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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.

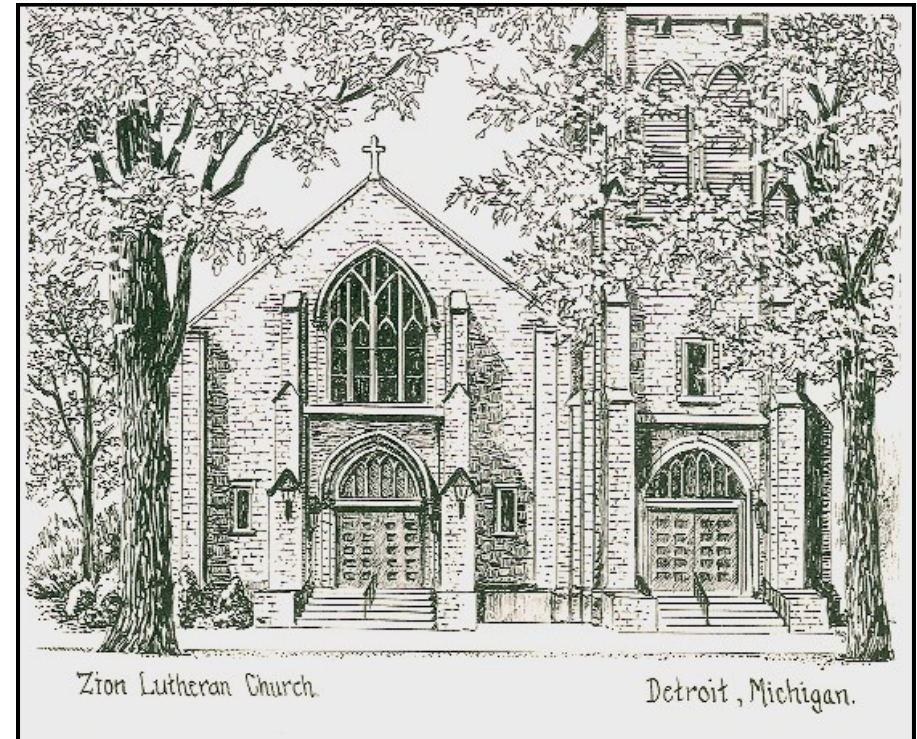
SICK AND HOMEBOUND are visited regularly by the Pastor with the Scriptures and Sacrament. Please contact the Parish Office if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation.

PARISH OFFICERS DEACONS: William Gramzow, Thomas Habitz, Jr., Eric Russell TRUSTEES: 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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**Third-Last Sunday in the Church Year
November 9, 2014**



Signs of the End

In this time of empty and false promises, Our Lord gives His sure and certain Word. You are welcomed and invited today to take Our Lord at His Word and to receive Him as He comes to you. May He calm, relax, and settle you!

The Theme of Today's Liturgy

The end is near! That should trouble you, if you truly know yourself and how you measure up- what you have done and what you have left undone (*Confiteor*). So we pray that Our Lord deal with us mercifully and not let us be ashamed (*Introit*). And then, holding to Our Lord's mercy, we may face our end with the confidence that death is nothing more than sleep in Jesus (*Epistle*), and the end of time nothing more than the coming true of our Lord's Word and promise (*Gospel*).

The Sermon

Holy Scripture presents a realistic anthropology. It shows man to be exactly what he is: "Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean?" Sinful men bring forth sinful men. So it is that fallen men cannot rightly discern the times. We live in the end times. And the signs are all around us. The great tribulation is begun. But no man knows is how long it will continue. And in the midst of all this confusion the Lord reminds us "Surely I am coming quickly!" So consider your life. Consider your transgressions. But do not despair. For the elects' sake these days will be cut short, that you be saved. The coming of the Son of Man will be seen by all. But the Son of Man who comes is He who died for you. By His Blood He brings a clean thing out of an unclean thing, as you are born from above and set apart from the world. So you await His coming in faith, anticipating with joy the Last Day.

The Holy Eucharist

As we see change and decay all around, as we recognize that the Last Day continually draws nigh, the Holy Eucharist brings us great comfort and hope, as the same Lord who will sit as Judge of all men then gives His Body and Blood to us now for our forgiveness and our strength. Seeing the symbols of Bread and Wine faith rightly says "There is the Christ!", for that is where He has promised to be.

The Readings

Job 14.1-6; Thessalonians 4.13-18; St. Matthew 24.15-28

The Hymns for Today's Mass

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| Processional Hymn | 601 |
| Chief Hymn | 407 |
| Offering Hymn | 605 |
| Distribution Hymns | 393, 596 |
| Retiring Processional Hymn | "Evening and Morning" (insert) |

Music for the Third-Last Sunday in the Church Year

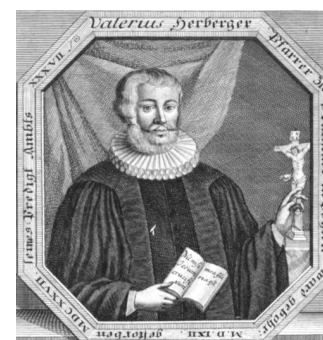
The Prelude Farewell I Gladly Bid Thee (BWV 736) – Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

The Postlude Farewell I Gladly Bid Thee – Paul O. Manz (1919-2009)

O heart, this image cherish: The Christ on Calvary, How patiently He suffered, And shed His blood for me!

The CHIEF HYMN, "Farewell I Gladly Bid Thee" (# 407) is a glorious explanation of the Christian's response to life in this world. Earthly life is fleeting, filled with disappointment, hardship, and fear. All roads lead to death. Nevertheless, Christians face life with confidence and find our joy in being a baptized child of God.

