

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, 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); **VES-PERS:** 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.

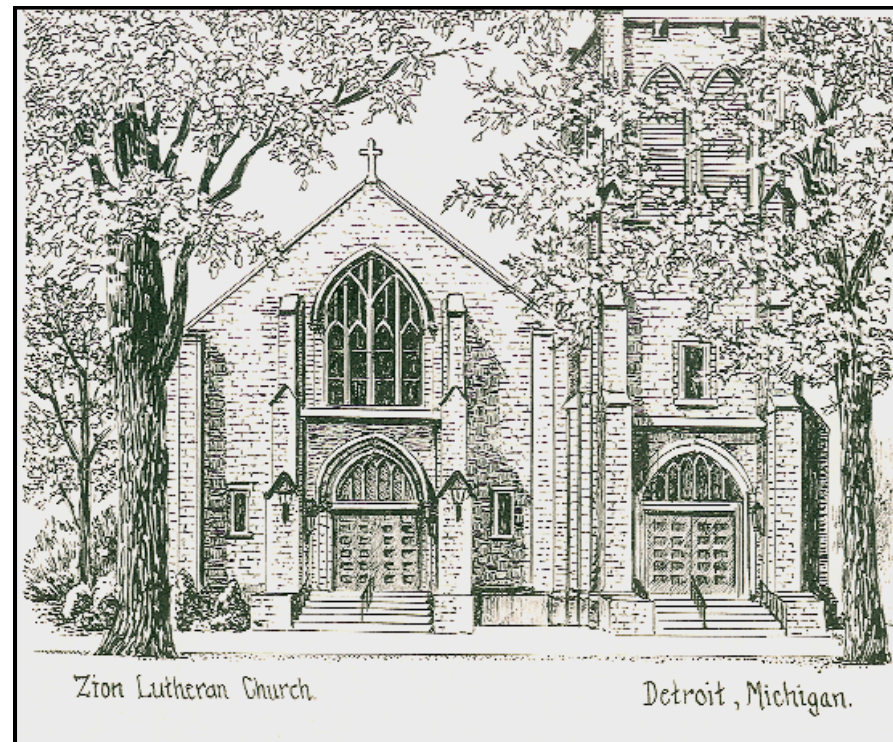
SICK AND HOMEBOUND are visited regularly by the Pastor with the Scriptures and Sacrament. Please contact the Parish Office if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation.

PARISH OFFICERS **DEACONS:** William Gramzow, Thomas Habitz, Jr., Michael Anderson **TRUSTEES:** Silas Gray, Paul Snoes; **PARISH EDUCATION:** Shirley Cross, Robert Kelly III, Sarah Braden **ENDOWMENT BOARD:** Fr. Mark Braden (chairman) Tom Habitz, Jr., Paul Snoes, Alan Kroske; **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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HE HAS DESIRED HER AS HIS DWELLING PLACE"



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Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 23, 2018

True and Laudable Service



Welcome to the Feast where Our Blessed Lord gives Himself as your health and healing! He not only comforts you. He is also the very medicine, salvation and mercy that you seek. Rejoice in this Lord by partaking of the Life He is and gives!

The Theme of Today's Liturgy In today's Mass, we beg Our Lord to give us grace to withstand the temptations of the devil and to follow Him with pure hearts and minds (*Collect*). That grace is located in the Lord's Word which created the heavens (*Gradual*),

which is the Lord's valiant right hand (*Alleluia*), which speaks the judgment of righteousness (*Introit*), and which heals the sick (*Gospel*). This grace then also gives us courage to live in the humility of faith (*Old Testament*) since it calls, gathers and plants us into the one Body and one Spirit of God the Father who is above and through and in all (*Epistle*).

The Sermon The Words of our Lord are true wisdom. And yet to the fallen world they are foolishness. Self-actualization, self-promotion, self-advancement, these are the ways of the world. In the face of sinful hubris, the Lord teaches "he who humbles himself will be exalted." These Words the flesh rejects. For all fallen men want the best seat. That you be saved from your pridefulness, He who was exalted from before the world began humbled Himself. He took the lowest place, the place of shame, the place of death. But those who believe in Him will be exalted. Today He bids you partake of His Table. And for you there is a seat at the Wedding Feast that has no end.

The Holy Eucharist Many expect or demand the miracles of Jesus only to relieve their physical ailments. But in the Blessed Sacrament, Our Lord gives you His Body and Blood to heal you from the sin that sickens your soul as well as your body. In this way, Our Lord carries both your sin and your ailments, and gives you true and lasting health.

The Readings Proverbs 25.6-14; Ephesians 4.1-6; St. Luke 14.1-11

The Hymns for Today's Mass

Processional Hymn	8
Chief Hymn	383
Offering Hymn	292 (1-4)
Distribution Hymns	313; 292 (5-9)
Retiring Processional Hymn	381

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Eighteenth Week After Pentecost

Sep 23—30

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Holy Mass for the Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost Today, 10a, Church
 Bible Study Sun, 11:30a, Undercroft
 Sunday School Sun, 11:30a, Rectory
 Liturgical Practice Sun, 7p, Church
St. Michael Liturgical Conference Mon, 8:15a-7p, Church and Gymnasium
Holy Mass for Sts. Andochius, Thyrsus, & Felix Mon, 9a, Church
 Office of Sext Mon, 12p, Church
Solemn Vespers Mon, 4:45p, Church
 Gemütlichkeit Mon, until 7p, Undercroft
Holy Mass for Sts. Cyprian & Justina, Martyrs Wed, 10a, Chapel
 Bible Study Wed, 11a, Rectory
 Matins Thr, 8:45a, Chapel
 Vespers Thr, 7p, Chapel
 Men's Group Thr, 7:30p, Rectory
 Private Confession and Absolution Sat, 9:15a, Chapel
Holy Mass for St. Michael, Archangel Sat, 10a, Chapel
 Women's Group Sat, 11a, Rectory
Holy Mass for the First Sunday after Michaelmas Sun, 10a, Church
 Bible Study Sun, 11:30a, Undercroft
 Sunday School Sun, 11:30a, Rectory

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

GREATER DETROIT ZONE LWML FALL RALLY Sunday October 7, from 2 to 4 p.m., at Ascension of Christ Lutheran Church in Beverly Hills. All Ladies of the church are welcome to attend. Registration is \$10 due by October 4th. You can register by email at smvboyle@gmail.com or call 248-320-3413. If you wish to attend or have any questions please speak to Janet Stechholz.

THE PSALM FOR THIS WEEK IS PSALM 119.121-144. PRAY IT EVERY DAY!

Doing justice and righteousness (121) does not prevent suffering (122), nor does it help one see the Lord's salvation and hear His righteous Word (123). So we pray the Lord not to consider our meager (and often self-serving) efforts, but to deal with us according to His mercy (124; cf. Daniel 9.18). Loving the Lord, keeping His commandments, understanding His testimonies and walking in His paths (125-144) now means trusting His Word of mercy and salvation more than doing the right thing. And His righteousness which is everlasting (142) is not the right things we try to do but the righteousness He speaks over us and gives to us.