

# Zion Evangelical-Lutheran Church of Detroit

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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 at Zion, please speak with the Pastor before approaching the Altar.

**THE DIVINE OFFICE OF MATINS** is prayed Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 8:45am in the Chapel of the Holy Incarnation in the Rectory.

**ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** is taught every Sunday and Wednesday immediately 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 – 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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# Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

July 27, 2014

## The New Righteousness

If you are looking for a place that not only inspires righteousness, and not only empowers you toward righteous living, but even plants righteousness into your very skin and bones, then we welcome you. For this is where Our Lord, the Righteous One, is given to live His Righteous Life in and through you.

## The Theme of Today's Liturgy

True righteousness does not begin with the desire to do right, but with being united to the Righteous One. Those united to Christ Jesus by Baptism have been planted in His righteous death (*Epistle*). In this way, he also grafts within you His own righteousness so that you can live an upright life (*Collect*). In this righteous life, you live not by your own self-interests, but for yourself and for others (*Old Testament*). For you live from Our Lord's saving strength (*Introit*). This, then, is the righteousness that exceeds that of the Pharisees (*Gospel*).

## The Holy Eucharist

The Blessed Sacrament makes our bodies the home of Christ. His life is now our life. He lives in us and through us. So the Sacrament strengthens us to live not in fear and not for ourselves, but in faith toward God and in fervent love toward others.

## The Readings

Ruth 1:1-18; Romans 6:3-11; St. Matthew 5:20-26

**The Prelude** We All Believe in One True God (BWV 680) —Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

**The Postlude** We All Believe in One True God —Samuel Scheidt (1587-1654)

## The Hymns for Today's Mass

Processional Hymn	"To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord" (insert)
Chief Hymn	369
Offering Hymn	301
Distribution Hymns	371; 298
Retiring Processional Hymn	251 [second tune] (sing "Amen" below)

Luther's Creed hymn ends with the Amen:



A - - men, a - - men.

## The Mass: Blessing

Almighty God bless you: the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.



"To bless" means to mark with a sign. Ever since Our Lord died upon the cross, the Christians are signed with the cross. At our Baptism this was done for the first time to us. At every Communion Service we are under the cross. This sign of the Cross accompanies us throughout our whole life. In the cross, salvation has been given to us, and protection, grace, and eternal peace as well.

—Berthold von Schenk, "The Little Service Book"

## Prepare for Next Sunday

### Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

August 3, 2014

Isaiah 62.6-12; Romans 6.19-23; St. Mark 8.1-9

Hymns: 226, 19, 288, 316, 539, 372



"Abiding in Christ"

**Note for Today's Retiring Processional Hymn:**

Luther's Creed hymn ends with the Amen:



**Who the Church, His own creation, Keeps in unity of spirit.** The RETIRING PROCESSIONAL HYMN, “We All Believe in One True God” (# 251-2nd tune) is Martin Luther’s (1483-1546) hymn paraphrase of the Creed, also making it his hymn on the second chief part of Christian doctrine.

With this hymn, Luther connects the Church of the Reformation with the medieval church. Luther used a medieval plainsong chant melody as the melody for his text on the Creed. In this way, he shows the unity of the Church as he took existing music and strengthened the text to give a confession of Our Lord and His work, especially in His Son, “Made true man, our elder Brother, That the lost might life inherit.” The Amen used today is commonly included with the tune and is found earliest in *Geistliche Lieder* by Joseph Klug in 1533.

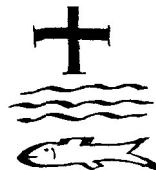


The PRELUDE is by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) from his collection *Clavier Übung III*, which includes both a longer and shorter organ setting of each of the catechism chorales.

**All that the mortal eye beholds is water as we pour it**

**Before the eye of faith unfolds the power of Jesus' merit.**

The PROCESSIONAL HYMN, “To Jordan Came the Christ Our Lord” (insert), is also by Luther. Finished in 1541, this was the last of the Catechism hymns to be written. As it includes a paraphrase of Jesus’ Baptism (St. Matthew 3), it is also fitting for use on the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord on January 13.



**THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK**

Holy Mass for the Seventh Sunday After Pentecost .....	Today, 10a, Church
Matins .....	Tues, 8:45a, Chapel
Holy Mass for Wednesday of Pentecost VII.....	Wed, 10a, Chapel
Bible Study .....	Wed, 10:45a, Rectory
Matins .....	Thr, 8:45a, Chapel
Men's Group .....	Thr, 7p, Rectory
Matins .....	Sat, 8:45a, Chapel
Private Confession and Absolution.....	Sat, 9:15a, Chapel
Women's Group .....	Sat, 1p, Rectory
Holy Mass for the Eighth Sunday After Pentecost.....	Sun, 10a, Church
Bible Study .....	Sun, 11:30a, Undercroft

**IN OUR PRAYERS** Sylvia Balaska, Edward Brown, Linda Buskirk, Charles Capsel, Lela Casey, John Chavez, Gladys Cline, Anna Dalton, Martha Draspa, Sandy Frey, Ellen Hayden, Drucilla Huddleston, Florine Kaiser, Lawrence Kasner, Eleanor Luka, Earlene Maynarich, Michael Maynarich, Robert Murdock, Margaret Quinkert, and Pauline Rivard.



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**THE PSALM FOR THIS WEEK IS PSALM 28. PRAY IT EVERY DAY!**

This Psalm is a plea to God by someone who is oppressed. But what is to be feared most is falling into sin and unrighteousness (v 1). So we may pray that God will hear both our prayer (v 2) and give us true fear of God's Law (v 3-5). Since God is our Savior and Deliverer, the prayer then changes to a blessing of God—the God who strengthens and sustains against inward godliness and outward injustice (v 6-7). And God does not disappoint this hope. He saves and sustains all who trust in Him—especially the Anointed One (v 8), so the prayer shifts yet a third time—that God will save and shepherd (feed) His own (v 9).

## Today's Announcements

**THANK YOU** to Rev. Dr. Frank J. Pies, pastor emeritus of Our Savior—Hartland, for preaching and celebrating Mass today. Father Braden is returning from Cochabamba, Bolivia where he taught a seminary class on Revelation this past week.



COMFORT, COMFORT  
ye my people

2014 Institute on Liturgy, Preaching and Church Music

**LCMS WORSHIP CONFERENCE** This week, Father Schultz is attending the conference “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People” hosted by the Commission on Worship of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod at Concordia University—Seward, Nebraska.

**CEDAR POINT TRIP** is Monday, August 11. Please fill out the forms available in the Narthex. Tickets are \$37. If there are questions, please contact Pam Ruffin.



**MEN'S GROUP PROJECT** Our new Vicar is set to move into the Rectory the first week in September. We received a generous gift of a set of bedroom furniture for the Vicar's bedroom. However, we are still in need of a new mattress, box spring, sheets, and blankets. The Zion Men's Group has taken up the project to provide this.



Any support for this effort would be greatly appreciated. Please talk with Kevin Wiedelman for more information. Kevin can be reached by e-mail at [wiedelman@outlook.com](mailto:wiedelman@outlook.com) or by phone at (248) 520-6165. Thanks!

**PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE** At the June Voters' Assembly, the 2014-15 parish budget was not ratified pending additional information from the Parish Council. A special Voters' Assembly will be held August 3 following Holy Mass. See the agenda on the facing page.

**THE 2014 ST. MICHAEL LITURGICAL CONFERENCE** is Monday, September 29. This conference is a major event for our Parish and brings distinguished theologians, Pastors and members from many different states to Zion. Our St. Michael Committee has met and begun their work. Every year Zion welcomes donations from members and organizations in support of the Conference. Donations can be made by writing “St. Michael Liturgical Conference” on an envelope, which can be placed in the offering plate on Sunday or sent to the church office.

**ADULT CATECHESIS** A new session of adult catechesis (on-going instruction in the Christian Faith) will begin Thursday, August 14 at 7pm. This class is available both for new members and as a review for current members. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors!

## SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING

**3 AUGUST 2014 AT 11:30 A.M.**

### AGENDA

**Opening Prayer**

**Call to Order**

**Establishing a Quorum**

**Review of Minutes**

**Old Business**

Budget – 7/1/14 thru 6/30/15

**New Business**

Election of Congregational Delegate to English District Circuit Forum

**Closing Prayer**