

# 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.

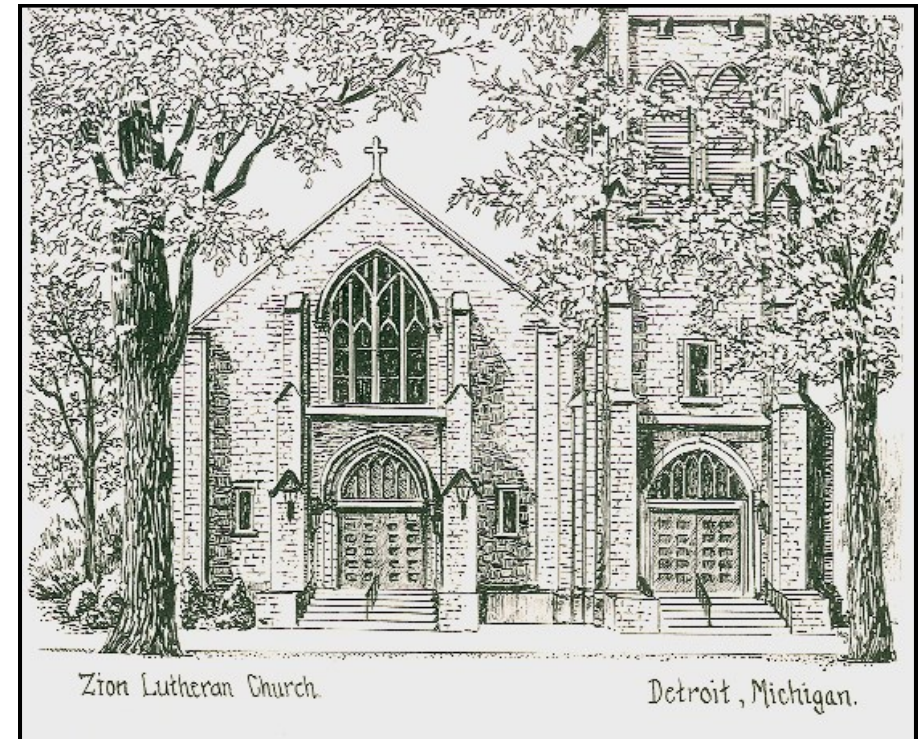
**SICK AND HOMEBOUND** are visited regularly by the Pastor with the Scriptures and Sacrament. Please contact the Parish Office if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation.

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



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# Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

August 10, 2014

## The Sure Strong Word



Today you are invited to receive the good fruit of the Gospel—Our Lord in His Body and Blood. There is nothing surer or stronger that can see you through this life to the life of the world to come. May you take to heart Our Lord in His Word and Supper, and thereby truly participate in Him!

**The Theme of Today's Liturgy** We desire and earnestly pray that we may have "the Spirit to think and do always such things as are right" (*Collect*). That Spirit does not come from our heartfelt desire to do good, or our inner strength to live right.

Rather, that Spirit is the Holy Spirit whom we have received—the Spirit which adopts us as children of God (*Epistle*). It is the Spirit who delivers into us the sure strong Word (Jesus) who enables us to do the will of the Father (*Gospel*). Not by heavy demands, but by the Lord's loving-kindness given in His Church (*Introit*)—that is how this healthful Spirit of grace works in us the good for which we pray.

**The Sermon** Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. So teaches the Lord of the Church regarding the works of men. There are those who say "Lord, Lord" that are not Christians. There are wolves among the sheep. And fallen men prefer the teaching of those wolves. Fallen men prefer to be taught that they are not all that bad, that through self-improvement and tips for better living they can earn God's favor. But those are not the fruits of a good tree. And your fruits, measured by the Law, weighed in the balance of God's righteousness, your fruits do not measure up. But thanks be to God, that to save the sheep God took on Flesh. To protect you from the wolves, the Good Shepherd made Himself the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. His tree bore Good Fruit, His cross bringing forth the Fruits of righteousness that He makes yours, freely, through faith in Him. And those fruits He brings you this day, that you believe, receive, and by His Fruits you know Him. So to you He says not "Depart from me!", but "Take and eat, Take and drink."

**The Holy Eucharist** In the Holy Supper of Christ's Body and Blood you receive not only Christ but also His Spirit. He is the One who gives you the strength, confidence and courage to live and do what is well-pleasing in the Lord's sight.

