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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.

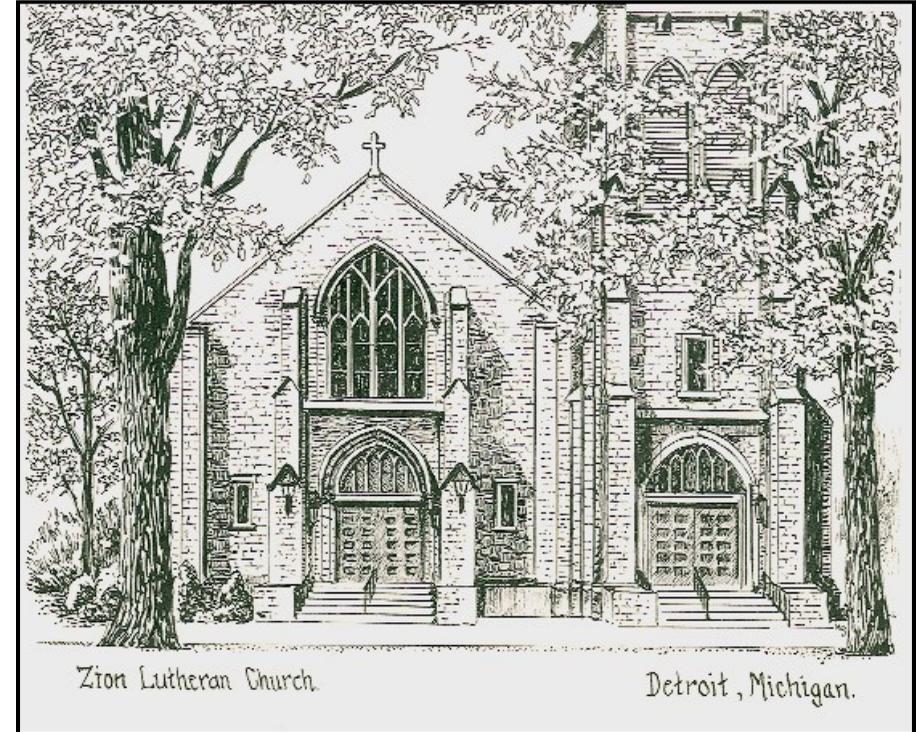
SICK AND HOMEBOUND are visited regularly by the Pastor with the Scriptures and Sacrament. Please contact the Parish Office if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation.

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.

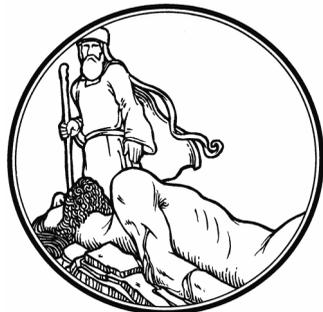
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**Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 14, 2014**



The Good Samaritan

Welcome to Holy Mass where Our Lord serves to you, and delivers into your body, His new and everlasting Testament. By His heavenly gifts He gives healing to your soul. May they also increase your love of God and your kindness toward your neighbor.

The Theme of Today's Liturgy Today's liturgy focuses on this question: "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" (*Gospel*) The answer is based first in what Our Lord gives in His faithful and everlasting

Testament (*Epistle*). That Testament (covenant) we beg God to respect and remember by lifting us out of the oppression our sin lays on our backs (*Introit, Gradual*). For He is our dwelling place in all generations (*Alleluia*). From Him flows the increase of faith, hope and love that He gives through His Son (*Collect*). It is this doing of Our Lord, then, that "makes us to love that which He commands" (*Collect*).

The Sermon Love the unclean. Give freely to your enemies. That is what you must do, for the Law and the Prophets require it. And that love must flow from an unblemished love for God. You must give without expectation of return. But you haven't done that, any more than the lawyer who desired to test God. Like the lawyer, the priest and the Levite, you too have seen suffering and passed by on the other side. But the Samaritan was a neighbor to him. He bandaged his wounds, set him on his own animal, brought him to the inn, and provided for his care. So God took on Flesh. They said He had a demon. They called Him a glutton and winebibber. They called Him a Samaritan. And for His hostile enemies, for unbelievers who would take His life, He fell among thieves, was stripped and wounded. He was left not half dead, but crucified, dead, lifeless, and buried. And no one would help him. He did it to help you. He did it that you be reconciled to the Father. He did it that you be able to receive God's love, and to love God and neighbor. And He washes you, He vests you, and He brings you to His Inn, where you eat and drink Christ. You see Christ. You hear Christ. And blessed are the eyes that see what you see, and ears that hear what you hear, for you hear and see what kings and Prophets longed to see - Christ your Savior.

