

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.

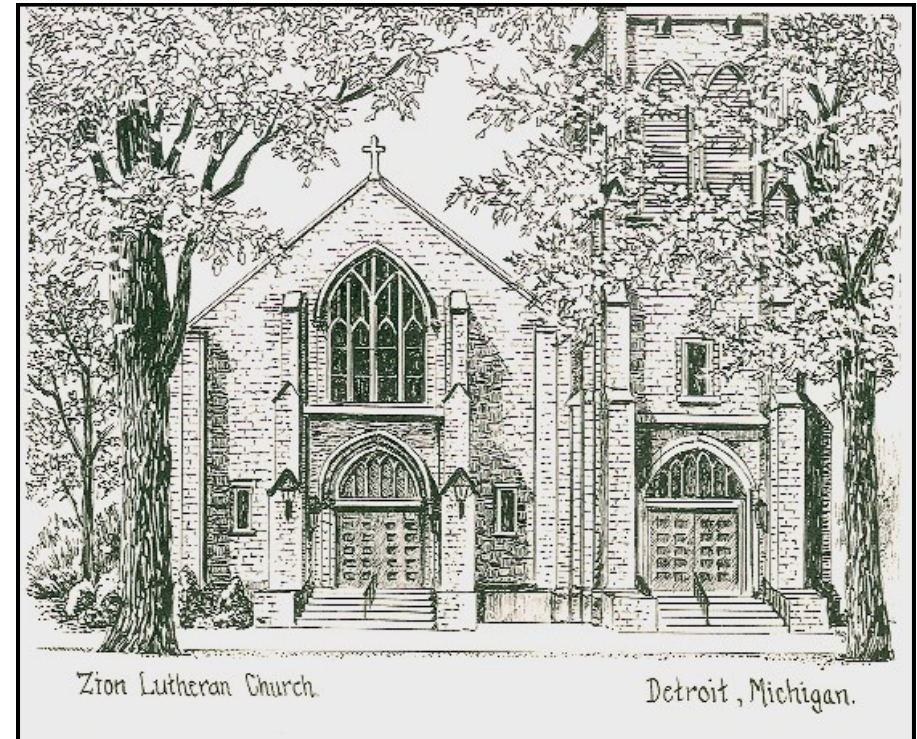
SICK AND HOMEBOUND are visited regularly by the Pastor with the Scriptures and Sacrament. Please contact the Parish Office if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation.

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.

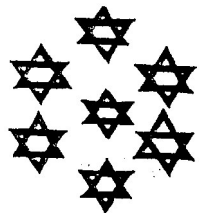
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**Exaudi—Sunday After Ascension
May 17, 2015**



The Expectant Church

You are invited to hear and receive the Comfort Our Lord generously gives. That Comfort comes to you today in this Holy Mass, in the Gospel Preaching and Gospel Sacraments. May The Helper, The Spirit that proceeds from the Father and the Son, bring you to faithful remembrances of our Lord.

The Theme of Today's Liturgy

The Holy Church waits expectantly and eagerly for her Lord to come again just as the disciples saw Him go at His ascension. But she does not wait passively. Instead, the Church waits both seeking the Lord's face in prayer (Introit) and with the fervent love for each other that shows itself in generous care-giving (Epistle). Therefore, the Faithful pray that they always have a devout will towards God and pure-hearted service (Collect). In this way they will suffer adversity. Yet they are not without the comfort of their God. For the Spirit of Truth comforts the Church in the faithful remembrance of our Lord's Word and Supper (Gospel).

The Sermon

When Christ ascends, the Helper comes. Thanks be to God. The Helper, God the Holy Spirit, testifies of God the Son. That's His saving Work. He points men to Christ. He implants in men the Word of God which is able to save your soul. Of and by ourselves we would, as Luther said, "bring it all to ruin." So while the flesh causes men to stumble, while the world persecutes the Christian, and even puts Christians to death because it pleases their god, all the while the Spirit testifies of Christ. That is where true life is found. And so do the Eleven. They are His witnesses. That's their saving Work. But they can't do it alone. They need the Helper that proceeds from the Father and the Son. For it is the Spirit that works in men, it is the Spirit that works in you, that you receive the saving Gospel.

The Holy Eucharist

Whenever you receive the Blessed Sacrament, you not only receive Christ Himself, but the forgiveness and comfort that only Christ can bring. For in the Sacrament, the Spirit comforts you and creates in you the pure heart that is free from the cares and anxieties of this world.

The Readings

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

The Hymns for Today's Mass

Processional Hymn	211
Chief Hymn	267
Offering Hymn	"This Joyful Eastertide" (insert)
Distribution Hymn	306 (interlude after stanza 4)
Retiring Processional Hymn	216

Music for Exaudi

The Prelude This Joyful Eastertide —J. Bender (1909-1994)

The Postlude On Christ's Ascension I Now Build —J. Eggert (b. 1946)

Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst His three-day prison, Our Faith had been in vain: But now has Christ arisen! The OFFERING HYMN, "This Joyful Eastertide" (insert) was written by George Woodward (1848-1934), a priest in the Church of England. He served in London, Norfolk, and Suffolk, England. It was published in a collection *Carols for Easter and Ascension* in 1894. The tune is a Dutch melody from the seventeenth century first used for setting the Psalms to music in *David's Psalmen* in 1685.

