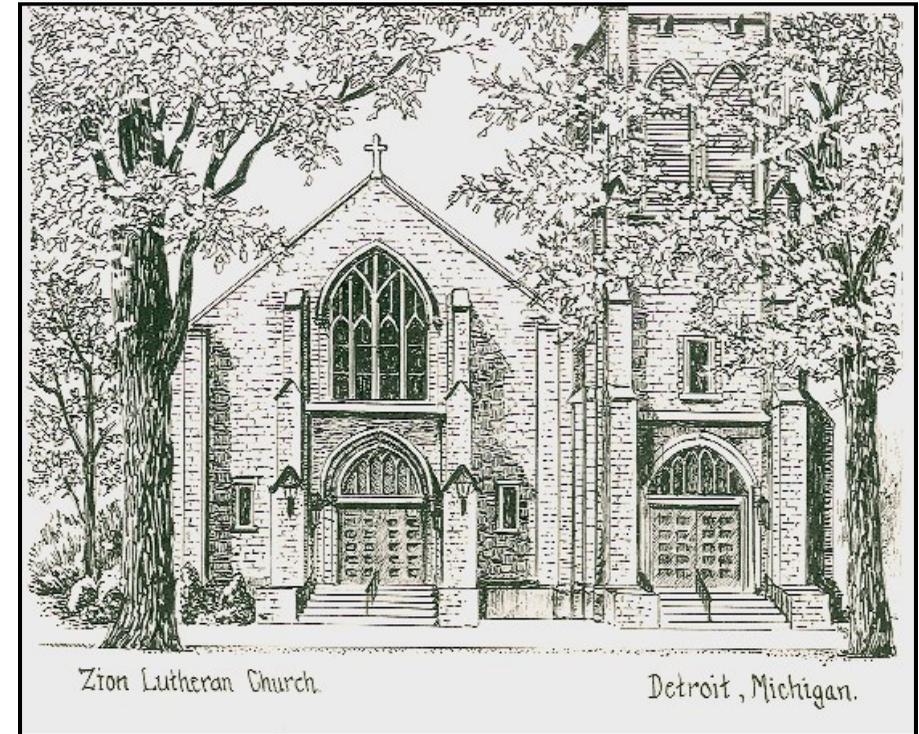
SICK AND HOMEBOUND are visited regularly by the Pastor with the Scriptures and Sacrament. Please contact the Parish Office if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation.

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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"THE LORD HAS CHOSEN ZION;
HE HAS DESIRED HER AS HIS DWELLING PLACE"



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**Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 7, 2014**



Ephphatha! Be Opened!

If you are hard-pressed, if your past troubles you, if your body is broken, if your spirit is shaken, if your heart aches, if your mind is filled with concerns, if you feel uneasy, if you find it hard to go on—then we are pleased that the Holy Spirit has gathered you with us. For here is where you will receive healing for both body and soul.

The Theme of Today's Liturgy

Because we believe and confess that we are not “sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves,” (*Epistle*) we continually pray Our Lord to make haste to deliver us (*Introit*) from every evil. And our Jesus comes through for us—just as He came through for the deaf man (*Gospel*). What else can we do, then, but bless the Lord at all times (*Gradual*)? For the gift of His healing lives in us so that we faithfully serve Our Lord in this life (*Collect*).

The Sermon

Only the One who creates can truly repair His broken creation. In Eden there was no deafness. There was no impediment of speech. Sin brought deafness when the first man could not hear God's Word, and listened rather to the Tempter. Impediment of speech came upon that man as his confession of God and His Command was silenced by transgression. So it is that sickness, suffering and death entered the world. Eden was closed. And to those conceived and born in sin, heaven was closed. But thanks be to God, the One through whom all things were made came to restore what was fallen, to fix what was broken, to give life to the dead, to open what sin closed. He alone can command “Ephphatha!” He alone can save you from your sins. He alone can open your ears to hear His Word. He alone can open your lips to confess Him aright. He alone can open heaven to you.

The Holy Eucharist

Our Lord's Body and Blood in his Holy Supper is the wholesome medicine that gives healing in the forgiveness which renews, refreshes, restores, and revitalizes our life.