The Holy Eucharist

The Testament Our Lord makes with us is not only spoken but also planted within our bodies. It gives us the inheritance of eternal life. It also works in us true love for God and our neighbor.

The Readings Zechariah 7.4-10; Galatians 3.16-22; St. Luke 10.23-37

The Hymns for Today's Mass

Processional Hymn	295
Chief Hymn	297
Offering Hymn	267
Distribution Hymns	373 (interlude after stanzas 3 and 5); 350
Retiring Processional Hymn	23

The Mass: Collect

The public reading of Scripture at Mass dates from the time of the apostles, and is something they themselves inherited from the synagogue. It is found in every rite in Christendom. In the synagogue, there were two readings, one from Moses and one from the prophets; this was replaced in the Church by the Gospels and the Epistles. In some places and Old Testament reading remained, but the historic Old Testament pericopes (appointed readings) are not known. Since the origin of today's so-called historical pericopes is so ancient, it is not known, though here and there we can see traces of a thematic idea.

A recent innovation seen in some churches is the giving of an introduction of the theme of a reading before the reading itself is given. While well-intentioned, this is unfortunate for two reasons. First, it breaks the flow of the liturgy; it is clumsy. High ceremonies of all kinds are not encumbered with pauses or asides for information about what is happening or what one should be aware of. Should not the Holy Mass be accorded at least as much honor as other kinds of ceremonies? Second, and more importantly, it serves to say, if only subliminally, that the Word of God needs to be helped along if it is to be truly effective. The pastor who wants to teach his people about the reading is invited to do so where the liturgy provides him this opportunity: during the sermon. For the same reason, it is unnecessary for the pastor to seek to make eye contact with the people during the reading. It should be clear for all to see that he is reading; that the words he speaks are the words he sees on the page. The sermon is the place for personalizing the message.

Historically there have been chants which are heard between the readings. They serve to provide a musical connection between the readings, in effect to slow the pace a bit to provide the opportunity for reflection on the reading heard. The Gradual, Alleluia, and Tract served this role historically, and also to cover movement, especially when an acolyte moved the Gospel Book to its place for its reading by the deacon. The movement to the place for the Gospel reading was historically toward the north, that is, as a vector toward the lands the Gospel had not yet reached.

—Burnell F. Eckardt, Jr.,

"The New Testament in His Blood: A Study of the Holy Liturgy of the Christian Church"

Music for the Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

The Prelude The Gospel Shows The Father's Grace —J. G. Walther (1684-1748)

The Postlude The Law of God is Good and Wise —K. Hildebrand (b. 1973)

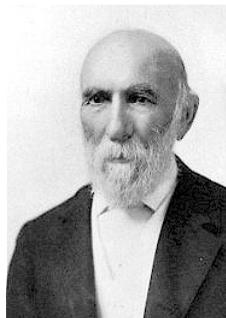
"We believe, teach, and confess that the distinction between the Law and the Gospel is to be maintained in the Church with great diligence as an especially brilliant light, by which, according to the admonition of St. Paul, the Word of God is rightly divided."

—Formula of Concord, Epitome, V

One distinctive characteristic of the Lutheran confession is the proper distinction between the Law and the Gospel. Without it, the Holy Scriptures can seem to be a confusing string of seeming contradictions.

To highlight this important teaching, Matthias Loy (1828-1915) wrote two companion hymns, one on the Law and one on the Gospel. In today's Mass we use them as our PROCESSIONAL HYMN, "The Law of God is Good and Wise" (# 295) and CHIEF HYMN, "The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace" (# 297). These hymns were first published in the Ohio Synod's 1863 *Collection of Hymns*. In most hymnals

the hymns are placed on facing pages to allow for them to be sung in alternation.



Loy served as the president of the Ohio Synod from 1860-1868 and 1870-1894 and editor of the *Lutheran Standard* for many years. He wrote twenty hymns and translated many German hymns into English.

