

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, Friday, 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., Eric Russell TRUSTEES: Roderick Atkins, Gregory Gramzow, Paul Snoes; PARISH EDUCATION: Shirley Cross, Alan Kroske, Pamela Ruffin; OFFICERS OF THE VOTERS: Roderick Atkins (chairman), Jason Balaska (vice-chairman), Kristi Russell (secretary), Gregory Gramzow (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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Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

August 3, 2014

Abiding in Christ

It is good you are gathered with the Faithful to be fed by Our Lord at this Holy Mass. In spite of what you may see, the multitude of angels, archangels, and blessed dead are gathered here with you as well. May this feast strengthen and encourage you!

The Theme of Today's Liturgy

God's never-failing providence directs all things in heaven and on earth (*Collect*). He does this not for a show of force but because of His compassion (*Gospel*). This compassion moves Our Lord to meet our greatest need—freeing us from the things of death so that we may live and abide in His holiness and righteousness (*Epistle*). And so we look to the Lord (*Gradual*), and shout to God with the voice of triumph (*Introit*). For the Lord God is good to us, and His mercy extends over all His works.

The Sermon

They could not feed themselves. They were helpless. He had compassion on them. Seven is the number of the Covenant, the number of God's promise to man. The seven loaves were broken to feed the four thousand. But they, like you, still die. For mere bread can sustain life, but not overcome death. You cannot save yourself. You are helpless. The same Christ has compassion on you. He died to save you. After three days He conquered death that in Him you might overcome it. And He feeds you miraculous food, heavenly Bread, life-giving Bread. He feeds you here in this wilderness that you not faint on the way, but be strengthened to endure until He calls His Church home.

The Holy Eucharist

Compassion characterizes the giving of Our Lord's Body and Blood, and confidence characterizes the receiving of the Blessed Sacrament. In the midst of both, Our Lord bestows his abundant blessing because He satisfies us with the finest Food.

The Readings Isaiah 62.6-12; Romans 6.19-23; St. Mark 8.1-9

The Prelude Prelude to "Te Deum" —Marc-Antoine Charpentier (1643-1704)

The Postlude Come, Oh, Come, Thou Quickening Spirit —Hans Klotz (1900-1987)

The Hymns for Today's Mass

Processional Hymn	226 (stanzas 1-5)
Chief Hymn	19
Offering Hymn	288
Distribution Hymns	316; 539
Retiring Processional Hymn	372



The Mass: Silent Prayer We Have Been With Jesus



The shepherds came to Bethlehem's stable, and in the manger they saw the child Jesus. They knelt and worshipped Him.

We, too, have been in the Presence of Jesus. Now the worship is over. The sacred vessels are removed from the altar. With Simeon, who took Jesus into his arms, we also sing, "Lord, now lettest Thou thy servant depart in peace... for mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation."

One day Jesus went up into a mountain with his disciples Peter, James, and John.

When they reached their destination, "Jesus was transfigured before them, and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became white as light."

When we come to Church we also climb a "high mountain apart." From this mountain we have the most wonderful view. We are shown the great events in the life of Our Lord for our salvation. From this mountain top we see Bethlehem, Mt. Calvary, the Garden of Gethsemane, the empty grave, and the mount of the Ascension. In wonder and devotion we worship, for our risen Lord is present.

—Berthold von Schenk, "The Little Service Book"

Prepare for Next Sunday



Ninth Sunday After Pentecost "The Sure Strong Word"
August 10, 2014

Jeremiah 23.16-29; Romans 8.12-17; St. Matthew 7.15-21
Hymns: 260, 228, 293, 305, 249, 261

Additional Announcements

MEN’S GROUP PROJECT Our new Vicar is set to move into the Rectory the last week in August. We received a generous gift of a set of bedroom furniture for the Vicar’s bedroom. However, we are still in need of a new mattress, box spring, sheets, and blankets. The Zion Men’s Group has taken up the project to provide this.



Any support for this effort would be greatly appreciated. Please talk with Kevin Wiedelman for more information. Kevin can be reached by e-mail at wiedelman@outlook.com or by phone at (248) 520-6165. Thanks!

THE 2014 ST. MICHAEL LITURGICAL CONFERENCE is Monday, September 29. This conference is a major event for our Parish and brings distinguished theologians, Pastors and members from many different states to Zion. Our St. Michael Committee has met and begun their work. Every year Zion welcomes donations from members and organizations in support of the Conference. Donations can be made by writing "St. Michael Liturgical Conference" on an envelope, which can be placed in the offering plate on Sunday or sent to the church office.

SPECIAL VOTERS’ ASSEMBLY UPDATE A special Voters’ Assembly, announced in last week’s Bulletin, is not possible today. A special presentation from Fr. Braden on his trip to Bolivia will immediately follow today’s Mass. Bible Class will be held after the special presentation. Watch for upcoming announcements in the Bulletin regarding a special Voter’s Assembly.



THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Holy Mass for the Eighth Sunday After Pentecost	Today, 10a, Church
Matins	Mon, 8:45a, Chapel
Matins	Tues, 8:45a, Chapel
Holy Mass for Wednesday of Pentecost VIII	Wed, 10a, Chapel
Bible Study	Wed, 10:45a, Rectory
Matins	Thr, 8:45a, Chapel
Matins	Sat, 8:45a, Chapel
Private Confession and Absolution.....	Sat, 9:15a, Chapel
Holy Mass for the Ninth Sunday After Pentecost	Sun, 10a, Church
Bible Study	Sun, 11:30a, Undercroft

IN OUR PRAYERS Sylvia Balaska, Edward Brown, Linda Buskirk, Charles Capsel, Lela Casey, John Chavez, Gladys Cline, Anna Dalton, Martha Draspa, Sandy Frey, Ellen Hayden, Drucilla Huddleston, Florine Kaiser, Lawrence Kasner, Eleanor Luka, Earlene Maynarich, Michael Maynarich, Robert Murdock, Margaret Quinkert, and Pauline Rivard.

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CEDAR POINT TRIP is Monday, August 11. Please fill out the forms available in the Narthex. Tickets are \$37. Payment is due today. If there are questions, please contact Pam Ruffin.



ADULT CATECHESIS A new session of adult catechesis (on-going instruction in the Christian Faith) will begin Thursday, August 14 at 7pm. This class is available both for new members and as a review for current members. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors! Please let Fr. Braden know if you’re planning to attend.

THE PSALM FOR THIS WEEK IS PSALM 47. PRAY IT EVERY DAY!

The emotional outburst of hand-clapping and shouting (v 1) is inspired not so much by Our Lord’s sheer power but by His rescue of us from the enemy within us (v 2-3) and the inheritance He mercifully gives us (v 4). So the shout that accompanies Our Lord’s Ascension (v 5) is the song of praise and thanksgiving that confesses more His gifts than His might (v 6-7). And His rule over the nations (v 8) is not a reign of terror, or even a rule by force, but the forgiveness, mercy and compassion that is the rule among the Faithful (v 9).