

# 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.

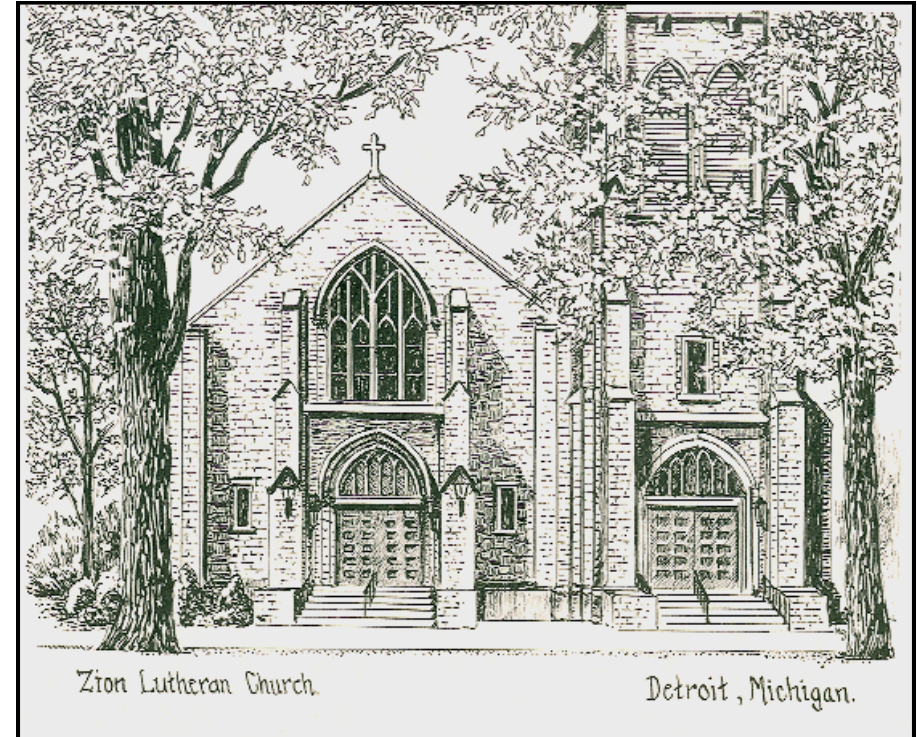
**SICK AND HOMEBOUND** are visited regularly by the Pastor with the Scriptures and Sacrament. Please contact the Parish Office if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation.

**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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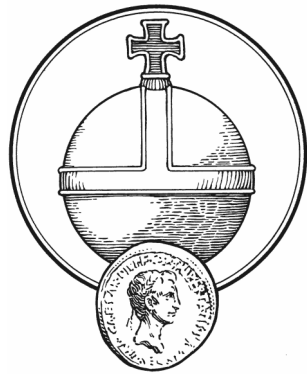
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# Fifth Sunday After Michaelmass

October 28, 2018

The Church In The World



At Holy Mass, we receive Our Lord Jesus Christ and His gifts. We do this, not to escape the world, but so that the honor we show others might be properly founded in the worship and honor we give Our Lord. We welcome you, then, to join us in honoring Our Lord God as He gives us His mercy in the Gospel and Sacraments.

**The Theme of Today's Liturgy** Based on Our Lord's promise that He thinks thoughts of peace and not evil toward us (*Introit*), we beseech Him to absolve us of our sins and offenses so that we may be delivered by His bountiful goodness (*Collect*). In this way, we rely on our Baptism which grants us citizenship in heaven (*Epistle*) where the rule is not fairness, but mercy. It is this distinction between the kingdom of God and the kingdom of the world that Our Lord teaches the Pharisees who seek to trap Him (*Gospel*). In doing so, He focuses our attention on His forgiveness (*Offertorium*), from which flows all honor and respect given to God through His earthly and churchly authorities.

**The Sermon** What is true wealth? To the fallen flesh, money, power and fame seem like the answer to all your troubles. That's what the devil offered the Christ. But true wealth lies, as the Scriptures teach, in Wisdom. But not an earthly wisdom acquired through years of street smarts or multiple degrees. True Wisdom is a Divine Wisdom, a Wisdom from above, a Wisdom that surpasses all earthly understanding. Solomon, one of the richest men in the history of the world, writes that Wisdom is better than rubies, that all the things one may desire cannot be compared to Wisdom. The fruit of Wisdom is better than gold, the revenue of Wisdom better than choice silver. So in a real way you are presented with a choice: hedonism for a few years of earthly wealth; or eternal riches that never end. But the riches of heaven don't make earthly headlines. The Lord of the Church uses a coin to teach of true wealth. If you can hear it, it is in rendering to God what is God's that true wealth is found. To give to Caesar what is Caesar's makes a man poorer. But to give to God what is due God makes one rich unto eternity, for that is only possible by faith. Only faith, saving faith, ascribes all power, honor, glory, riches and might to God alone. And that is done only by true Wisdom.

**The Holy Eucharist** Rendering to God the things that are God's culminates in receiving the Chalice of Salvation and calling on the Name of the Lord. Then we are both honoring the Lord, and giving Him the worship He desires—a heart that clings in faith to Him and to His promises.

**The Readings** Proverbs 8:11-22; Philippians 3:17-21; St. Matthew 22:15-22

## The Hymns for Today's Mass

Processional Hymn	579
Chief Hymn	524
Offering Hymn	385 (1-4)
Distribution Hymns	385 (5-10), 369
Retiring Processional Hymn	479

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Fifth Week After Michaelmass

Oct 28—Nov 4

## THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

**Holy Mass for the Fifth Sunday after Michaelmass** ..... Today, 10a, Church Voter's Assembly.....Today, 11:30a, Undercroft  
**Matins** ..... Mon, 8:45a, Chapel  
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**Holy Mass for Reformation** .....Wed, 7p, Church  
**Holy Mass for the Feast of All Saints**..... 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 Sixth Sunday after Michaelmass** ..... 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.

**TIME CHANGE** It's that time of year again! Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on November 4th.

**ANNUAL MEETING** The annual meeting of our congregation will be held TODAY, 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 this meeting the officers of our congregation are elected. Lunch will be provided.

## THE PSALM FOR THIS WEEK IS PSALM 85. PRAY IT EVERY DAY!

Our Lord grants us His grace and favor by granting forgiveness and turning away from us His justified anger (vv. 1-3). Our prayer is that the Lord continue to restore us, that He not lash out in anger but show us His mercy (vv. 4-7). For our part, we will not worry, but will hear and take to heart the peace He speaks and the salvation He brings (vv. 8-9). This peace and salvation is ultimately tied to His Son who is the Truth that springs out of the earth (the Blessed Virgin) and the Peace which brings God's goodwill to men (vv. 10-11). His Son Jesus is the good Our Lord gives, the Righteous One who goes before Him, and in whose footsteps we walk in our life and living (vv. 12-13).