

# 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** 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.

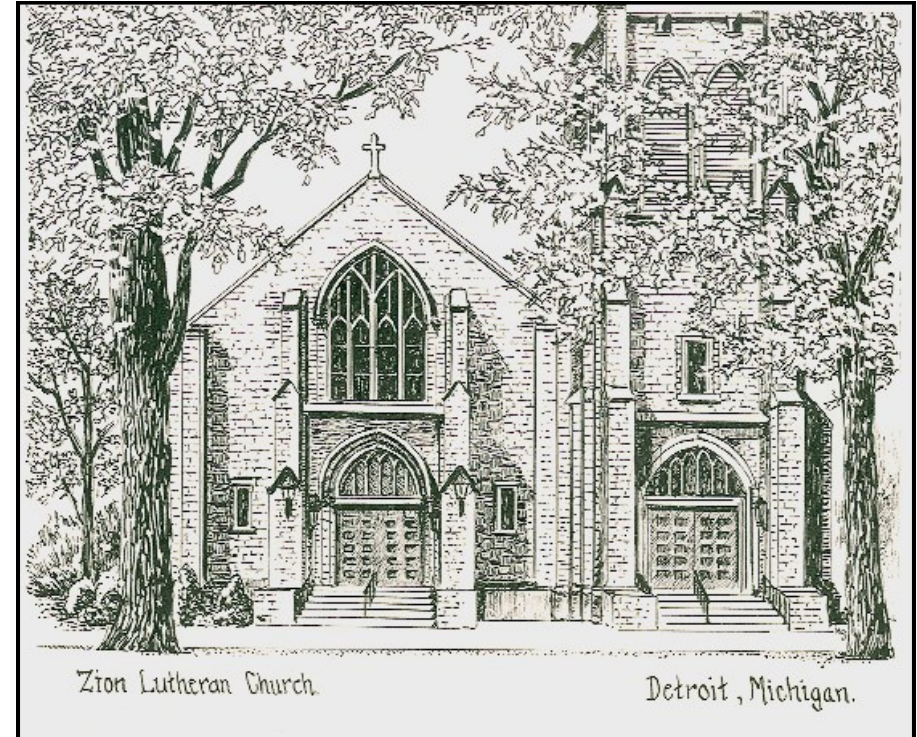
**SICK AND HOMEBOUND** are visited regularly by the Pastor with the Scriptures and Sacrament. Please contact the Parish Office if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation.

**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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**First Sunday After Michaelmass**  
**October 5, 2014**



## “Your Sins are Forgiven”

Our Lord gives His healing mercy freely without cost, without strings attached. The Faithful rejoice in receiving Our Lord as He comes to them in His Holy Body and Blood. Pray that your gathering with them will rejoice in you as well.

### The Theme of Today’s Liturgy

The Lord is our salvation and He delivers us from our troubles (*Introit*). But our instinct is to take our Lord’s salvation for granted, not to treasure His help, and to live however pleases us. This is the old way we are to put away (*Epistle*). Our instinct is also to make light of Our Lord’s forgiveness and to look instead for spectacular healings and miracles and instead give us His grace so that we might cheerfully live as pleases Him (*Collect*).

### The Sermon

He forgives sins. They called Him a blasphemer. A man who forgives sins? Yes, O Ye of little faith, a Man who forgives sins. For which is easier for God to say, “Arise, take up your bed and go to your house!” or “Your sins are forgiven you!”? Or is it that they doubt that He is God? Who then blasphemes? Dust returns to dust, arms and legs grow feeble, minds and eyes grow dim. Men of Adam’s flesh must go the way of all flesh. But it is He who offers true healing when He forgives sins, for that healing lasts unto eternity. And that you may know that the same Son of Man who forgave the paralytic gave to mere men the Office to forgive sins, He breathed on His Disciples and said “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any they are forgiven them. If you retain the sins of any they are retained.” And so He is proved to be Jacob’s Ladder, for it is He alone who bridges heaven and earth. And so it is the very gate of heaven to which He invites you this day.

### The Holy Eucharist

With the forgiveness comes healing. It was true of the paralytic. And it is true of everyone who partakes of Our Lord’s Body and Blood. For the Blessed Sacrament not only forgives our sin, it also heals us body and soul by strengthening us in our weakness and putting within us the Life that never dies.

