

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., Michael Anderson **TRUSTEES:** Silas Gray, Paul Snoes; **PARISH EDUCATION:** Shirley Cross, Robert Kelly III, Sarah Braden **OFFICERS OF THE VOTERS:** Thomas Habitz, Jr. (chairman), Alan Kroske (vice-chairman), Pamela Ruffin (secretary), Paul Snoes (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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Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

June 17, 2018

The Word of Reconciliation



The whole Church rejoices when sinners are reconciled to God. Here that reconciliation with God our Father is given to you through His Son by His Holy Spirit. May you, in true repentance, receive that reconciliation with joy!

The Theme of Today's Liturgy The Christian is a sinner who knows and believes that he is desolate and afflicted without God's mercy (*Introit*). And so he begs God to increase and multiply His mercy (*Collect*). The

Christian also does not rely on his own strength and spirituality but freely and willingly humbles himself under the Lord's mighty and caring hand (*Epistle*). And Our Lord does not turn away or disappoint the hope of those who know their sin and repent; instead, he gladly welcomes, receives, seeks out and eats with them (*Gospel*). In this way, Our Lord sustains, saves and delivers sinners (*Gradual*).

The Sermon The Son of Man came not to judge, rather to save that which is lost. In this time of grace He sees sinners not in judgment, but as worthy of redemption. In grace the Lord has sought you. So you can say with the Prophet "O Lord, I will praise You; though you were angry with me, Your anger is turned away, and You comfort me." There is the Law, God's anger, and the Gospel, God's comfort. And you can confess with joy "Behold, God is my Salvation, I will trust and not be afraid." He has found you. He has won you. He has bought you back. He has restored you to Himself by His shed Blood and miraculous resurrection.

The Holy Eucharist Our Lord is condemned for eating with sinners. Yet this condemnation does not stop Him. He eats with us and invites us to feed on Him. For in that Supper of His broken Body and shed Blood, He gives us sinners what we need most - forgiveness of sins. And that forgiveness then also delivers to us life in Him and salvation into eternity.

The Readings Isaiah 12:1-6; 1 Peter 5:6-11; St. Luke 15:1-10

The Hymns for Today's Mass

Processional Hymn	326
Chief Hymn	319
Offering Hymn	535
Distribution Hymns	385
Retiring Processional Hymn	529

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Fourth Week After Pentecost

June 17-24

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Holy Mass for the Fourth Sunday After Pentecost..... Today, 10a, Church Adult Bible Class.....Today, 11:30a Undercroft Zion Bible Camp.....Thr, 9a, Church Zion Bible Camp.....Fri, 9a, Church Matins Sat, 8:45a, Chapel Private Confession and Absolution..... Sat, 9:15a, Chapel

Holy Mass for the Fifth Sunday After Pentecost Sun, 10a, Church Church Picnic.....Sun, 11:30a. Rectory Yard

IN OUR PRAYERS Michael Anderson, Gloria Bailey, Nellie Bolton, Edward Brown, Linda Buskirk, Lela Casey, Gladys Kline, Anna Dalton, Fr. Erich and the Fickel family, Henry Frey, Bill Gramzow, Latoya Davis Gray, Drucilla Huddleston, Florine Kaiser, Lawrence Kasner, Richard Kelly.

FR. BRADEN will be at the English District Convention all week. He will be available by cell phone in case of emergency.

NEW HASSOCKS DEDICATED - Today during the Mass, after the Intercessions, four new hassocks (kneelers for the Chancel) will be dedicated and set apart for use in the Divine Service. The hassocks were purchased with memorial gifts given in remembrance of our sainted brother Michael Bruce Quinkert (February 21, 1941 - May 17, 2018 A. ✕ D.).

GIFTS AND DONATIONS from Paula MacMunn to the General Fund in memory of Leonard C. Hoeft (1/7/1921 - 6/17/1995), Carl L. Hoeft (6/17/1956 - 7/13/2011), and George W. Abick (4/26/1950 - 1/11/2015).

ZION BIBLE CAMP will be this Thursday and Friday from 9 am to Noon. There is no cost to attend the Bible Camp. Registration forms will be available in the Narthex.

CHURCH PICNINC Next Sunday is the annual Church Picnic. Sign up sheet is in the Narthex. Please join us in good food and fellowship.

THE PSALM FOR THIS WEEK IS PSALM 25. PRAY IT EVERY DAY!

Psalm 25 tells us what forgiveness truly is: Our Lord does not remember our sin against us. Rather, He remembers His mercy based on His grace and kindness (v 6-7). Our confidence is that Our Lord does not shame or humiliate us, but leads and guides us in His way (v 1-5, 20-21). Even when we are humbled or brought down by whatever threatens or haunts us, even then the Lord is guiding us in His righteousness (v 8-11). That is why our eyes are always on the Lord. He turns to us, brings us out of our distresses, looks on our affliction, and forgives all our sins (v 12-19).