The Readings

Isaiah 29.17-21; 2 Corinthians 3.4-11; St. Mark 7.31-37

The Hymns for Today's Mass

Processional Hymn	26
Chief Hymn	34
Offering Hymn	465
Distribution Hymns	541, 307, 526
Retiring Processional Hymn	247

The Mass: Collect

When the faithful have finally “entered” into the Mass through the Introit, Kyrie, and Gloria, there is immediately following the chief prayer of the day called the “Collect,” a term which comes from the Latin *collecto*. In the Greek services it is called *synaxis*. Originally a reference to the assembly itself, that is, the people gathered for worship, this prayer is now properly considered a prayer of the collected faithful. Now that they have gathered at the altar, they pray. The content of the prayer is thematic, that is, it bears some connection to the readings that follow. The collects come from days of old; nobody knows their authors. They are the property of the whole Church.

The celebrant holds his hands apart and prays the collect aloud while the people pray silently with him. That is, they not only listen, but they make the prayer their own, and in so doing they join with all the faithful. Not only does the collect serve to join the faithful visibly present in the room, but to join them to the faithful of all times and places. Such a universal understanding of this prayer is what is in view by the name collect. Since the collect is always a prayer of high antiquity, therefore besides being a thematically unifying prayer, it also binds the faithful of all times in a common purpose and desire, expressed in the collect's petition.

The reason the collect is best said by the celebrant alone while all the people pray it silently is that the single voice of the celebrant for all their prayers highlights this unity well. The celebrant himself becomes a symbol of the Church's unity.

It is helpful to prepare for worship by considering the Propers for the day. One may wish to read in advance the collect appointed or possibly to read along while praying it silently as it is prayed aloud, even to the point of moving the lips in silence as the words are heard. This can serve to accentuate the point of unity, and of the collecting of the faithful in one.

The flow and dignity of worship would not be served well, however, either here or elsewhere to give instructions as to the correct page number or place in the service. Well trained members of a Christian congregation will know what to do and when; others learn by imitation. There ceremony of worship is kept dignified and its importance highlighted if extraneous matters are omitted.

—Burnell F. Eckardt, Jr.,

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

Music for the Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

The Prelude My Soul, Now Praise Thy Maker —I. Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706);
II. Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

The Postlude God the Father, Be Our Stay — Allan Mahnke (b. 1944)

Based on Psalm 103, Johann Gramann (1487-1541) wrote this hymn in 1525 for Albrecht of Brandenburg-Ansbach, a follower of Martin Luther (1483-1546) and a supporter of the Reformation. It is one of the most majestic and fervent hymns of praise of the Reformation era. The tune is possibly composed by Johann Kugelman (1495-1542), musician in Königsberg, where Gramann served as the pastor for a time. Gramann also served in Leipzig, Würzburg, and Nürnberg.

The hymn was sung by Gustavus Adolphus on April 24, 1632, at the first restored Protestant service in Augsburg and also by the worshippers in Osnabrück, Westphalia, as a thanksgiving at the close of the Thirty Years' War on October 25, 1648.

The organ introductions to "Praise the Almighty" and "Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord" are by Jan O. Bender (1909-1994).

The organ introduction to "Christ is Our Cornerstone" is by Healey Willan (1880-1968).

Prepare for Next Sunday



Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 14, 2014

Zechariah 7.4-10; Galatians 3.16-22; St. Luke 10.23-37
Hymns: 295, 297, 267, 373, 350, 23

"The Good Samaritan"

No. 3871

Thirteenth Week After Pentecost

Sep 7-14

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Holy Mass for the Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost Today, 10a, Church Reception Welcoming Vicar Grieser Sun, 11:15a, Undercroft Bible Study Sun, 11:45a, Undercroft Sunday School Sun, 11:45a, Activities Center
Holy Mass for the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mon, 10a, Chapel Matins Tue, 8:45a, Chapel Vespers Tue, 6:30p, Chapel
Holy Mass for Wednesday of Pentecost XIII Wed, 10a, Chapel Bible Study Wed, 10:45a, Rectory Matins Thr, 8:45a, Chapel Vespers Thr, 6:30p, Chapel Adult Catechesis Thr, 7p, Chapel Matins Fri, 8:45a, Chapel Matins Sat, 8:45a, Chapel Private Confession and Absolution Sat, 9:15a, Chapel Youth Catechism Sat, 10a, Rectory Women's Group Sat, 1p, Rectory
Holy Mass for the Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost Sun, 10a, Church Bible Study Sun, 11:30a, Undercroft Sunday School Sun, 11:45a, Activities Center

IN OUR PRAYERS Sylvia Balaska, 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 PSALM FOR THIS WEEK IS PSALM 70. PRAY IT EVERY DAY!

