

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.

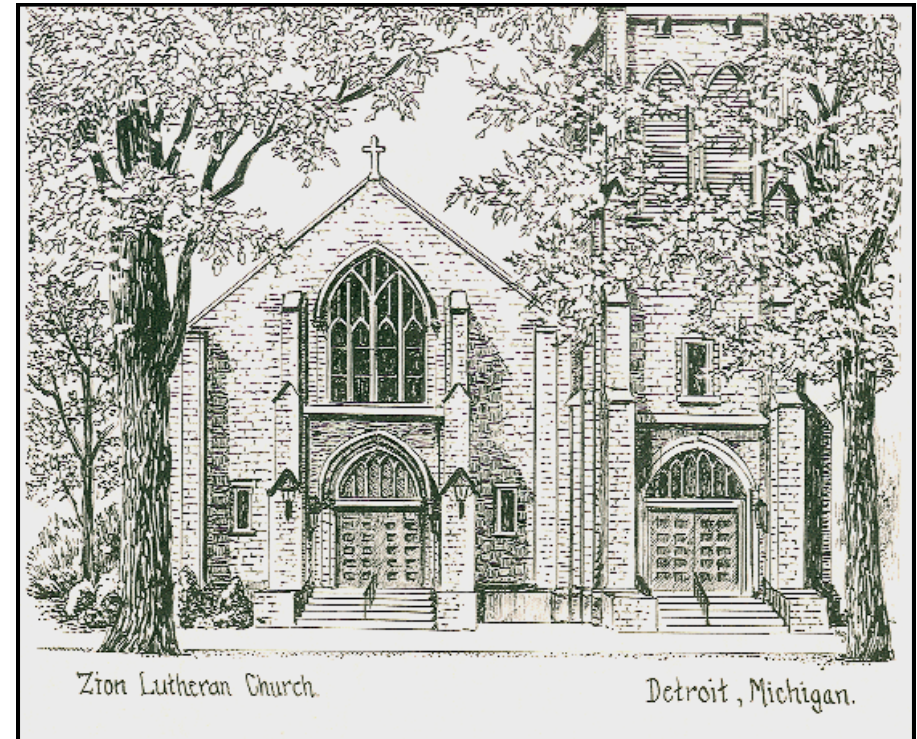
SICK AND HOMEBOUND are visited regularly by the Pastor with the Scriptures and Sacrament. Please contact the Parish Office if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation.

PARISH OFFICERS **DEACONS:** William Gramzow, Thomas Habitz, Jr., Michael Anderson **TRUSTEES:** Silas Gray, Paul Snoes; **PARISH EDUCATION:** Shirley Cross, Robert Kelly III, Sarah Braden **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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Third Sunday After Michaelmass

October 14, 2018

Thy Strong Word



Welcome to the place where the surest and most certain promises are made and guaranteed and kept. For the promise is from the Lord and is as good as His Word. May you today find comfort in His strong and sure promise.

The Theme of Today's Liturgy We desire a God whom we can count on, who never lets us down, and who cannot be overpowered – a God who holds the whole world in His power (*Introit*). That's the God David prayed to, relied upon, and leaned on and trusted in (*Old Testament*). That's the God the nobleman expected from the mouth of Jesus (*Gospel*). And that's the God who

promises to shield and defend us from whatever threatens to undo us (*Epistle*). So we pray in confidence that Our Lord will keep His church (and us) in continual godly living (*Collect*) which relies solely on His true Word and sure promise.

The Sermon Abraham believed God, and it was credited unto him as righteousness. He sought no sign. Faith seeks no sign. Unbelief seeks miracles, faith believes they happen. But God, in His mercy, did a miracle. Isaac should have been dead. But God is a God of mercy. He is the God of life. So Isaac lived. God provided the Lamb. In mercy, the Lord heals the nobleman's son. For He does know. He does see. And He alone can heal. He heals the boy according to His will. He heals him with a Word, from afar. And then He did the greatest of miracles, He gave the sign, He fulfilled the Promise He made to all the faithful of all time – He gave the sign of Jonah. He crushed the head of the Devil, and He took up His life again. He gave the world the sign of forgiveness and life for all that believe in Him – the empty tomb. In His death is the Promise that your sins are forgiven. In His resurrection is the Promise that you who believe in Him shall also rise. That is His Promise to you. For faith, that is enough.

The Holy Eucharist We come to the Eucharist desiring forgiveness, the strength to face the days ahead, rescue from our bondage to sin, and refreshed life. And that is precisely what Our Lord's Body and Blood give us – forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.

The Readings 2 Samuel 7:18-29; Ephesians 6:10-17; St. John 4:46-54

The Hymns for Today's Mass

Processional Hymn	3
Chief Hymn	329
Offering Hymn	524
Distribution Hymns	296; 313
Retiring Processional Hymn	261

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Third Week After Michaelmass

Oct 14-21

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Holy Mass for the Third Sunday after Michaelmass Today, 10a, Church
 Bible Study Today, 11:30a, Undercroft
 Sunday School Today, 11:30a, Rectory
 Choir Practice..... Today, 12:30p, Church
 Matins..... Mon, 8:45a, Chapel
 Adult Catechesis..... Mon, 6:30p, Rectory
Holy Mass For St. Luke, Evangelist Thr, 7p, Church
 Adult Catechesis Thr, 8p, Rectory
 Matins Sat, 8:45a, Chapel
 Private Confession and Absolution..... Sat, 9:15a, Chapel
Holy Mass for the Fourth Sunday After Michaelmass Sun, 10a, Church
 Bible Study Sun, 11:30a, Undercroft
 Sunday School Sun, 11:30a, Rectory
 Choir Practice..... Sun, 12:30p, Church

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, and Patty Braden.

ON TUESDAY Fr. Braden travels to Port Clinton, Ohio, where he will attend the English District Regional Pastoral Conference. He will return on Thursday afternoon, 10/18. Fr. Braden will be available by cell phone in case of Pastoral emergency.

ANNUAL MEETING The annual meeting of our congregation will be held Sunday, October 28, immediately following Mass. This is one of two only voters assemblies held each year. All Zion members should plan to attend, as the business of the congregation takes place at these meetings. At the October meeting the officers of our congregation are elected. Mark your calendar now!

THE PSALM FOR THIS WEEK IS PSALM 119:1-16. PRAY IT EVERY DAY!

Psalm 119 is about the Lord's Word and our desire to hold fast to His Word. "Law," "testimonies," "precepts," "statutes," "commandments," and "judgments" speak both of the demands Our Lord makes on us, and the certainty of His promises. For His promises are as binding and true as laws. They are the laws He has made for Himself toward us. So our Lord lays down the law for us to follow. But He also says that His promises are as binding, sure and dependable as any legal document. The blessing applies to those who rely on that Word, and whose faith is seen as they live in and through Our Lord's Word. Our prayer is that we base our confidence and living not on what we think is best, but on what our Lord does and gives in His Word.