"A Beautiful Hymn on the Supper of Our Lord" was the description first given to the DISTRIBUTION HYMN, "Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Hast Prepared," (# 306) when it was first published in 1638. The author, Samuel Kinner (1603-1668), was a German physician. In his hymn, we sing of Christ, our Great Physician, who gives health and strength in His Holy Supper. Stanzas two and three are particularly appropriate during this Octave of the Ascension of Our Lord, which feast was celebrated last Thursday.



Prepare for Next Sunday

Feast of Pentecost "The Church of the Spirit"
May 24, 2015

Joel 2.28-32; Acts 2.1-11; St. John 14.23-31
Hymns: 235, 224, 334, 236, "Come Down, O Love Divine" (insert), 227

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 does the word “Preface” mean?

A forward, an introduction – from the Latin *praefatio*, a saying beforehand.

What is the nature of the Preface?

It is a high thanksgiving.

Where in the Scriptures are the Salutation and Response found?

The Salutation is found in St. Luke 1.28 and Ruth 2.4; the Response in 2 Timothy 4.22.

Why is the Salutation spoken?

That the Lord must first come to us before we can go to Him; as much as to say, “The Lord be with you and in you and help you to pray.” See Romans 8.26.

What is the meaning of the Response?

The people ask a blessing upon the Minister, and pray that the Lord may give him a devout mind, and guide

him in the coming ministrations.

What is the significance of the Preface?

From the most ancient times, these sentences opened the Liturgy of the Sacrament. They give specific direction to the congregation’s prayer, which, in view of the exalted nature of the acts of worship which follow, should be full of joy and gratitude.

What is the meaning of “Lift up your hearts”?

“Lift up your hearts” (Latin: *Sarsum corda*) that is: Think of nothing earthly, but arise, go to the very throne of God and offer prayer and praise; for not only is Christ present in the Sacrament, but He also sits at the right hand of God. This lifting up of hearts finds its fullest expression in the words of the Sanctus.

What is the meaning of “Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God”?

“Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God (Latin: *Gratias agamus*), that is: After leading the people to the throne of God, the minister rouses their mind to a sense of His benefits and suggests the nature of the prayer they are to offer.

And how do the people to this?

In the response, “It is meet and right so to do,” they accept the thanksgiving thought, and declare their readiness to join in the Proper Preface, Sanctus, and Eucharistic Prayer which follows.

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Holy Mass: Exaudi – Sunday After Ascension..... Today, 10a, Church Voters’ Assembly Today, 11:30a, Undercroft
 Matins (*St. Erik of Sweden, Martyr*) Mon, 8:45a, Chapel
 Matins Tue, 8:45a, Chapel
Holy Mass: Wednesday After Exaudi **Wed, 10a, Chapel**
 Matins Thr, 8:45a, Chapel
 Men’s Group Thr, 7p, Rectory
 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: Feast of Pentecost **Sun, 10a, Church**
 Sunday School Sun, 11:30a, Activities Center
 Adult 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, Earlene Maynarich, Michael Maynarich, Margaret Quinkert, and Julie Snoes.

THE PSALM FOR THIS WEEK IS PSALM 27. PRAY IT EVERY DAY!

Several times throughout the year, Psalm 27 is the Psalm for the week. As you pray it this week, notice the confident defiance, especially in v 1-3, 7-10. Notice also where the strength comes to withstand whatever haunts you—not from your own inner resources, but from the Lord and His house (v 4-6, 8). Finally, notice that the Lord not only gives you the strength to face your fears, but also the confidence to wait in hopeful anticipation for His ready help (v 13-14).

Today's Announcements

EXAUDI comes from the Latin for "hear," the first word of the Introit. From Psalm 27, the words of David are, "Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice, have mercy upon me and answer me. When you said 'Seek my face,' my heart said to You, 'Your Face, O Lord, I will seek.' Do not hide your face from me." These words, written a thousand years before the Ascension of Our Lord, give voice to the Church, who yearns for her Ascended Lord, looking heavenward, praying for His final Epiphany. But the promise of the same Lord in the Gospel for Exaudi is that it is God the Spirit that will come to His Church, soon to descend on the Feast of Pentecost. So today as we enter the Nave we note that the Paschal Candle, lit at Easter Vigil to represent the Light of Christ, is now removed—for a time the Light is not seen, for He is ascended and sits at the Right Hand of the Father.

GUEST FLAUTIST Thanks to Suzanne Zobel for playing flute in today's Mass.

OFFERING ENVELOPES If you would like a personalized box of offering envelopes, and do not currently have them, the church is happy to provide them to you. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office, or speak with Kevin Wiedelman.

ZION MEN'S GROUP meets this Thursday, May 21. Meet before 7pm in the Rectory. At 7, we pray Vespers in the Church and then return to the Rectory for the study and Gemütlichkeit. Please RSVP to FrBraden@ZionDetroit.org for a count for the food. Our study is in the Formula of Concord, Solid Declaration, Article V, "Law and Gospel."



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. Registration forms are available in the Narthex.

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