

# Zion Evangelical-Lutheran Church

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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 and 7pm during Advent.*

**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); **VESPERS:** 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.

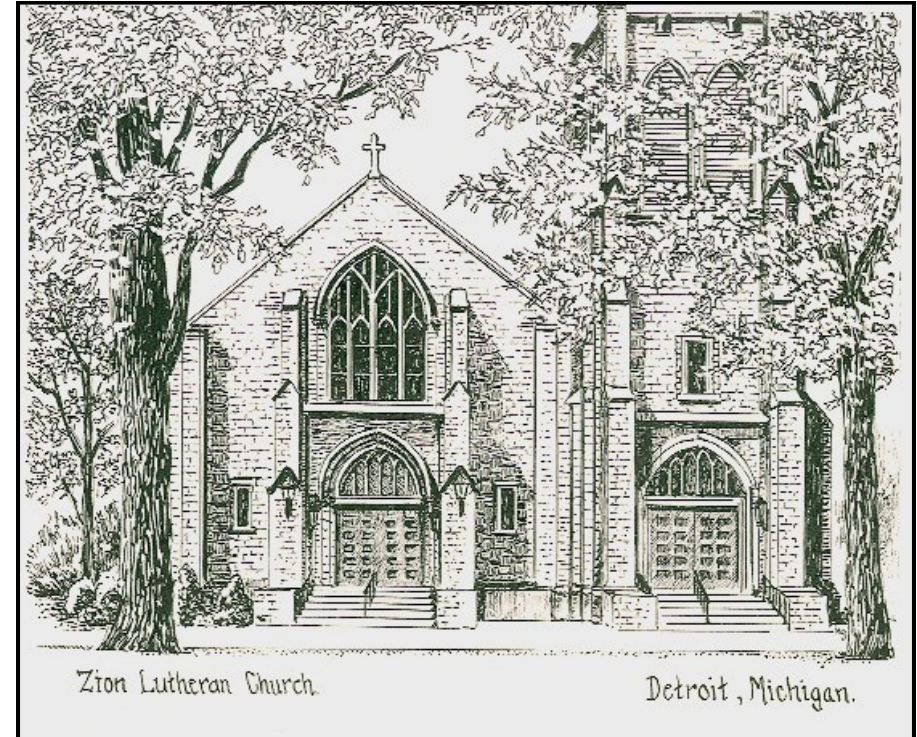
**SICK AND HOMEBOUND** are visited regularly by the Pastor with the Scriptures and Sacrament. Please contact the Parish Office if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation.

**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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**Populus Zion—Second Sunday in Advent  
December 7, 2014**



## The Coming Redeemer

If you seek deliverance from the things that can harm you; if you seek help and salvation; then you have come to the right place. Here, in this Holy Mass, the Redeemer comes to you to be your Rescue and your Savior. Receive Him as He comes to you, as He comes for you, in His Word of Forgiveness and in His Body and Blood.

### The Theme of Today's Liturgy

Our Redeemer comes mightily to "cause His glorious voice to be heard" and to give you "gladness of heart" (*Introit*). He is "the Sun of Righteousness" who comes with healing in His wings (*Old Testament*). This is why we are told the signs of His coming so that "when these things begin to happen" we might "look up and lift our heads" (*Gospel*), because Our Lord will "stir up our hearts and to make ready the way of His only begotten Son" (*Collect*).

### The Sermon

Dear Christian, listen to the Lord. See the fig tree. The leaves are already budding. The signs are clear. And that is what our Lord promised. When you see these things happening, know that the Kingdom of God is near. The Day of the Lord comes. It comes quickly, it comes unexpectedly, it comes soon, He comes soon. And so it is, that seeing the signs all around you, that you may have the comfort and hope that God promises through His Apostles and Prophets. For Jesus Christ has become a servant to the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the Promises made to the fathers, that you, O Redeemed of Christ, might glorify God for His mercy.

### The Holy Eucharist

True redemption draws near as Christ our Redeemer comes to us in His Body and Blood. He laid down His life for us on the cross, that we might receive Him in His most Holy Sacrament. In Him, we do not fear, rather we pray that He would hasten His Coming.

### The Readings

Malachi 4.1-6; Romans 15.4-13; St. Luke 21.25-33

**The Prelude** Savior of the Nations, Come (BuxWV 211) —D. Buxtehude (1637-1707)

## The Hymns for Today's Mass

Processional Hymn	73 [Second Tune]
Chief Hymn	67
Offering Hymn	"O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide" (insert)
Distribution Music	Organ & Clarinet: "O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee" — arr. Busarow
Distribution Hymns	59; 65
Retiring Processional Hymn	72

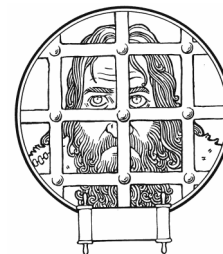
## The Mass: Elevation and Adoration (Part 2)

Although the Lutheran Church has always considered the practice of elevating the consecrated elements an optional thing, there is also the matter of the adiaphoristic controversy of the sixteenth century, in which the fathers declared, "when a plain and steadfast confession is required of us, we should not yield to the enemies in regard to such adiaphora" (FC, Epitome X:6). So although we would not wish to condemn those who do not elevate the elements, we also ought to regard the current state of affairs in the churches, where even in our own circles there have been found those who deny that the Sacrament is Christ Himself, and others who say that the Sacrament does not become the body of Christ until it is consumed — an odd interpretation of *is* if ever there was one! — and so also deny that the consecrated elements are truly Christ's body *before* they are consumed.

