

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 & 7pm during Lent.*

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 MATINS: Daily at 8:45am (except when there is a morning Mass) in the Chapel of the Holy Incarnation in the Rectory; **VESPERS:** Tuesday/Thursday at 6:30pm in the Church.

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.

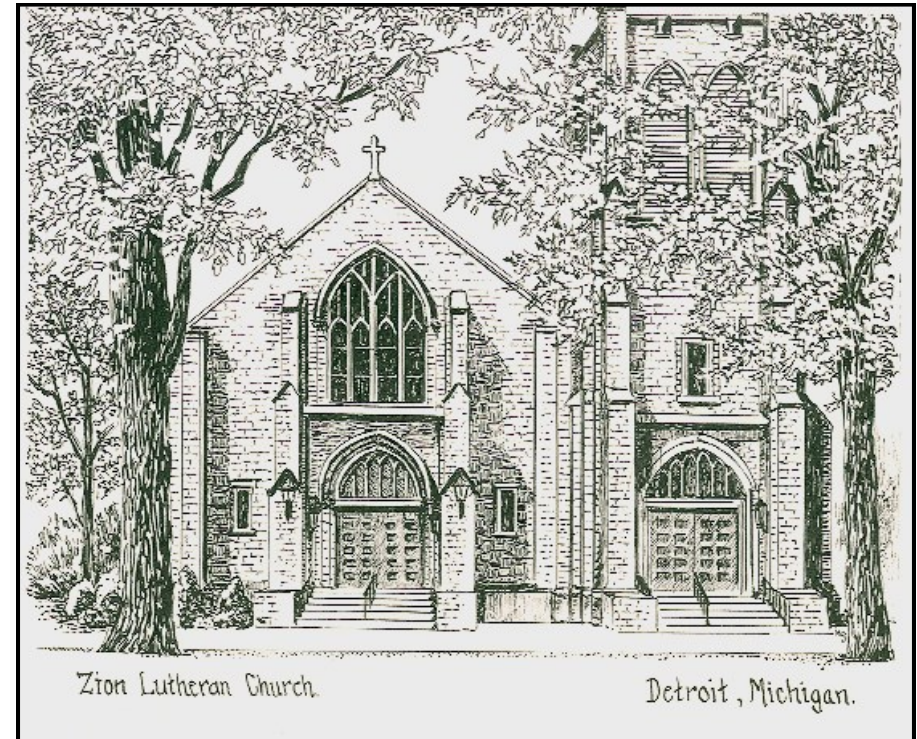
SICK AND HOMEBOUND are visited regularly by the Pastor with the Scriptures and Sacrament. Please contact the Parish Office if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation.

PARISH OFFICERS DEACONS: William Gramzow, Thomas Habitz, Jr., Eric Russell; **TRUSTEES:** 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), Kevin Wiedelman (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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HE HAS DESIRED HER AS HIS DWELLING PLACE"



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Oculi—Third Sunday in Lent
March 8, 2015



Only Look and Behold

The Faithful find their strength and armor against evil in the Gospel preaching and Holy Sacraments. May you also be strengthened and nourished by Our Lord and His Word in today's Mass.

The Theme of Today's Liturgy

Eyes that are fixed on the Lord are confident that He will have mercy and pull ensnared feet out of the trap (*Introit*). So we look to the Lord, beseeching Him to look on us and "stretch forth the right hand of His majesty to be our defense against all our enemies" (*Collect*). And in fixing our eyes on Jesus, we also then follow God as dear children, walking in the same love Christ has for us (*Epistle*). For our confidence is that the Stronger One (Christ) prevails for us against the strong man (Satan), takes away his armor, and saves us from death and hell (*Gospel*).

The Holy Eucharist

To fix your eyes on Jesus is to fix your eyes on the Most Blessed Sacrament. For there you are given the forgiveness which calms a troubled conscience and the Life which overcomes the devil's death.

The Sermon

A kingdom divided against itself cannot stand. This is the logic our Lord uses to refute the attack of the scoffers and blasphemers in the crowd when certain people said that the Lord casts out demons by Beelzebub. No kingdom—earthly or spiritual—can stand if it is divided. Therefore Christ must cast out demons by the finger of God. Sinful flesh recoils at the thought of someone being stronger than it is. Your sinful flesh would put itself in the place of God. Christ, the Stronger Man has come to strip the devil of His spoils: you who were held in bondage under sin. Christ saves you by apparent weakness by a cross. The shedding of His blood has paid the ransom price of your captivity. You are forgiven. Jesus Christ by His death destroys death and by His rising to life again He has restored you to everlasting life. He now bids you come eat His body and drink His blood and receive the forgiveness of sins won for you by His death and resurrection.

The Readings

Jeremiah 26.1-15; Ephesians 5.1-9; St. Luke 11.14-28

The Hymns for Today's Mass

Processional Hymn	151 (stanzas 1-3)
Chief Hymn	258
Offering Hymn	145
Distribution Hymns	151 (stanzas 4-7); 367
Retiring Processional Hymn	263

Music For Oculi

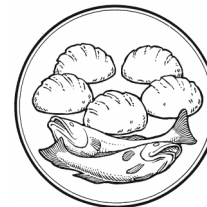
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be; Dearest Jesus, unto Thee. The PROCESSIONAL HYMN, "Christ, the Life of All the Living" (# 151), is a beloved Lenten hymn of many. This hymn by Ernst Christoph Homburg (1605-1681) is part one of a work entitled, "Hymn of Thanksgiving to his Redeemer and Savior for His Bitter Sufferings."

Homburg was known as a fine poet, writing secular love and drinking songs. After a time of illness for both him and his wife, among other troubles, he turned to Our Lord and His Word, which encouraged his hymn-writing. Not intending to have his hymns published, he remarked:

"Should some scoffingly say, 'He follows the common custom of the world and sacrifices unto the world the most precious flower of his youth, but renders only the dry chaff of old age unto God,' then he shall know that I have been especially prompted to do this by reason of the heavy cross with which my good and faithful Lord has visited me. During all this time I have found my best comfort and strength in the Word of God."

Lent affords the opportunity to meditate on the great exchange our Lord makes, which is well expressed in this hymn: "Through Thy sufferings, death, and merit, I eternal life inherit." The sinless Son of God endures bonds, stripes, rod, pain, and scorn to deliver our souls from the bonds of sin forever: "Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus unto Thee."

Prepare for Next Sunday



Laetare—Fourth Sunday in Lent

"The Bread of Life"

March 15, 2015

Isaiah 55.1-7; Galatians 4.21-31; St. John 6.1-15

Hymns: 387, 347, 142, 312, 179

An Explanation of the Common Service

The Lutheran Church may justly claim that, in the Common Service, she possess and uses “the completest embodiment of the Common Service of the Christian Church of all ages;” a Service “which may be tendered to all Christians who use a fixed Order, the Service of the future as it has been of the past.”

What name is given to our principal Service?

The Service or The Communion. German: Haupt-Gottesdienst (Chief Service). Swedish: Högmässa (High Mass). Norwegian and Danish: Höimesse (High Mass). The term Mass is authorized by the Augsburg Confession (Article XXIV).

Should it be used at any other than a morning hour?

Certainly. It should always be used when only one service is held on a Sunday; and also whenever the Communion is administered.

What private preparation should the Christian make before attending the Service on the Lord's Day?

He should devoutly read the Introit, Collect, Epistle, and Gospel, of the Day.

What should be the first act of the worshiper upon entering the House of God?

He should bow his head in silent prayer, asking God to prepare his heart for worship.

Why may a hymn of invocation of the Holy Ghost precede the Service?

Because it is only by the Holy Ghost that we can render worship to God through Christ. 1 Corinthians 12.3; Ephesians 2.18.

Why does the Service begin in the name of the Triune God?

Because God has revealed Himself as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; and it is by His authority that the Minister proclaims the Gospel, and for His worship that a Christian congregation assembles. Compare Exodus 3.13-14 and St. Matthew 18.20

Why does the congregation respond Amen?

Amen means *So be it*. By its use here the congregation accepts and confirms the words of the Minister.

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Holy Mass: Oculi – Third Sunday in Lent Today, 10a, Church Sunday School Today, 11:30a, Activities Center
 Adult Study Today, 11:30a, Undercroft
 Youth Study Today, 11:40a, Rectory
 Matins Mon, 8:45a, Chapel
 Matins Tue, 8:45a, Chapel
Pastors' Circuit Meeting/Ascension of Christ – Beverly Hills Tues Vespers Tue, 6:30p, Church
Holy Mass: Wednesday of Oculi **Wed, 9:30a, Church**
 Bible Study Wed, 10:30a, Rectory
 Vespers Wed, 6p, Church
Holy Mass: Wednesday of Oculi **Wed, 7p, Church**
 Matins (*St. Gregory the Great*) Thr, 8:45a, Chapel
 Vespers Thr, 6:30p, Church
 Adult Catechesis Thr, 7p, Rectory
 Matins Fri, 8:45a, Chapel
 Matins 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: Laetare – Fourth Sunday in Lent **Sun, 10a, Church**
 Sunday School Sun, 11:30a, Activities Center
 Bible Study Sun, 11:30a, Undercroft
 Youth Study Sun, 11:40a, Rectory

IN OUR PRAYERS Jennifer Balaska, Jean Beaupied, Roger Beaupied, Edward Brown, Linda Buskirk, Charles Capsel, Lela Casey, John Chavez, Gladys Cline, Anna Dalton, Susan Edwards, Sandy Frey, Ellen Hayden, Drucilla Huddleston, Florine Kaiser, Lawrence Kasner, Eleanor Luka, Earlene Maynarich, Michael Maynarich, Margaret Quinkert, Pauline Rivard, and Julie Snoes.