**The Readings** Jeremiah 23.16-29; Romans 8.12-17; St. Matthew 7.15-21

**The Prelude** O Lord, Look Down from Heaven, Behold —I. Johann Gottfried Vierling (1750-1813)  
II. Georg Philipp Telemann (1681-1767) III. Johann Ludwig Krebs (1713-1780)

**The Postlude** O Lord, Look Down from Heaven, Behold — Anonymous c. 1630

## The Hymns for Today's Mass

Processional Hymn	260
Chief Hymn	228
Offering Hymn	293
Distribution Hymn	305 (interlude after stanzas 3 and 6)
Retiring Processional Hymn	261

## The Mass

When Jesus met with His disciples, He gave them power. Our power also comes from Jesus, who is the power of the Church. The Church is a powerhouse. At the Altar, we meet with Jesus. He comes to us in the Word and in the Bread and Wine.

After Jesus met with His disciples, He sent them forth. They were to be His witnesses, to tell others. They were to tell what they had seen and heard. This we must do. We must see to it that the Gospel is preached over all the world. We do this when we support the mission work of our church and when we tell others what we know about Christ.

We must also be the witnesses of Jesus in our homes, in school, and when we play with others.

Jesus invites us all to come to His great feast. After we have come to His Holy Feast He tells us to go and tell.

Thus the Liturgy is extended into our daily life.

— Berthold von Schenk, "The Little Service Book"



## Prepare for the Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday, August 15, 2014—10am

Isaiah 61.7-11; Galatians 4.22-27; St. Luke 10.38-42

Hymns: "Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly," "One Thing's Needful; Lord, This Treasure," "Thou of All Women Blest the Most," "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence," "Jerusalem, Thou City Fair and High," "O Lord, We Praise Thee"



## Prepare for Next Sunday

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

"The Godly Life"

August 17, 2014

Proverbs 16.1-9; 1 Corinthians 10.1-13; St. Luke 16.1-9

Hymns: 3, 366, 437, 306, "Evening and Morning" (insert)



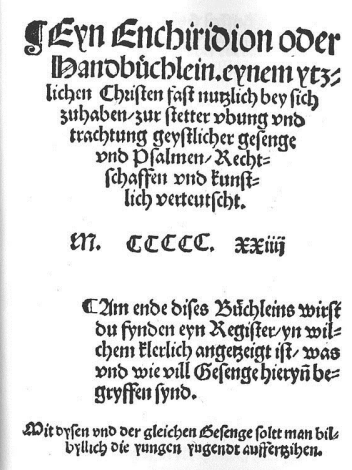
**Defend Thy Truth, O God** Although omitted in most current Lutheran hymnals, the PROCESSIONAL HYMN, “O Lord, Look Down From Heaven, Behold” (# 260), is a strong confession of Martin Luther (1483-1546), just as fitting today as when it was written in 1523.

Luther wrote it as a paraphrase of Psalm 12. Verses 1-5a correspond to stanzas 1-3; verse 5b with stanza 4; verse 6 with stanza 5; verses 6-8 with stanza 6.

Though in the world, the situation looks helpless for Christ’s church, yet “for them My saving Word shall fight!”

Looking at our parish, or at faithful Christians elsewhere, we might conclude: “How few are we within Thy fold, Thy saints by men forsaken!” Looking especially at Europe and North America we might say: “True faith seems quenched on every hand...Dark times have us overtaken.”

Yet, in confidence, in the face of tyranny and false teaching, we pray:  
Defend Thy truth, O God, and stay This evil generation;  
And from the error of its way Keep Thine own congregation.  
The wicked everywhere abound And would Thy little flock confound;  
But Thou art our Salvation!



Title page of the 1524 Erfurt *Enchiridion*

First sung to the tune “Salvation Unto Us Has Come,” the tune that Luther’s kantor, Johann Walter wrote, fell into disuse. The Hypo-Phrygian tune — possibly by Luther — that became common for this hymn was published in the Erfurt *Enchiridion* of 1524.

The PRELUDE is three settings of this tune:

- ✦ Johann Gottfried Vierling (1750-1813) was kantor in Smalcald, Germany for over 40 years. A student of C.P.E. Bach, Vierling wrote numerous organ compositions and 160 cantatas.
- ✦ Georg Philipp Telemann (1681-1767) was a musician in Leipzig, Sorau, Eisenach, and Frankfurt, before serving in Hamburg for the majority of his career.
- ✦ Johann Ludwig Krebs (1713-1780), a student of J.S. Bach, never obtained a significant post due to changing musical styles; nevertheless he was a prolific composer — some of his compositions were mistaken for those of Bach.



