

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.

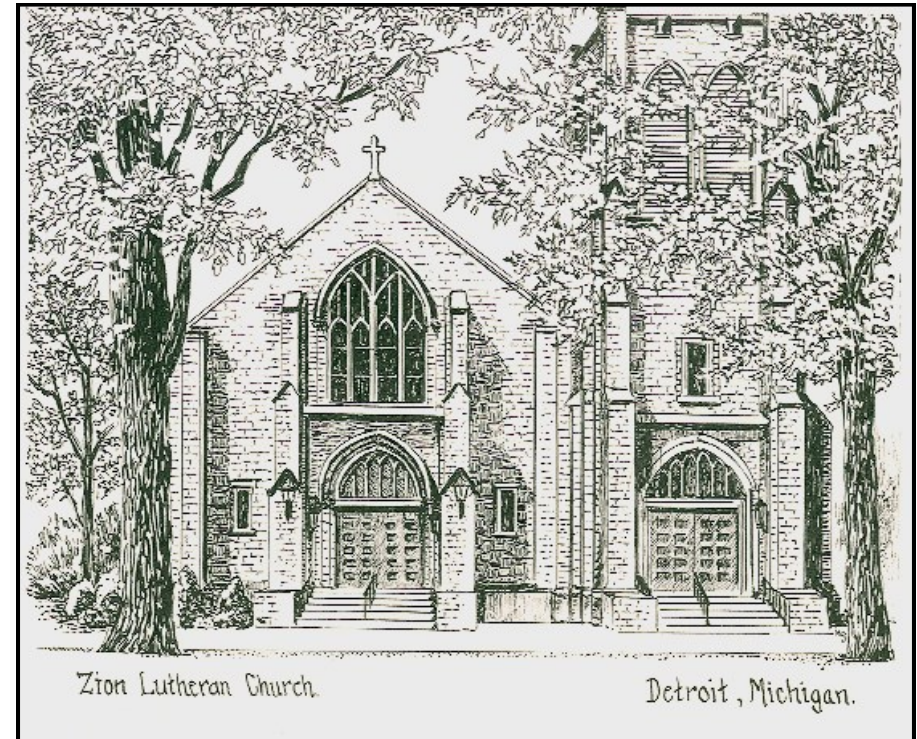
SICK AND HOMEBOUND are visited regularly by the Pastor with the Scriptures and Sacrament. Please contact the Parish Office if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation.

PARISH OFFICERS DEACONS: William Gramzow, Thomas Habitz, Jr., Eric Russell TRUSTEES: Gregory Gramzow, 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), 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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**The Nativity of Our Lord — Christmass
December 25, 2014**

2014 Christmass Poinsettia Donations

Mrs. Kathleen Atkins

Mr. Thomas Habitz, Jr.

in memory of

Carol Trevino (✕ Dec 26, 2012)

Mrs. Ellen Hayden

in memory of

Charles A. Hayden, Jr. (✕ Apr 16, 2004)

Mr. & Mrs. Eric Russell

in memory of

Darlene Capsel (✕ Jan 5, 2011)

Carol Russell (✕ Nov 13, 2014)

Rev. 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)

Dale E. Bussing (✕ Mar 10, 1992)

Rev. & Mrs. David Stechholz & family

Mr. Kevin Wiedelman

in memory of

Flossie Wallace

Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Williams

in memory of

Jacqueline Rogers (✕ Nov 5, 2008)



Music for Christmass Eve

The CHIEF HYMN, "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come" (# 85) is Martin Luther's (1483-1546) Christmass Eve hymn, written for his family in 1534. Originally set to a popular German folk tune, Luther wrote the current tune for it when it began to be used in public worship, and it was published in 1539.

The PRELUDE includes four settings of Luther's hymn. The first is by Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706). Pachelbel was influential in the development of keyboard music and Lutheran church music, combining Gregorian chant elements with northern German organ style. The last three settings during the prelude are by Friedrich W. Zachau (1663-1712), kantor in Halle, Germany, who was the first music teacher of G. F. Handel (1685-1759) (composer of the *Messiah*).

The OFFERING HYMN, "All My Heart This Night Rejoices" (# 77) is Pastor Paul Gerhardt's (1607-1676) treasured Christmass hymn. As Gerhardt proclaims the Christmass story, he shows its connection to our Christ's atonement on the cross for our forgiveness. It is summarized as follows:

"First a trumpet blast: Christ is born; God's Champion has appeared as a bridegroom from his chamber (1, 2). In the following stanzas, the poet seeks to set forth the mighty value of the Incarnation: Is it not love when God gives us the Son of His Love (3), the Kingdom of Joy (4), and His fellowship (5)? Yes, it is indeed the Lamb of God who bears the sin of the world (6). Now he places himself as the herald by the cradle of the divine Child (7). He bids, as in Mt 11, all men (8), they that labor (9), the heavy laden (10), and the poor (11) to draw near. Then he approaches in supplication, as the shepherds (12-15). He adores the Child as Source of life (12), Lamb of God (13), Glory (14), and promises to be ever true to Him (15). It is a glorious series of Christmass thoughts, laid as a garland on the manger at Bethlehem."

Music for Christmass Day

The CHIEF HYMN, "All Praise To Thee, Eternal God" (# 80), is another Christmass hymn of Martin Luther (1483-1546), his hymn for Christmass Midnight being "From Heaven Above" (# 85).

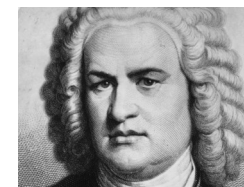
"All Praise To Thee, Eternal God" is based on the Latin Sequence for Christmass. Luther took an existing 1-stanza German translation of the Sequence and added six more stanzas of his own for Christmass 1523.

Our English translation includes stanzas 1, 3, 5, 4, and 7 of the German. The tune is a medieval tune connected with the German Sequence.



The PRELUDE is a partita (multi-movement composition on a theme) on "All Praise to Thee" by Georg Böhm (1661-1733), kantor in Luneberg, Germany.

The POSTLUDE is a setting of Luther's hymn by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) from the *Orgelbüchlein* ("Little Organ Book")



Daily Mass for Christmaside

As we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, faith hungers for the saving gifts that Our Lord gives us in Holy Mass. As we celebrate the liturgical year, Zion will have Mass daily from Christmass Midnight through the Epiphany of our Lord. The schedule for Mass is as follows (Masses in the Church are shown in bold type):



Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace,
good will toward men.

December:

25 - Feast of the Nativity of our Lord

Midnight Mass - 12am

Christmass - 10am

26 - Feast of St. Stephen, 10am

27 - Feast of St. John, 10am

28 - Feast of the Holy Innocents, 10am

29 - St. David, Patriarch, 10am (Chapel)

30 - Sixth Day of Christmass, 10am (Chapel)

31 - St. Sylvester, Bishop, 10am (Chapel)

January:

1 - Circumcision of Our Lord, 10am

2 - Ninth Day of Christmass, 10am (Chapel)

3 - Tenth Day of Christmass, 10am

4 - Most Holy Name of Jesus, 10am

5 - St. Titus (transferred), 9:30am

6 - Epiphany of Our Lord, 9:30am & 7pm

13 - Baptism of Our Lord, 9:30am

May God bless you richly through His gifts of Word and Sacrament as you join in our joyful celebration of the incarnation of God, the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh!