

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 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.

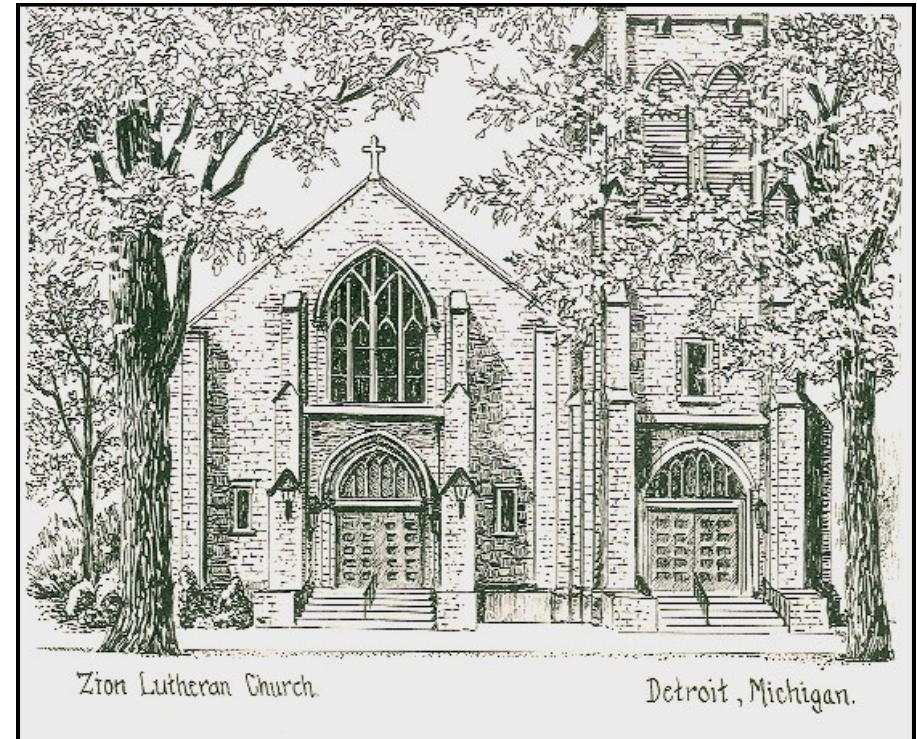
SICK AND HOMEBOUND are visited regularly by the Pastor with the Scriptures and Sacrament. Please contact the Parish Office if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation.

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.

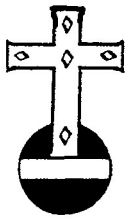
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**Rogate—Fifth Sunday After Easter
May 10, 2015**



The Praying Church

Welcome to Our Lord's House of Prayer. Here He meets your need with His Gospel in Preaching and the Sacraments. And when you have heard and received that Gospel, what else can you do but call upon His name and give Him thanks?

The Theme of Today's Liturgy

Prayer begins with listening to our Lord and His Word. So we hear that "the Lord has redeemed His servant Jacob," His people (*Introit*). We take to heart that "Christ has redeemed us with His Blood" (*Gradual*). And we confess that He is the God "from whom all good things come" (*Collect*). Then we "make a joyful noise to God" and pray for His merciful guidance to live in the righteousness He alone gives. In this way prayer makes us "doers of the Word and not hearers only" (*Epistle*). To this faithful doing our Lord attaches His wonderful promise: "Whatever you ask the Father in my name, He will give you; and you will receive, that your joy may be full" (*Gospel*).

The Sermon

All things written by the prophets are about to be accomplished. In the upper room, Our Lord once again instructs His disciples how they should pray. They are to pray to the Father, through the Son, by the Holy Spirit. Yet despite the Lord's instruction, in the Garden of Gethsemane the disciples failed to watch and pray. Instead, they slumbered and slept. You too have similarly failed. But Christ has been steadfast. He has prayed without ceasing, even upon the cross. Therefore for the sake of His beloved Son, God the Father loves you. He would have you pray to Him so that your joy would be full. You who have been baptized love the Son. And that same Spirit who fills you with love would have you receive the gifts which faith desires: the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sin. Come eat and drink for the strengthening of your faith, that your joy may be full.