J. G. Vierling

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

**Holy Mass for the Ninth Sunday After Pentecost** ..... Today, 10a, Church Bible Study ..... Today, 11:30a, Undercroft Cedar Point trip ..... Mon Matins ..... Tues, 8:45a, Chapel

**Holy Mass for Wednesday of Pentecost IX**.....Wed, 10a, Chapel Bible Study ..... Wed, 10:45a, Rectory Matins ..... Thr, 8:45a, Chapel Adult Catechesis ..... Thr, 7p, Rectory

**Holy Mass for the Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary** ..... Fri, 10a, Church Matins ..... Sat, 8:45a, Chapel Private Confession and Absolution..... Sat, 9:15a, Chapel Women’s Group ..... Sat, 1p, Rectory

**Holy Mass for the Tenth 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.



THE PSALM FOR THIS WEEK IS PSALM 48. PRAY IT EVERY DAY!

The ninth verse is the key verse in this Psalm. It is the Lord’s loving-kindness which encourages us both to stand before Him in His holy house, and to beautify that temple. For in His house we are sheltered from those who seek to harm us (v 3-7). His mercy also compels us to praise Him (v 1-3) while respeaking the good He does for us (v 8, 10-11). Finally, the strength and steadfastness of His temple also teaches us about the strength and certainty of Our Lord’s grace toward us (vv 12-14).



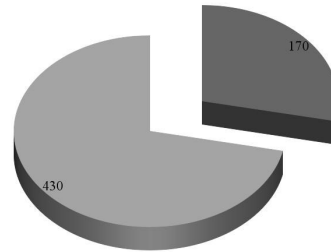
## Today's Announcements

**DORMITION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** The Church commemorates the Dormition ("sleeping") of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 15. Holy Mass will be celebrated on **Friday at 10am** in the Church. Remember this day in your daily prayer at home by reading the lessons for the day (bulletin page 7).

**ADULT CATECHESIS** A new session of adult catechesis (on-going instruction in the Christian Faith) will begin this 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!

**NEW PASTOR'S CONFERENCE** On Wednesday and Thursday, Father Schultz will attend the English District New Pastor's Conference at the District Office.

**VICAR'S BEDROOM PROJECT** Our new Vicar moves 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 and box springs. So far \$170 of the needed \$600 has been raised. Any support for this effort would be appreciated. Please contact Kevin Wiedelman at [wiedelman@outlook.com](mailto:wiedelman@outlook.com) or 248.520.6165.



**PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE** At the June Voters' Assembly, the parish budget was not ratified pending additional information from the Parish Council. A special Voters' Assembly will be held soon to approve the budget for July 2014-June 2015. Watch the bulletin for details.

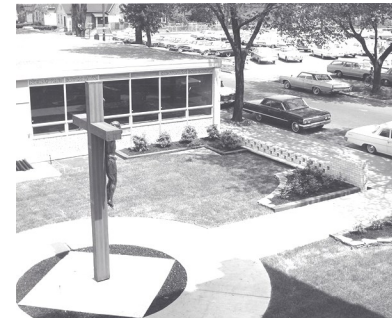
**THE 2014 ST. MICHAEL LITURGICAL CONFERENCE** is Monday, September 29. This conference is a major event for our Parish and brings distinguished theologians, Pastors and members from many different states to Zion. Our St. Michael Committee has met and begun their work. Every year Zion welcomes donations from members and organizations in support of the Conference. At this point, we anticipate needing about \$2,900.00 to cover the remaining cost of the conference. Donations can be made by writing "St. Michael Liturgical Conference" on an envelope, which can be placed in the offering plate or sent to the parish office.

**CHRISTIAN ART AND SYMBOLS AT ZION** Fr. Schultz, in collaboration with Fr. Braden and Zion's archives, has developed a pamphlet describing art, architecture, and symbols in Zion's church. A copy is included in this bulletin, and additional copies are available in the tract rack for your guests to Zion.

## The Christus Court

In 1960, the Zion Parish, deciding to remain in inner-city Detroit, adopted the campaign "Faith Faces the Future" to construct a new school and parking lot.

The existing Parish Hall and School were demolished in June 1963 and the new school, built at a cost of \$750,000, was dedicated on June 14, 1964.



One of the features of the new structure was the construction of three landscaped gardens: the Station of the Three Marys, the Garden of St. Joseph, and the Christus Court. It was described: "The landscaped enclosure, complete with flagstone stances, pierced wall, and bronze gates, gives access to the social and recreational facilities of the complex. An oversize crucifix in the center, gives this formal setting the name of Christus Court." It was dedicated on May 31, 1964.

More than an open space, the Christus Court was a unique feature of the design of the new school, a meditative area to compliment the beautiful church, then just 30 years old, recognized as one of the most beautiful Lutheran churches in metro Detroit.

In recent years, the careful maintenance of the Christus Court has been neglected. If you would be interested in helping me maintain the Christus Court and other garden areas around the Zion campus, please let me know. — Fr. Schultz



Zion's third pastor, the Rev. Fr. Kenneth Runge, center, at the dedication of the Christus Court, May 31, 1964



Zion's 90th Anniversary, 1972