Hence it becomes even more appropriate and fitting to elevate the elements and adore them with the eyes, and so declare that we know them to be what Christ says they are; for surely we cannot think it wrong to adore Christ's Body, which is Christ Himself. To be sure, His purpose is not to present His Body here for adoration but for oral reception, but is it not fitting to emphasize in our ceremony the truth that it is His Body that we are about to receive? Do we not agree that His true Body is where He says that it is? These ceremonies, then, are no mere smoke and fire, but most appropriate settings for the Mystery that is Christ among us, and for us. "No one, unless he be an Arian heretic, can and will deny that Christ Himself, true God and man, who is truly and essentially present in the Supper, should be adored in spirit and in truth in the true use of the same, as also in all other places, especially where His congregation is assembled" (FC SD VII.126).

—Burnell F. Eckardt, Jr.,

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



## Prepare for Next Sunday

**Gaudete—Third Sunday in Advent**  
**December 14, 2014**

"Rejoice"

Isaiah 40.1-8; 1 Corinthians 4.1-5; St. Matthew 11.2-10  
Hymns: 63, 60, 61, 272, 66, 75

**In Mansions Fair and Spacious Will God the Feast Prepare!** The CHIEF HYMN, “The Bridegroom Soon Shall Call Us” (# 67), is part of a much larger work by Johann Walter (1496-1570), the first kantor of the Lutheran Church.

Walter’s original hymn was published in 1552 in Wittenberg, and it was 34 stanzas. The most popular version was published in 1628 and includes stanzas 31, 8,9,16, 18, 17, and 13 of the original.

This hymn makes a gracious transition from the theme of the End Times of the previous church year to Advent and the beginning of a new year. The first stanza calls to mind the Gospel for the Last Sunday in the Church Year, the Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins, Matthew 25:1-13. The stanzas paint a glorious picture of Heaven as we watch for Christ’s Second Coming, even as we prepare for the celebration of His Birth.



The music for Walter’s hymn is by Michael Prätorius (1571-1621) from his collection *Musae Sioniae*. Prätorius served as a musician in Lüneberg and Wolfenbüttel, Germany. His incomplete, three-volume *Syntagma Musicum* is considered one of the most remarkable examples of musical scholarship in existence.

**Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates** The PROCESSIONAL HYMN (# 73-second tune) is based on Psalm 24. Written by Georg Weiszel (1590-1635), pastor in Königsberg, Germany, it was published in 1642. From a young age, Weiszel possessed poetic talent, and wrote 20 hymns, mostly based on the church year.

The tune is by Johann Freylinghausen (1670-1739) and first appeared with this text in the *Neues Geistreiches Gesangbuch* in 1704. He was pastor in Halle, and his musical work includes the composition of 22 hymn tunes.



THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

**Holy Mass for Populus Zion – Second Sunday in Advent** ..... Today, 10a, Church Bible Study ..... Today, 11:30a, Undercroft Sunday School ..... Today, 11:30a, Activities Center  
**Holy Mass for the Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** ..... Mon, 10a, Chapel  
 Vespers ..... Mon, 6:30p, Church  
 Matins ..... Tue, 8:45a, Chapel  
 Vespers ..... Tue, 6:30p, Church  
**Holy Mass for Wednesday of Advent II**..... Wed, 9:30a, Church Bible Study ..... Wed, 10:30a, Rectory  
**Holy Mass for Wednesday of Advent II**.....Wed, 7p, Church  
 Matins ..... Thr, 8:45a, Chapel  
 Vespers ..... Thr, 6:30p, Church  
 Adult Catechesis ..... Thr, 7p, Rectory  
 Matins ..... Fri, 8:45a, Chapel  
 Matins (*St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr*) ..... 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 for Gaudete – Third Sunday in Advent** ..... Sun, 10a, Church Bible Study ..... Sun, 11:30a, Undercroft Sunday School ..... Sun, 11:30a, Activities Center

**IN OUR PRAYERS** Jennifer Balaska, Edward Brown, Linda Buskirk, Lela Casey, John Chavez, Gladys Cline, Anna Dalton, Martha Draspa, Susan Edwards, Sandy Frey, Thomas Habitz, Ellen Hayden, Drucilla Huddleston, Florine Kaiser, Lawrence Kasner, Eleanor Luka, Earlene Maynarich, Michael Maynarich, Robert Murdock, Margaret Quinkert, Pauline Rivard, and Julie Snoes;

THE PSALM FOR THIS WEEK IS PSALM 80. PRAY IT EVERY DAY!