The Holy Eucharist

The Blood with which He has redeemed you He makes your Drink as He streams His Blood, and so His everlasting life, into you. His Body He makes your Food as He banquets you with Heavenly Food here on earth. He who has left the world and has gone to the Father is still Immanuel, God with us, God for us, in this Holy Sacrament, by which you receive forgiveness, salvation, and faith, which makes you bold to pray "Our Father..."

The Readings

Isaiah 55.6-11; James 1.22-27; St. John 16.23-30

The Hymns for Today's Mass

Processional Hymn	21
Chief Hymn	458 (stanzas 1-6)
Offering Hymn	437
Distribution Hymn	528 (stanzas 1-6, interlude, 11-15)
Retiring Processional Hymn	458 (stanzas 7-9)

Music for Rogate

The Prelude Our Father, Thou in Heaven Above —D. Buxtehude (1637-1707)

The Postlude Our Father, Thou in Heaven Above —G. P. Telemann (1681-1767)

Ask, and you will receive that your joy may be full. It is fitting on Rogate Sunday to sing Luther's (1483-1546) catechism hymn on the Our Father, "Our Father, Thou in Heaven Above" (# 458). Setting the teachings of the Small Catechism to music, we both learn and confess Christian teaching on prayer, and the role of prayer in our lives.



With this hymn in 1539, Luther completed his project of writing a hymn for each of the six chief parts of Christian doctrine. The tune was an existing tune which he revised for use with his text.

Luther strongly encouraged the use of music to teach the Christian faith, writing over 40 hymns and encouraging others to do so. With this hymn, Luther unpacks Jesus' words: "Whatever you ask the Father in my name, He will give you." Prayer is given so that we may plead to the Father through the Son for the needs of our neighbors, friends, community, and the entire world. We live in Christ's forgiveness and share it with others.

Prepare for Ascension Day

Thursday, May 14, 2015—7pm

2 Kings 2.9-15; Acts 1.1-11; St. Mark 16.14-20

Hymns: "Look, Ye Saints, the Sight is Glorious" (insert), 218, 216, 223, 217, 212

Prepare for Next Sunday



Exaudi—Sunday After Ascension "The Expectant Church"
May 17, 2015

Isaiah 32.14-20; 1 Peter 4.7-11; St. John 15.26-16.4

Hymns: 211, 267, "This Joyful Eastertide" (insert), 306, 216

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.”

We have now come to the most sacred, and solemn act of all Christian worship—the personal communion of the living Saviour with each individual heart. The parts which precede are preparatory to what is about to take place.

The first part, called the Office of the Word, of which the Gospel is the center, is not an independent service. It is the Good News, the forgiveness of sins, proclaimed to all; while in the second part, the Holy Supper, the Good News is applied to each soul.

How did the ancients emphasize the peculiar sacredness of this part of the Service?

The first part, a service of teaching, as known as the “Mass of the Catechumens.” At its conclusion the Catechumens were dismissed with special prayers. The second part was known as the “Mass of the Faithful.” To this, none but communicants were admitted. The doors

were closed and guarded, so that no profane eye might behold the sacred Mystery. An old liturgy tells us in what spirit the people must approach the Holy Table: “Let no one have aught against anyone; let no one come in hypocrisy; let us stand upright before the Lord with fear and trembling.”

What shall be the attitude of the Minister and the Congregation at the beginning of the Holy Supper?

While the hymn is sung, the Minister shall go to the Altar, make ready the Communion vessels, and prepare for the administration of the Holy Communion.

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Holy Mass: Rogate – Easter V Today, 10a, Church
 Sunday School Today, 11:30a, Activities Center
 Adult Study Today, 11:30a, Undercroft
 Youth Study Today, 11:40a, Rectory
Matins (Rogation Monday) Mon, 8:45a, Chapel
Matins (Rogation Tuesday) Tue, 8:45a, Chapel
Pastors’ Circuit Meeting at Grace – Redford Tues
 Vespers Tue, 6:30p, Church
Holy Mass: Rogation Wednesday **Wed, 10a, Chapel**
 Adult Study Wed, 10:45a, Rectory
 First Vespers of the Ascension of Our Lord Wed, 6:30p, Church
 Matins Thr, 8:45a, Chapel
 Second Vespers of the Ascension of Our Lord Thr, 6p, Church
Holy Mass: Ascension of Our Lord **Thr, 7p, Church**
 Matins Fri, 8:45a, Chapel
 Matins Sat, 8:45a, Chapel
 Private Confession and Absolution Sat, 9:15a, Chapel
 Youth Catechesis Sat, 10a, Rectory
 Adult Choir Rehearsal Sun, 8:45a, Rectory
Holy Mass: Exaudi – Sunday After Ascension **Sun, 10a, Church**
 Voters’ Assembly Sun, 11:30a, Undercroft

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, Earlene Maynarich, Michael Maynarich, Margaret Quinkert, and Julie Snoes.