### The Readings

Genesis 28.10-17; Ephesians 4.17-28; St. Matthew 9.1-8

### The Hymns for Today’s Mass

Proclamation Hymn	317
Chief Hymn	26
Offering Hymn	6
Distribution Hymns	372; 329
Retiring Proclamation Hymn	25 (stanzas 1-2, 5-6)

## The Mass: Creed (Part 2)

The Creed in its original form is in the first person plural: “We believe...” This is because it was an expression of unanimity among the bishops present at the Nicea Council. When the Creed began to be confessed in the churches while at Mass, the form was altered into the singular, as we have it now: “I believe.” When people at worship make this confession, they are declaring their personal agreement with the ecumenical Christian faith as it was insisted upon by these assembled bishops who made their stand against the Arian errors. The use of the singular also suggests a baptismal reference as it is found in the Apostles’ Creed (which is confessed at Baptism). That is to say, it is because of Baptism in Christ that we declare our allegiance with those who rejected the Arian errors.

The errors of Arius and his followers were regarded as a most serious breach in the faith because they amounted to a denial of Jesus. Arius had said that there was a time before Jesus existed; Arius’ followers had tried to blend their false views with those of the Christians, saying that Jesus is “God” in a manner of speaking, or that He was of *like* substance with the Father. The Nicene fathers rejected all refusals to see Jesus for who He truly is, and this is why the Creed is so emphatic about His divinity: “God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,” and then the following clause, “begotten, not made,” a declared rejection of Arius, and “being of one substance with the Father,” a declared rejection of any who attempted the compromising view, and finally, “by whom all things were made,” a confession which no Arian could stomach. Thus the Creed is the mark of an unyielding Church Militant, making its stand against all error.

At Mass, the placement of the Creed after the Gospel proclaimed and preached is a confession, an implicit declaration as to the source of our faith, namely the Gospel. The Gospel is heard and confessed.

In addition it is appropriate to genuflect at the words “and was made man,” to mark our acknowledgement of His deep humility. The term *man* here implies more than simply His union with our humanity, but His state of humiliation under the curse of the Law.

In the Creed’s third article, it is also appropriate to make a profound bow from the waist in honor of the Holy Ghost, at the words “who with the Father is worshipped and glorified.”

—Burnell F. Eckardt, Jr.,

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

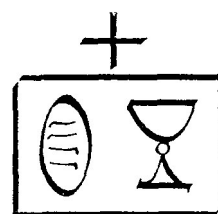
## Music for the First Sunday After Michaelmass

**The Prelude** Praise the Almighty, My Soul, Adore Him —Jan O. Bender (1909-1994)

**The Postlude** Praise the Almighty, My Soul, Adore Him —Gustav Zanger (1848-1889)

The CHIEF HYMN, “Praise the Almighty, My Soul, Adore Him,” (# 26) is based on Psalm 146 by Johann David Herrnschmidt (1675-1723). The *Handbook to The Lutheran Hymnal* comments: “His hymns are scriptural but do not possess much poetic force.” Though this is the only hymn of his included in the hymnal, it certainly is an exception to that statement. Perhaps the fine English rendering is thanks to the translator, Alfred E. R. Brauer, an Australian pastor who assisted in the production of the 1925 *Australian Lutheran Hymn-Book*. It is a well-crafted poetic expression of Our Father’s love and provision for all our needs, especially salvation through His Son, for which we give Him praise and thanks.

The OFFERING HYMN, “Kyrie, God Father in Heaven Above” (# 6) is a paraphrase of the Latin Kyrie, Fons bonitatis. The German translation is ascribed to Johann Spangenberg (1484-1550). Countless settings of the Kyrie were used in the medieval church; this one gained favor among German Lutherans and was, in some locations, sung in addition to or in replacement of the Latin Kyrie. Its continued use among us connects us to the plainsong musical heritage of the medieval church that served as the foundation for Renaissance, Baroque, and Classical musical styles.



### Prepare for Next Sunday

**Second Sunday After Michaelmass** “The Great Supper”

**October 12, 2014**

Proverbs 2.1-9; Ephesians 5.15-21; St. Matthew 22.1-14

Hymns: 250, 260, 613, 334, 402, 53

No. 3875

First Week After Michaelmass

Oct 5-12

### THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

**Holy Mass for the First Sunday after Michaelmass** ..... Today, 10a, Church Bible Study ..... Sun, 11:30a, Undercroft  
 Sunday School ..... Sun, 11:30a, Activities Center  
 Matins ..... Mon, 8:45a, Chapel  
 Matins (*Henry M. Muhlenberg, Confessor*) ..... Tue, 8:45a, Chapel  
 Vespers ..... Tue, 6:30p, Chapel  
**Holy Mass for Wednesday of Michaelmass I** ..... Wed, 10a, Chapel  
 Bible Study ..... Wed, 10:45a, Rectory  
 St. Michael Liturgical Conference Committee ..... Wed, 6p, Rectory  
 Matins (*St. Abraham, Patriarch*) ..... Thr, 8:45a, Chapel  
 Men’s Group ..... Thr, 7p, Rectory  
 Matins ..... Fri, 8:45a, Chapel  
 Private Confession and Absolution ..... Sat 9a, Chapel  
**Holy Mass commemorating Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary** .... Sat, 10a, Chapel  
 Youth Catechism ..... Sat 10a, Rectory  
 Adult Choir Rehearsal ..... Sun, 8:45a, Rectory  
**Holy Mass for the Second Sunday After Michaelmass** ..... 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, 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.