Verse 3 (repeated in v 7 & 19) is the key verse in Psalm 80. It is a prayer that the Lord restore us and look on us with His compassion and mercy. For only then are we saved. The rest of the Psalm is built on that prayer. It acknowledges that we are troubled, in need of help, and deserve God’s anger (v 1-6). It questions why God has destroyed what He built (v 8-13) and it pleads with God to return. But in all that, the hope is the same—that the Lord will not treat us as we deserve but look on us with the kindly affection of a Father. For that is our only hope!

## Today's Announcements

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**THANK YOU** to Janet Stechholz for playing Clarinet in today's Mass.

**CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** Holy Mass will be celebrated Monday at 10am in the Chapel.

**ADVENT MID-WEEK MASS** Include Wednesday Mass as part of your Advent meditation this year. Join us at 9:30am or 7pm. Information about the sermon series is found on the facing page.

**GOTTESDIENST** The Christmass 2014 *Gottesdienst: The Journal of Lutheran Liturgy* has been released. Copies are available in the Narthex. Fr. Braden, a departmental editor of the periodical, has an article on church bells in this issue.

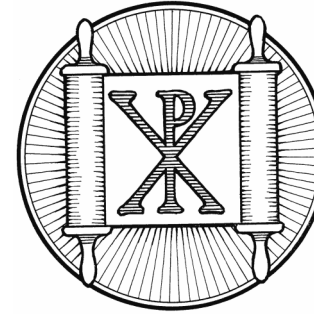
**DETROIT LUTHERAN SINGERS CHRISTMASS CONCERTS** The Detroit Lutheran Singers will present their Christmass Concerts today at 3:30pm at Historic Trinity – Detroit and at 7:30pm at Hosanna-Tabor – Redford; and Friday, December 12 at 7:30pm at Shepherd of the Lakes – Walled Lake. Tickets are \$15 (\$10 Students/Seniors; under 12 free) and are available at the door or at [www.DetroitLutheranSingers.com](http://www.DetroitLutheranSingers.com). The concert repertoire will include J.S. Bach's *Magnificat*, and works by Healey Willan, Paul Christianesen, René Clausen, and William Mathias.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS OLD AND NEW** The Michigan/Ohio Chorale, under the direction of Erwin Aufdemberge present "Christmas Carols Old and New" on Sunday, December 14 at 3pm at St. Luke – Clinton Township.

**RIDE TO CHURCH NEEDED** Drucilla Huddleston is interested in a ride to church on Sunday mornings. She lives near Ford Road in Dearborn. If it would be possible for you to pick Drucilla up, please contact Fr. Braden.

**ALTAR FLOWERS FOR GAUDETE (ROSE) SUNDAY** Donations are now being accepted for Gaudete which is December 14. This is the only Sunday during Advent when flowers adorn the altar. Please place your donation in the offering plate in an envelope marked "Gaudete Flowers."

**CHRISTMASS POINSETTIAS** Donations are now being accepted for poinsettias to adorn the chancel during the Christmass season. Poinsettias are \$7 each. Donation forms are available in the Narthex.



## Advent Mid-Week Mass, 2014 A. + D.

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*You search the Scriptures,  
for in them you think you have eternal life;  
and these are they which testify of Me."*

Thus saith the Lord in the Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifth chapter: "These are they which testify of Me." The Scriptures of which Jesus speaks we call the "Old Testament." The Holy Scriptures testify of Christ. He is the center of both Testaments of Scripture. Moses taught of Jesus. The Prophets of old prophesied of Jesus. He is the fulfillment of all prophecy. All the Scriptures – New and Old – testify of Him.

As the Church prepares for the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord, she does so penitentially. The Church fasts before she feasts. She prepares for celebration. Advent is to Christmas as Lent is to Easter. Advent is a time of heightened prayer, fasting, repentance and preparation.

Patience is a virtue, one the world lacks. True patience requires faith. The world places plastic santas on still green grass at Thanksgiving. It erects decorated trees in November. It starts shopping for gift exchanges in July. It puts well-lit Nativity scenes, complete with Christ Child and Wise Men, on coffee tables in early December.

But the Church is not like the world. The Church waits expectantly, hopefully, prayerfully, Her lamps filled with the oil of faith. She believes what Scripture says. She understands the *Adventus Domini*, the Coming of our Lord. She patiently, progressively lights the candles of Advent, as she awaits the coming of the true Light.

Our focus for Advent midweek Masses this year is on the Epistle or second reading appointed for each Wednesday, two of which are taken from the Old Testament. The sermons for the Advent midweek Masses will have the following themes:

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**Advent II:** Wednesday, December 10

**Malachi 3:1-5, 4:5-6** "WHO CAN ENDURE ...?"

**Advent III:** Wednesday, December 17

**Isaiah 7:10-15** "ASK A SIGN FOR YOURSELF ..."

**Advent IV:** Wednesday, December 24

**2 Peter 3:8-14** "...A THIEF IN THE NIGHT"

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Join us **Wednesdays** at **9:30am & 7pm** as we remember the coming of our Lord in the Flesh, receive His gifts as He comes to us in His Grace, and prepare for His Coming in Glory.