The Faithful pray not to make God do things, but from the faith that God will both listen to their prayer and come through according to His promised mercy. Therefore, the confidence is that God will deliver and help (v 5). This confidence elicits the plea that God comes through speedily (v 1) by turning back and confounding the devil or his helpers who seek to undo the faithful person (v 2-3). This confidence also elicits the cry of praise-even before God had heard the prayer (v 4).

Today's Announcements

WELCOME VICAR GRIESER In today's Mass the Rev. Sem. Winston Grieser will be inducted as Zion's vicar. A reception will follow Mass in the Undercroft. Please join us to meet our new vicar.

THE DIVINE OFFICE OF VESPERS is prayed on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30pm. Note the change in time.

ADULT CATECHESIS continues Thursday at 7pm. Participants are encouraged to pray Vespers at 6:30pm in the Chapel.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS TODAY Invite and plan to bring your children, grandchildren, friends, and neighbors to Zion's Sunday School. Sunday School includes a Bible lesson, crafts, activities, and music. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** each Sunday to teach or help with Sunday School. Please sign-up on the sheet in the Undercroft.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY Our Survey of the New Testament concludes examining the Epistle of Jude.

ADULT CHOIR will resume rehearsals (Sundays at 8:45am) next Sunday, September 14. Please let Fr. Schultz know of your willingness to sing. The tentative dates that the choir will sing will be September 28, October 19, Fri, October 31 (Reformation), Sat, November 1 (All Saints'), November 30, and December 14.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE At the May Voters' Assembly on June 1, the 2014-15 parish budget was not ratified pending additional information from the Parish Council. A special Voters' Assembly will be held soon. Watch the bulletin for details.

2014 ST. MICHAEL LITURGICAL CONFERENCE

- ✘ The conference is Monday, September 29, from 8:15am-5pm.
- ✘ Make sure you are registered for the Conference, which is free for Zion members.
- ✘ Volunteers are needed to house college and university students.
- ✘ Please help us publicize the conference by inviting all pastors, church musicians, and other people interested in the Church's liturgy. Brochures are available in the Narthex. **Registration before September 15 is \$40**; Late registration is \$50.
- ✘ Consider making a donation to the Conference.
- ✘ If you can help with the Conference, please let Fr. Braden know.

Concordia Theological Seminary Begins 169th Academic Year

The 169th Academic Year has begun at Concordia Theological Seminary (CTS), Fort Wayne. The Opening Service will take place today at 3pm in Kramer Chapel, 6600 N.

Clinton Street. At that time we will welcome new and returning students and install new staff members. Those who cannot be with us on campus will be able to watch the service live via the internet by going to www.ctsfw.edu and clicking on the *Watch Live!* link.



Students will come from all regions of the United States, as well as Brazil, China, Ethiopia, Haiti, India, Japan, Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar, Nigeria, South Korea, South Africa, Spain, Taiwan, Tanzania and Uganda. In addition to those in the Master of Divinity and Master of Arts, many will be pursuing the Master of Sacred Theology, Doctor of Ministry or Doctor of Philosophy degree. "As we begin a new academic year, we especially rejoice that the Holy Spirit continues to draw faithful men, often

through the encouragement of their pastors and the support of their home congregations, into our many programs. The faculty eagerly looks forward to the adventure of teaching theology that is centered on Christ crucified, risen, and returning for the salvation of the world," commented CTS Academic Dean, Rev. Dr. Charles Gieschen.

Several new staff members will be installed by the Rev. Daniel May, president of the Indiana District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Those to be installed include: **Rev. Dr. Robert Bennett**, international missions specialist, **Rev. Mark DeLassus**, advancement officer, **Mr. Matthew Machemer**, associate kantor, **Rev. Roger Peters**, assistant to the director of Library and Information Services, and **Deaconess Amy Rast**, associate director of Deaconess Studies. "We are most pleased to welcome these talented individuals to the seminary community. We are grateful for the gifts they bring and the contributions they will make as we serve together to form servants in Jesus Christ who teach the faithful, reach the lost and care for all," said CTS President Rev. Dr. Lawrence R. Rast, Jr.