Prepare for Next Sunday

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

"The Grateful Samaritan"

September 21, 2014

Proverbs 4.10-23; Galatians 5.16-24; St. Luke 17.11-19

Hymns: 581, 393, 535, 349, "The Gifts Christ Freely Gives" (insert), 36



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Fourteenth Week After Pentecost

Sep 14-21

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Holy Mass for the Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost Today, 10a, Church Bible Study Sun, 11:30a, Undercroft
 Sunday School Sun, 11:30a, Activities Center
 Matins Mon, 8:45a, Chapel
Pastor's Circuit Meeting at Good Shepherd-Toledo, OH Tue
 St. Michael Liturgical Conference Committee Tue, 5:30p, Rectory
 Vespers Tue, 6:30p, Chapel
Holy Mass for Ember Wednesday Wed, 10a, Chapel
 Bible Study Wed, 10:45a, Rectory
 Adult Catechesis Wed, 7p, Rectory
 Matins Thr, 8:45a, Chapel
 St. Michael Liturgical Conference Folder Preparation Sat, Rectory
 Adult Choir Rehearsal Sun, 8:45a, Rectory
Holy Mass for the Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost 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, and Pauline Rivard.

GIFTS AND DONATIONS From Kathleen Atkins for the St. Michael Liturgical Conference; From Lois Meriwether for the St. Michael Liturgical Conference.

THE PSALM FOR THIS WEEK IS PSALM 74. PRAY IT EVERY DAY!

There are times when you feel that God has turned against you, that He is rightly punishing and afflicting you (v 1). So you beg the Lord to remember the help and mercy He promises in His Church (v 2-8). But even then it seems as if God is slow to act, that He'll never come through (v 9-11). You know what God can do and how He has come through for you in the past (v 12-17). So you continue to plead with God to remember and save you (v 18-23) in the confidence that He will not let you down.

Today's Announcements

SCHEDULE CHANGES

- Matins will not be prayed on Tuesday. Fr. Braden, Fr. Schultz, and Vicar Grieser will attend the Metro Detroit South Circuit Pastors' meeting at Good Shepherd-Toledo, OH.
- Vespers will not be prayed on Thursday. Fr. Schultz will be in Fort Wayne through Saturday.
- Matins will not be prayed on Friday or Saturday; Private Confession and Youth Catechism will not be held on Saturday. Father Braden has a meeting for the Luther Academy in St. Louis on Thursday and Friday, and will give a presentation on the Augsburg Confession at St. Andrew's – Memphis, MI on Saturday.

ADULT CATECHESIS will meet on **Wednesday** at 7pm.

DETROIT LUTHERAN FELLOWSHIP, a new young adult group, will host an outing to the Detroit Zoo on Saturday, September 27, at 2:00 p.m. Zoo admission is \$14 per person. All are invited, and should meet at the zoo entrance promptly at 2:00 (look for someone holding a DLF sign). Questions? Email lcadetroitfellowship@gmail.com, and join the group at www.facebook.com/groups/detroitlutheranfellowship.

SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.

ADULT CHOIR rehearsals are Sundays at 8:45am. Please let Fr. Schultz know of your willingness to sing. The tentative dates that the choir will sing will be September 28, October 19, Fri, October 31 (Reformation), Sat, November 1 (All Saints'), November 30, and December 14.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE At the May Voters' Assembly on June 1, the 2014-15 parish budget was not ratified pending additional information from the Parish Council. A special Voters' Assembly will be held soon. Watch the bulletin for details.

2014 ST. MICHAEL LITURGICAL CONFERENCE

- ✧ The conference is Monday, September 29, from 8:15am-5pm.
- ✧ Make sure you are registered for the Conference, which is free for Zion members.
- ✧ Volunteers are needed to house college and university students.
- ✧ Please help us publicize the conference by inviting all pastors, church musicians, and other people interested in the Church's liturgy. Brochures are available in the Narthex. **Registration before September 15 is \$40**; Late registration is \$50.
- ✧ Consider making a donation to the Conference.

APOLOGETIC CONFERENCE Emmanuel – Dearborn is hosting the eighth annual apologetic conference on Friday, October 3 from 7-9:30pm. Robert Liichow, Christian apologist and author (and former Zion member) will present "The History of Charismatic Enthusiasm from Montanus to Joyce Meyer." The presentation helps the serious Christian discern and debunk the many showy, but dangerous, fads in Christianity that trap and devastate souls with false hopes while stealing from them the sure eternal promises of God that bring comfort in grace won by Jesus. A free will offering will be received and refreshments provided. Be prepared to defend the faith! For more information: www.emmanueldearborn.org.