

# 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, 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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# Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

August 12, 2018

The Pharisee and the Tax Collector



Our Lord is in His temple eager to distribute His mercy in the Preaching and Sacraments. May you find comfort in this mercy Our Lord freely and willingly gives. And may it give you the courage to pray: "God, be merciful to me, a sinner."

**The Theme of Today's Liturgy** Our prayer today is Daniel's prayer: "We do not present our supplications before You because of our righteousness, but because of Your great mercy" (*Old Testament*). Our desire is that we go to our homes justified by God (*Gospel*). And our confidence is that God our Father will give us His mercy in an abundance that both forgives us our sins and gives us all things (*Collect*). God demonstrates His mercy when He scatters our enemies (*Introit*) and when He raises Christ and us from sin and death (*Epistle*). This is the grace of God that makes us what we are – beloved children of God.

**The Sermon** The theme of today's sermon is "You Are Justified By God" based on Luke 18:9-14. Archdeacon Stechholz will be the Celebrant in Fr. Braden's absence.

**The Holy Eucharist** In the Holy Supper we are both forgiven of those things of which our conscience is afraid, and we are given those good things of which we are not worthy to ask. Faith rests its hopes solely on this mercy of God given in this sacrament.

**The Readings** Daniel 9:15-19; 1 Corinthians 15:1-10; St. Luke 18:9-14

## The Hymns for Today's Mass

Processional Hymn	384
Chief Hymn	317
Offering Hymn	342
Distribution Hymns	331; 243
Retiring Processional Hymn	50

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Twelfth Week After Pentecost

Aug 12—19

## THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

**Holy Mass for the Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost** ..... Today, 10a, Church Bible Class ..... Today, 11:30a, Undercroft  
Edward Brown Funeral.....Wed, 10a, Church  
**Holy Mass for the Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary**.....Wed, 7p, Church Matins.....Thr, 8:45a, Chapel  
Metro Detroit Pastor's Study Mailing.....Thr, 10a, Rectory  
Vespers.....Thr, 6:30p, Chapel  
Adult Catechesis.....Thr, 7p, Rectory  
Matins.....Sat, 8:45a, Chapel  
Parish Council.....Sat, 9a, Rectory  
Private Confession and Absolution.....Sat, 9:15a, Chapel  
Ladies Group.....Sat, 1p, Rectory  
**Holy Mass for the Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost** ..... Sun, 10a, Church Bible Class .....Sun, 11:30a, Undercroft

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

**TODAY** Fr. Braden flies to Racine, Wisconsin for a *Gottesdienst* Editors' meeting. He will return Wednesday morning, August 15, and will preside at the special Mass for the Dormition of Mary.

**MAILING HELP NEEDED** – On Thursday, at 10:00 a.m., the Metro Detroit Pastors' Study mailing will be assembled. If you are available, we could use your help assembling and labeling the flyers. With a good turn-out of volunteers, we should be done by lunch time. If you are available, please let Fr. Braden know.

**ST. MICHAEL'S COMMITTEE MEETING** –Tuesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. the St. Michael Committee will meet to continue our Conference planning. Please mark your calendars and attend the meeting – the Conference is drawing nigh! We will have weekly meetings in September, Tuesday nights at 6:00 p.m. (September 4, 11, and 18).

### THE PSALM FOR THIS WEEK IS PSALM 68. PRAY IT EVERY DAY!

This Psalm is a prayer for God to defend us by using His power to scatter our physical and spiritual enemies (v 1-3). The confidence of this prayer evokes both a song of praise (v 4-6) and a recalling of God's history of saving (v 7-23). The basis for this prayer—and it's central thought or antiphon—is the daily benefits God loads us with and the escape from death that He brings (v 19-20). Since God does come through and deliver us as we hope, the psalm then blesses God (v 24-27) and repeats our hope based on His past and present mercies (v 28-35).