

Zion Evangelical-Lutheran Church of Detroit

The Rev. Mark P. Braden, Pastor

Archdeacon David Stechholz

Miss Emily Solomon, Cantor

Parish Office: Hours Monday - Friday 9a - 1p

313-894-7450

Facsimile:

313-894-7871

Rev. Mark Braden (home):

313-429-9252

Rev. Mark Braden (cell):

313-404-1883

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.

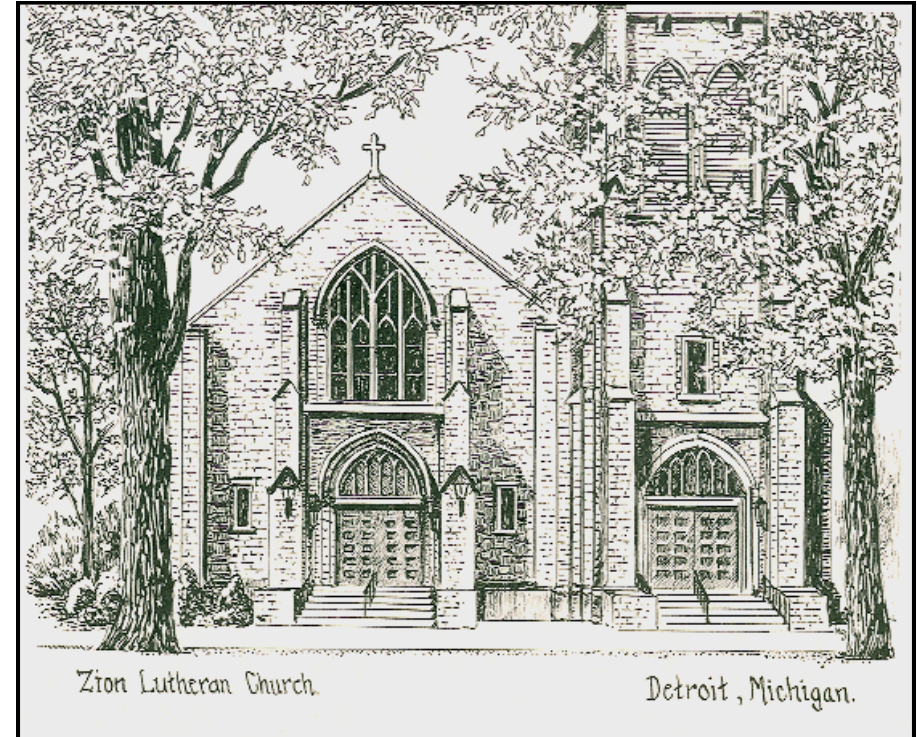
SICK AND HOMEBOUND are visited regularly by the Pastor with the Scriptures and Sacrament. Please contact the Parish Office if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation.

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

Zion Evangelical-Lutheran Church

"THE LORD HAS CHOSEN ZION;
HE HAS DESIRED HER AS HIS DWELLING PLACE"



**4305 Military Avenue
Detroit, Michigan 48210-2451
(313) 894-7450
www.ZionDetroit.org**

**The Rev. Mark P. Braden, Pastor
FrBraden@ZionDetroit.org**

First Sunday After Michaelmass

September 30, 2018

“Your Sins are Forgiven”



Our Lord gives His healing mercy freely without cost, without strings attached. The Faithful rejoice in receiving Our Lord as He comes to them in His Holy Body and Blood. Pray that your gathering with them will rejoice in you as well.

The Theme of Today’s Liturgy The Lord is our salvation and He delivers us from our troubles (*Introit*). But our instinct is to take our Lord’s salvation for granted, not to treasure His help, and to live however pleases us. This is the old way we are to put away (*Epistle*). Our instinct is also to make light of Our Lord’s forgiveness and to look instead for spectacular healings and miracles and instead give us His grace so that we might cheerfully live as pleases Him (*Collect*).

The Sermon “Your sins are forgiven you.” Faith rejoices at these Words. But not the scribes. Unbelief rejects the same Words faith receives. The Scriptures clearly teach that only God can forgive sins. The rivers of blood that ran from the altar into the Tabernacle and Temple sands weren’t enough. They were ordained by God. But they did not remove sins. And in fallen men, sin abounded. Indeed, in fallen men, sin abounds today. But thanks be to God that this day you, like the paralytic, hear the words of true, eternal healing: “I forgive you all your sins.” Faith runs to the place where these Words are proclaimed. On earth there are no sweeter Words, for they are Words that open heaven. They are the Words that the Lord spoke to the paralytic that had been brought to Him. And they are the Words spoken to you this day. Believing, you may proclaim with the Patriarch “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”

The Holy Eucharist With the forgiveness comes healing. It was true of the paralytic. And it is true of everyone who partakes of Our Lord’s Body and Blood. For the Blessed Sacrament not only forgives our sin, it also heals us body and soul by strengthening us in our weakness and putting within us the Life that never dies.

The Readings Genesis 28:10-17; Ephesians 4:17-32; St. Matthew 9:1-8

The Hymns for Today’s Mass

Processional Hymn	39
Chief Hymn	25(1-3)
Offering Hymn	317
Distribution Hymns	25 (4-6); 312
Retiring Processional Hymn	27

No. 4080

First Sunday After Michaelmass

Sept 30 –Oct 7

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Holy Mass for the First Sunday after Michaelmass Today, 10a, Church Bible Study.....Sun, 11:30a, Undercroft
 Sunday School.....Sun, 11:30a, Rectory
 Matins.....Mon, 8:45a, Chapel
 Deacons Meeting.....Mon, 5:30p Rectory
 Adult Catechesis.....Mon, 7p, Rectory
 MatinsTue, 8:45a, Chapel
Holy Mass for Michaelmass I.....Wed, 10a, Chapel
 Bible Study.....Wed, 11a, Rectory
 Matins.....Thr, 8:45a, Chapel
 Vespers.....Thr, 6:30p, Chapel
 Adult Catechesis.....Thr, 7p, Rectory
 Matins.....Sat, 8:45a, Chapel
 Private Confession and Absolution.....Sat 9:15a, Chapel
Holy Mass for the Second 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, and Patty Braden.

ST. MICHAEL LITURGICAL CONFERENCE - Thank you to all of our St. Michael Committee members and volunteers for a great Conference! Everything went well, and Zion really put her best foot forward. Many attendees complimented us on the Conference, the Mass, the Divine offices, the planning, the food, the presentations, and the reception. It was a lot of work, but well worth it. Plans are already underway for the 2019 St. Michael Liturgical Conference, scheduled for Monday, September 30, 2019. Fr. Roy Axel Coats, Pastor of Lutherawn Church of Our Redeemer, Baltimore, has accepted our invitation to present the Keynote Address.

THE PSALM FOR THIS WEEK IS PSALM 78. PRAY IT EVERY DAY!

This Psalm may be prayed in its entirety or broken into three parts (v 1-16; v 17-39 and v 40-72). The Psalm recounts God’s rescue of the children of Israel in the Red Sea (the Exodus), how He led them through the wilderness, how they grumbled and complained against Him, and how He was faithful to his promise even though they were unfaithful to his Word. As you pray this Psalm, remember that you fit in the picture as one of the children of Israel. But also look for how God continually restates His promise and makes good on His Word .