THE PSALM FOR THIS WEEK IS PSALM 25. PRAY IT EVERY DAY!

Once again, we are privileged to pray this comforting and heart-warming Psalm. This week, focus on the latter half (v 12-22) and especially verse 15. There we are reminded that our trust and confidence is in the God who comes through for us (v 16-17). He does this by giving us the life-giving healing of His forgiveness when we are afflicted and in pain (v 18). Our prayer, then, is that Our Lord keep our soul and continue to deliver us mercifully.

Today's Announcements

OCULI The Third Sunday in Lent takes its name "Oculi" from the first word of the Introit in Latin, "Eyes" (Psalm 25.15).

GIFTS AND DONATIONS From Kenneth Ingram for the Altar Guild in memory of Richard Ingram (✠ March 2, 1974); From Fr. Gary Schultz for the Benevolence Fund in memory of Dale Bussing (✠ March 10, 1992).

LENT MID-WEEK MASSES CONTINUE The schedule is found on the facing page. Additional copies are available in the Narthex. Place one on your bulletin board or refrigerator. Share a copy with your friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers.

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY Today: "The Rich Young Ruler," Mark 10.17-31; Next Sunday: "The Creation," Genesis 1.1-2.7.

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH 14213 Whitcomb St, Detroit, is holding their final service this morning. A lunch will follow the service at the Dearborn Inn.

DETROIT LUTHERAN SINGERS SPRING CONCERT The major work for this concert is "Requiem for the Living" by Dan Forrest. This newer Requiem is not unlike the Brahms' Requiem, in that Mr. Forrest has chosen to focus on grace and redemption as the main message. In five movements, we are led from calls for mercy and the admission of our frailty ("Kyrie," "Vanitas"), through Christ's sacrifice ("Agnus Dei"), to ending with God's holiness ("Sanctus") and prayers for grace ("Lux Eterna").

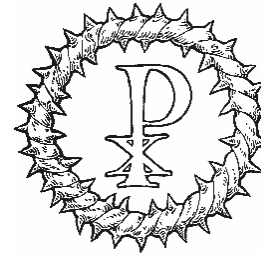


Sunday, March 15: 3:30pm at St. Paul – Dearborn; 7:30pm at St. John – Fraser
 Sunday, March 22: 3:30pm at St. Matthew – Westland; 7:30pm at Cana – Berkley

Tickets are \$15 (\$10 seniors/students; under 12, free). Tickets are available at the door or at detroitlutheransingers.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR ZION BIBLE CAMP The Divine Liturgy is a Christian treasure that we are blessed to experience daily at Zion. Sadly, many churches – even Lutherans – have traded in the confessional and proper worship of our God for modern "evangelical worship" of the praise band variety. A NEW SONG is this year's Bible camp program that will be used to teach the children the foundation of the liturgy. Children will pray the Office of Matins and attend Mass. Bible camp will include lunch and crafts, puppet shows, and other activities to reinforce the theme. Bible camp is June 22-26 from 9am to noon, for children ages 3-12. Volunteers will be needed to help with the program.

Lent Mid-Week Masses 2015



The holy forty-day fast of Lent began on Ash Wednesday. The words of the prophet Joel admonish the chosen people of God to true repentance, not an external repentance to be seen by others, but a tearing of heart in anguish over sin, all the while trusting in God's Gospel promise. Repentantly, in heightened devotion, each Wednesday in Lent, we will receive God's gifts of Word and Sacrament, Liturgy and Preaching at 9:30am and 7pm. Our Wednesday Lenten homilies will focus on the appointed Wednesday Gospel readings, which speak of the horrible sentence imposed upon sinful men, and the gracious Promise of deliverance in Christ Jesus.

Oculi March 11
 "These are the things which defile a man"
 St. Matthew 15.1-20

Laetare March 18
 "Do you believe in the Son of God?"
 St. John 9.1-38

Annunciation March 25
 "With God, nothing is impossible"
 St. Luke 1.26-38

Make midweek Mass part of your family's
 repentant preparation for the celebration of Holy Easter.

Holy Week Schedule 2015

Holy Monday – March 30	Holy Mass 10am (<i>Chapel</i>) Vespers 6:30pm
Holy Tuesday – March 31	Holy Mass 10am (<i>Chapel</i>) Vespers 6:30pm
Holy Wednesday – April 1	Holy Mass 10am (<i>Chapel</i>) Vespers 6:30pm
Maundy Thursday – April 2	Chrism Mass 10am Vespers 6pm Mass of the Institution 7pm
Good Friday – April 3	Tre Ore 12-3pm Stations of the Cross 7pm
Resurrection of Our Lord – April 5	Great Vigil of Easter 6:30am Holy Mass 10am