THE PSALM FOR THIS WEEK IS PSALM 66. PRAY IT EVERY DAY!

For the second time in two weeks we pray this joyful Psalm. Remember that the praise is sung only as a result of what Our Lord has first done—His overcoming death and the grave, and all the things that haunt and scare us! This time, as you pray the Psalm, keep in mind a particular trial you endure or a special loved one who is undergoing a rough time. And bless God (v 8) because He keeps our soul among the living (v 9) and brings us out to rich fulfillment (v 12) – especially the life and salvation He generously bestows upon us.

Today's Announcements

ROGATE comes from the Latin *rogare* which means "to ask," a reference to the strong theme of prayer in the Propers for today. In ancient practice, the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday prior to the Ascension of Our Lord were known as Rogation Days. These days of early summer were times of special prayer for the protection of the crops. The Major Rogation was on April 25, also the Feast of St. Mark. The rite used in the ancient church was derived from the litanies of St. Mamertus of Vienne (d. 470), when that region (then called Gaul) was threatened by volcanic activity. The Introit for Rogate, "With the voice of singing declare ye, and tell this: utter it even to the end of the earth..." is from Isaiah 48.20, a joyful proclamation of the freedom of Israel from the Babylonian captivity, and of God's gracious deliverance of His people. The Gospel for Rogate, like those for the preceding Sundays Cantate and Jubilate, all point to the Ascension, and hence point the eyes of the faithful to our risen Lord's eternal reign in heaven.

ASCENSION DAY A first class feast of the Church, Ascension Day commemorates our Lord's ascension into heaven where He sits at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us. Make it your top priority to attend Holy Mass on **Thursday, May 14**, at **7pm** to celebrate this feast of Christ. Remember this day in your daily prayer at home. Read Acts 1.1-11 and St. Mark 16.14-20. Sing hymn # 218. Pray the Collect on page 71.

YOUTH STUDY Today: "The Incarnation of the Son of God," Luke 1.26-38 May 24: "The Crucifixion of Our Lord," John 18.28-19.37. (No study next week due to the Voters' Assembly.)

DETROIT LUTHERAN FELLOWSHIP Young adult volunteers are needed for a neighborhood cleanup with Detroit Lutheran Fellowship at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church (17100 Chalmers, Detroit) on Saturday, May 16 starting at 8:45am. Volunteers should bring their own work gloves and rakes. More information and RSVP to lcadetroitfellowship@gmail.com or [facebook.com/detroitlutheranfellowship](https://www.facebook.com/detroitlutheranfellowship).

THE 2015 ZION BIBLE CAMP will be June 22-26 from 8:30am to noon. The theme is "A New Song" by Pax Domini Press to teach the children about the Holy Liturgy. Invite your family members, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to send their children ages 3 – grade 6. There is no cost to attend the Bible Camp.

Voters' Assembly Agenda

May 17, 2015 – 11:30am

I. Opening Prayer

II. Call to Order

III. Establishment of Quorum

IV. Review of Minutes

V. Reports:

1. Pastor's Report
2. Chairman's Report
3. Christian Education Report
4. Endowment Board Report
5. Deacons Report
6. Trustees Report
7. Treasurer's Report

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

Banking Oversight

Approval of Appointed Officers

Announcement of Special Meeting: Sunday, June 14, 2015

VIII. Closing Prayer

Mother's Day Flowers

From Dr. & Mrs. Michael Anderson in memory of Norma Louise Anderson and Tekla Agnes Otte;

From Paula MacMunn in honor of Arlene Hoelt and in memory of Genevieve Hoelt (✠ February 25, 1997);

From Fr. Gary Schultz in honor of Linda Schultz;

From Mr. Kevin Wiedelman in memory of Flossie Wallace (✠ 1999);

From Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Williams in memory of Jacqueline Rogers (✠ November 5, 2008)