Death is an enemy; yet for the Christian death is defeated, and we look forward to death as our entry into eternal life. "He has been truly blessed who reaches heaven above; He has found perfect healing who rests upon Thy love."



The author was Valerius Herberger (1562-1627), pastor of St. Mary's Church in Fraustadt, Germany, and the first publication provided this note:

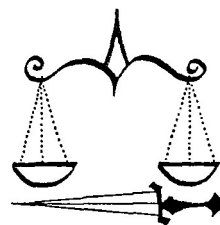
"A devout prayer with which the Evangelical citizens of Frawenstadt in the autumn of 1613 moved the heart of the Lord so that He mercifully laid down His sharp rod of weath under which nearly two thousand fell on sleep. And also a hymn of consolation in which a pious heart bids farewell to this world. Both composed by Valerius Herberger, preacher at Kripplein Christi."

Today, this hymn tune is most often associated with the Palm Sunday hymn: "All Glory, Laud, and Honor." However, it was written for this hymn, as is evident by the tune name, which is the German title of the text: *Valet will ich dir geben*. The tune is by Herberger's kantor, Melchior Teschner.

Prepare for Next Sunday

Second-Last Sunday in the Church Year "The Last Judgment"
November 16, 2014

Daniel 7.9-14; 2 Thessalonians 1.3-10; St. Matthew 25.31-46
Hymns: 590, 611, 521, 612, 313, 529



THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Holy Mass for the Third-Last Sunday in the Church Year Today, 10a, Church
 Bible Study Today, 11:30a, Undercroft
 Sunday School Today, 11:30a, Activities Center
 Matins Mon, 8:45a, Chapel
 Matins (*St. Martin of Tours, Bishop and Confessor*) Tue, 8:45a, Chapel
 Vespers Tue, 6:30p, Chapel

Holy Mass for the Third-Last Wednesday in the Church Year **Wed, 10a, Chapel**
 Bible Study Wed, 10:45a, Rectory
 Matins Thr, 8:45a, Chapel
 Vespers Thr, 6:30p, Chapel
 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 for the Third-Last Sunday in the Church Year **Sun, 10a, Church**
 Bible Study Sun, 11:30a, Undercroft
 Sunday School Sun, 11:30a, Activities Center

IN OUR PRAYERS Edward Brown, Linda Buskirk, Charles Capsel, Lela Casey, John Chavez, Gladys Cline, Anna Dalton, Martha Draspa, Susan Edwards, Sandy Frey, Ellen Hayden, Drucilla Huddleston, Florine Kaiser, Lawrence Kasner, Eleanor Luka, Earlene Maynarich, Michael Maynarich, Robert Murdock, Margaret Quinkert, Pauline Rivard, and Julie Snoes (upcoming surgery).

GIFTS AND DONATIONS From Mr. & Mrs. Richard Schulz in memory of Mary Schulz (✠ Jul 6, 1962), Harold G. Schulz (✠ May 23, 1978), Adolph Winters (✠ Mar 21, 1960), Helen Kannberg Winters (✠ Feb 21, 1986), Clarence Kannberg (✠ Aug 4, 1987), and Norman R. Schultz (✠ Jan 17, 2006).

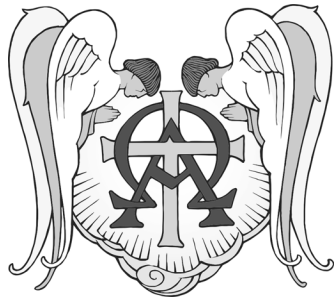
THE PSALM FOR THIS WEEK IS PSALM 31. PRAY IT EVERY DAY!

Psalm 31 may be prayed in three parts (v 1-8, 9-18, 19-24). Throughout it is a Psalm of trust and confidence in the Lord. That trust is oftentimes tested (v 10-13). Yet the prayer is that we are not ashamed in our trust--that our hope is not empty or in vain. And we are not! For the Lord's mercy is such that He does not help us only when we help ourselves, but He preserves His faithful when and how He pleases (v 23). So we take heart, and our trust grows, even when we are troubled!

Today's Announcements

LUTHERFEST: A REFORMATION CHORAL FESTIVAL The Lutheran Center Association presents LutherFest: A Reformation Choral Festival today at 4pm at Guardian—Dearborn. The event features the Michigan-Ohio Chorale, a brass quintet, flutes, strings, and joint choir from area parishes. Refreshments will follow the concert.

HIGHER THINGS YOUTH GATHERING Higher Things assists parents, congregations, and pastors in cultivating, encouraging and promoting a distinctively Lutheran identity among youth and young adults.



This summer's Higher Things gathering rejoices in the gift of the Te Deum, "We Praise Thee, O God," a hymn of praise that gives us a foretaste of what's happening in worship in heaven and on earth.

Higher Things is July 21-24, 2015 in Grand Rapids. Fr. Schultz, Vicar Grieser, Michael Edwards, and Anna Baseley will lead the group from Zion. The gatherings are primarily geared toward high school youth, but confirmed students of any age and college-aged students may also attend.

Registration began November 1 and fills up quickly. Last year the conference was full by January. We will need to make reservations by November 16. Registration forms are available from Father Schultz.

THANKSGIVING DISPLAY DONATIONS Donations are being received for the Chancel Display of fruits and vegetables for Thanksgiving Day Holy Mass, Thursday, November 27 at 10am. Place your donation in an envelope marked "Thanksgiving Display." Donors will be recognized in the bulletin on November 23. Donations must be made by November 20.