

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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Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 17, 2014

The Godly Life

When the world presses hard, this is the place to turn for help, relief, and comfort. For this is where Our Lord gives us all He is, even His own life! May you find your heart's desires in the Lord who gives His all to and for you!

The Theme of Today's Liturgy

Godly living begins by calling on God as the Helper who upholds your soul (*Introit*). The children of Israel serve as an example, not of godliness but of those who fell from godliness because they lusted after the things of this world (*Epistle*). In the same way, Our Lord tells of a dishonest steward (business manager) who trusts not in the Lord but in his own cleverness (*Gospel*). But those who trust in the Lord can take comfort in the fact that Our Lord makes all their ways pure (*Old Testament*). Therefore, our prayer is that, in the humility of faith, we ask and do only those things that are well-pleasing in Our Lord's sight (*Collect*).

The Holy Eucharist

In the Blessed Sacrament Christ gives us forgiveness, salvation and life. By this Divine Gift we who are the true Israel of God are strengthened in faith, and kept steadfast in the true faith unto life everlasting. So it is that God saves us by His Name, and vindicates us by His strength, protecting us from all our enemies.

The Readings

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

The Prelude

Partita on "Lord Jesus Christ Be Present Now" — G. Böhm (1661-1733)

The Postlude

Evening and Morning - K. Hildebrand (b. 1973)

The Hymns for Today's Mass

Proclamation Hymn	3
Chief Hymn	366
Offering Hymn	437
Distribution Hymn	306 (interlude after stanzas 3 and 5)
Retiring Proclamation Hymn	"Evening and Morning" (insert)

The Mass: The Introit

Every part of the historic liturgy is drawn directly from the Sacred Scriptures. This means that the liturgy is the Word of God in use; it is not something of our making; it is something we have received from God. What we sing and pray in the liturgy, down to every clause, is something God has given us. This is perhaps the most distinctive feature of traditional, liturgical worship: in keeping the catholic tradition of the church of all times, liturgical worship employs a manifestly Biblical tradition. Since every part of the liturgy can easily be traced to Scripture, we may go as far as to say that the liturgy is Scripture in action; and so, properly understood, it is right to call it the living Word of God.

The first part of the Mass is called the *Introit*, which comes from the Latin *introitus*, meaning "entrance." The confession and absolution which precede this are not, strictly speaking, part of the Mass; they are preparatory. Thus the first thing we do *in* the Mass is enter; we enter into the presence of God, which is to say that we come before Him. This entrance of all the faithful is signified bodily by the procession of the celebrant to the altar during the chanting of psalm verses. The particular verses and psalm vary from week to week, which is why we call them "proper" to the week in question, but as a practice of chanting psalms during the entrance, the idea itself may be referenced to the "Psalms of Ascent" (Psalms 120-135).

In Old Testament times these psalms were sung as people ascended to the temple in Jerusalem. The reason the Introit is much shorter than an entire psalm or several psalms is that it is no longer necessary to use this music to 'cover' the movement; there is no ascent of the hill or the steps to the temple in Jerusalem, but rather from the lowest point to the altar. The presence of God is no longer found sacramentally in the city of Jerusalem, but, since the inauguration of the New Testament, in Christ, who is now at the altar. Jesus said of the Sacrament that it is "the new testament" in His blood. This signifies a major change in perspective. No longer is the city the place to find God; rather, the altar is that place, the place from which the Sacrament is given.

During the Introit, the sign of the cross is made. It is fitting for all the faithful to follow the lead of the Celebrant in making the sign of the cross three times: once at the start of his procession, again at his entrance into the church, and a third time when he arrives and kisses the altar.

— Burnell F. Eckardt, Jr.,

"The New Testament in His Blood: A Study of the Holy Liturgy of the Christian Church"

Prepare for Next Sunday

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

"The Lord and His People"

August 24, 2014

Jeremiah 7.1-11; 1 Corinthians 12.1-11; St. Luke 19.41-47a



Jesus’ teaching is vastly different from what we experience in the world. The Christian life is different from those around us because of Our Treasure: Jesus. This is the emphasis of the CHIEF HYMN, “One Thing’s Needful; Lord, This Treasure” (# 366).



Using the example of Mary and Martha, the hymn shows Christ as our Treasure, our true source of life. Sitting at Jesus’ feet and hearing His teaching, Mary “for Jesus all earthly concerns she forgot.”

So also, in Christ, Christians put aside anything that keeps us from His Word and Sacraments: “Thus, my longings, heavenward tending, Jesus rest alone in Thee!”

For Christians, all time and responsibilities revolve around our Treasure: Holy Mass, daily prayer, and life in His Word. “This one thing is needful, all others are vain: I count all but loss that I Christ may obtain.”

Unseal our lips to sing Thy praise The PROCESSIONAL HYMN, “Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now” (# 3) reflects the words of Psalm 51:15 “O Lord, open Thou my lips: and my mouth shall show forth Thy praise,” a fitting beginning to Holy Mass.