**GIFTS AND DONATIONS** From Kenneth Ingram for the Altar Guild in commemoration of his birthday (October 4).

THE PSALM FOR THIS WEEK IS PSALM 78. PRAY IT EVERY DAY!

This Psalm may be prayed in its entirety or broken into three parts (v 1-16; v 17-39 and v 40-72). The Psalm recounts God’s rescue of the children of Israel in the Red Sea (the Exodus), how He led them through the wilderness, how they grumbled and complained against Him, and how He was faithful to his promise even though they were unfaithful to his Word. As you pray this Psalm, remember that you fit in the picture as one of the children of Israel. But also look for how God continually restates His promise and makes good on His Word .

## Today's Announcements

### ST. MICHAEL LITURGICAL CONFERENCE THANK YOU!

Thanks to those who worked to make the 2014 St. Michael Liturgical Conference a success! Thanks to those who planned, prepared, served, presented, and cleaned up.

Committee: Kathleen Atkins, Fr. Braden, Shirley Cross, Judi Donnell, Thomas Habitz, Jr., Fr. Schultz, and Kevin Wiedelman; Gemütlichkeit: Jason and Jennifer Balaska, Eric and Kristi Russell; Preparation: Nancy Gramzow, Al Holmes, Eddie Holmes, Kristi Russell, and Sherrie Williams;

Mass Servers: Fr. Ryan Beffrey, Fr. Braden, Michael Edwards, Fr. Eric Forss, Bill Gramzow, III, Vicar Grieser, Thomas Habitz, Jr., Bobby Kelly, Eric Maasel, Blake Martzowka, Fr. David Petersen, Eric Russell, Fr. Schultz, Bishop David Stechholz, Fr. Brian Westgate, and Kevin Wiedelman;

Presenters: Fr. Joel Baseley, Fr. Braden, Fr. Burnell Eckardt, Dr. Daniel Reuning, and Fr. Richard Stuckwisch.

The annual St. Michael Liturgical Conference is a wonderful opportunity for Zion to continue to teach the biblical faith, and its apostolic and catholic expression: the Holy Liturgy.

Soon we will begin to plan the eighteenth-annual conference for September 28, 2015. If you are interested in helping, see Fr. Braden. To enable pastors and students to attend the conference, donations are needed to lower the registration cost. Donations towards the conference are accepted all year. Mark your envelope "St. Michael Liturgical Conference" and place it in the offering plate, or leave it at the church office.

**MEN'S GROUP** The Zion Men's Group meets this Thursday, October 9. Meet in the Rectory before 7pm. At 7, we move to the Church to pray Vespers and then return to the Rectory for study and Gemütlichkeit. This month's study is the Formula of Concord—Solid Declaration II, "Of Free Will." Please RSVP to FrBraden@ZionDetroit.org for a count for the food.

**DETROIT LUTHERAN SINGERS FALL CONCERT** "*Sacred Pairings*," a program of sacred music, will be presented by the Detroit Lutheran Singers on Sunday, October 19 at 3:30pm at Our Shepherd—Birmingham, and at 7:30pm at St. Paul—Royal Oak. Composers represented include John Rutter, K. Lee Scott, and Detroit's Brazeal Dennard as well as Scarlatti, Poulenc, and Christiansen. The program will have rich variety, from "Jubilate Deo," to "The Lord Is My Light," to "Elijah Rock," plus a new arrangement of a well-known hymn. An additional feature will be a segment presented by each host church's children's choir, demonstrating how those schools are preparing children for a lifetime of enjoying making music to God's glory. The choir is directed by Mr. Christopher Hall. Tickets (\$15; \$10 seniors and students; under 12, free) will be available at the door or at [www.detroitlutheransingers.com](http://www.detroitlutheransingers.com).



**OCTOBER VOTERS' ASSEMBLY** The October Voters' Assembly will be held October 12 following Holy Mass. The special meeting to approve the budget beginning July 1, 2014 is cancelled and will be addressed in the October meeting.

### Zion Lutheran Church Voter's Meeting Agenda Sunday, October 12, 2014 A.⌘D.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Opening Prayer
- III. Establishment of Quorum
- IV. Minutes from Previous Meeting
- V. Committee Reports
  1. Trustees Report
  2. Parish Education
  3. Endowment Board
  4. Deacons Report
  5. Treasurer's Report
  6. Pastor's Report
- VI. Approval of 2014/15 Budget
- VII. Nomination/Election of Officers
- VIII. Circuit Forum Delegates
- IX. Closing Prayer