This anonymous seventeenth-century hymn is the basis for the PRELUDE, a *partita* by Georg Böhm (1661-1733). A partita is a series of variations on a common theme. Böhm was kantor at St. John Church in Luneberg, Germany.



THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Holy Mass for the Tenth Sunday After Pentecost **Today, 10a, Church Bible Study** Today, 11:30a, Undercroft
Matins Mon, 8:45a, Chapel
Matins Tues, 8:45a, Chapel
St. Michael Liturgical Conference Committee Tues, 5:30p, Rectory
Holy Mass for Wednesday of Pentecost X **Wed, 10a, Chapel Bible Study** Wed, 10:45a, Rectory
Matins Thr, 8:45a, Chapel
Adult Catechesis Thr, 7p, Rectory
Matins Sat, 8:45a, Chapel
Private Confession and Absolution Sat, 9:15a, Chapel
Holy Mass for the Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost **Sun, 10a, Church**

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.

GIFTS AND DONATIONS From Drucilla Huddleston for the Benevolence Fund in memory of Emma Pranke (✕ Aug 17, 1991)

For the Vicar’s Bedroom Project: Dr. & Mrs. Michael Anderson, Rev. Fr. & Mrs. Mark Braden, Rev. Fr. & Mrs. James Frey, Mr. Thomas Habitz, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Eric Russell, Rev. Fr. Gary Schultz, Mr. Kevin Wiedelman,, and Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Williams.



ZIONDETROIT

THE PSALM FOR THIS WEEK IS PSALM 54. PRAY IT EVERY DAY!

In fear for his life, young David prayed this Psalm. It is a plea that God not abandon him, but come through as he promised. This Psalm is also Our Lord’s prayer—and your prayer—for rescue from adversity, and for grace to rely on God’s promises. The plea is that God would save and vindicate (exonerate and defend) by the strength of His holy name (v 1-2). Those who threaten are the ungodly who seek to undo and destroy the godliness and righteousness God gives (v 3). To do to them as they do to the righteous, to cut them off and strike them down—that is the help and deliverance we seek from the Lord (v 4-5) and because we know that Our Lord comes through and is true to His Word. We freely and readily worship Him and give Him thanks (v 6-7).

Today's Announcements

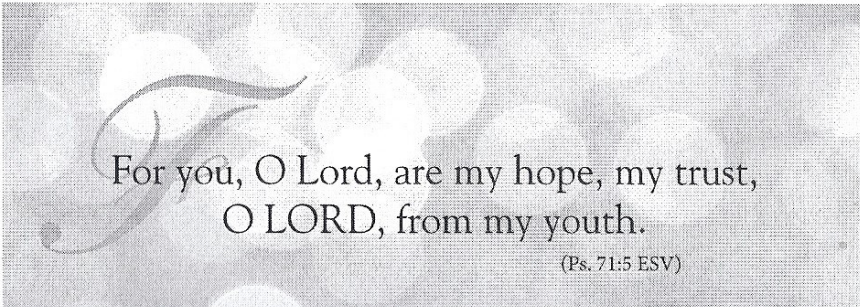
VICAR'S BEDROOM PROJECT Our new Vicar moves into the Rectory the last week in August. We received a generous gift of a set of bedroom furniture for the Vicar's bedroom. Thanks to the generous support of the Zion Men's Group and others within our congregation, we have made great strides in funding a new bed for our incoming Vicar. Nonetheless, still have some work to do. Any support for this effort would be appreciated. Please contact Kevin Wiedelman at wiedelman@outlook.com or 248.520.6165.

ADULT CATECHESIS A new session of adult catechesis (on-going instruction in the Christian Faith) has begun Thursdays at 7pm. This class is available both for new members and as a review for current members. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors!

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. 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. Copies are available in the tract rack in the Narthex.



For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust,
O LORD, from my youth.
(Ps. 71:5 ESV)

**We're talking youth and education in August, confident
that the foundation for both is Christ!**

The Church has a profound responsibility to pay attention to young people. The Lord cares for, forgives and loves His children even at their most tender stages of life: while they are in the womb and as they grow and are shaped in their knowledge of the world and of Him.

Learning from their pastors, teachers, youth leaders, Sunday school teachers and parents, young people discover the love of Christ and are emboldened to share that Good News with all whom they encounter (witness). As they grow in the love of the Lord and His gifts, they, in turn, reach out in love with their own gifts to their friends at school,

their classmates, their congregations and their own families (mercy). And finally, steeped in an understanding of what it means to be and live as a Christian in this world, they get to have a full and exciting fellowship with other people — especially those their own age — who believe and worship and think the way they do (life together), enjoying the support and camaraderie of the body of Christ, the Church.

JOIN US this August in celebrating the work done among our youth and within the walls of our Lutheran schools.

To learn more, go to www.lcms.org/themes/august.

