

Zion Evangelical-Lutheran Church

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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, please speak with the Pastor before approaching the Altar.

THE DIVINE OFFICE is prayed in the Chapel of the Holy Incarnation in the Rectory. **MATINS:** Daily at 8:45am (except when there is a morning Mass); **VES-PERS:** Tuesday/Thursday at 6:30pm.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION is taught every Sunday and Wednesday 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 9:15-10am 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.

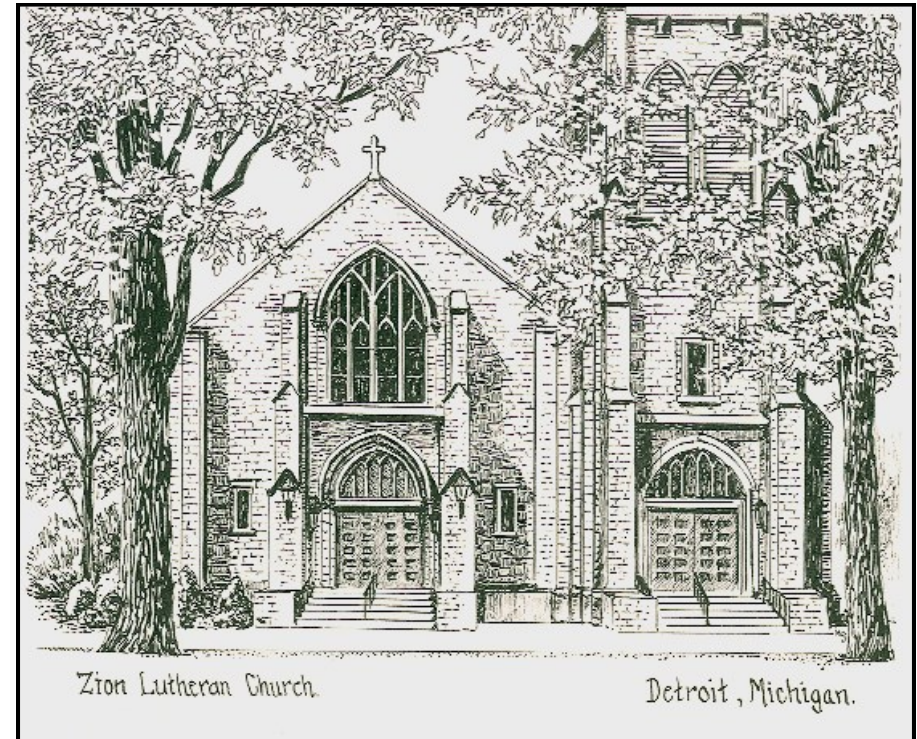
SICK AND HOMEBOUND are visited regularly by the Pastor with the Scriptures and Sacrament. Please contact the Parish Office if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation.

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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**Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 21, 2014**



The Grateful Samaritan

Welcome to Our Lord's heavenly dwelling place! For this is where Our Lord is truly present in His Body and Blood, and where He deals with us in His compassion. May you enter with joy into His gates and with praise into His courts.

The Theme of Today's Liturgy

To walk in the Spirit means not to fulfill the desires of the flesh. (*Epistle*) The greatest desire of the flesh is to believe that we have

because we asked or because we deserve what Our Lord gives; and in this way, we do not glorify God. (*Gospel*) Those who walk in the Spirit, however, hunger to be in the Lord's presence and look forward to seeing His face. (*Introit*) That faith leads us to give thanks to the Lord (*Gradual*) and praise Him within the walls of Zion. (*Alleluia*) So our prayer is that the Lord rescue us from the destructive desires of our flesh, at the same time, leading us to give thanks and glorify Him for His saving benefits. (*Collect*)

The Sermon

He commands the wind, and it ceases. He commands the waves, and they are stilled. But what is before Him now is anything but glorious. But they dare not draw near Him. They are dirty. They must stand and cry out from afar. Their leprosy is not a parable for sin. They were truly afflicted by the disease. Their sin was a worse affliction than their leprosy. And you have been conceived and born in the same sin. And that sin hardens your heart, and deludes your mind. But by God's grace, He gives you faith to cry to Him for help *Kyrie Eleison!* And He responds, speaking His powerful Word. He declares you clean, for you are washed in His Blood. He does not send you away, for He is your Great High Priest. You walk the road of this life with faith in His promise, which He fulfills when your flesh is transformed on the last day.

The Holy Eucharist

The things which are profitable (*beneficial*) for our salvation (*Collect*) are given in the Blessed Sacrament of Our Lord's Body and Blood. There we receive the salutary gift that truly brings us forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.

The Readings

Proverbs 4.10-23; Galatians 5.16-24; St. Luke 17.11-19

The Hymns for Today's Mass

Processional Hymn	581
Chief Hymn	393
Offering Hymn	535
Distribution Hymns	349; "The Gifts Christ Freely Gives" (insert)
Retiring Processional Hymn	36

The Mass: Lessons

Historically there have been chants which are heard between the readings. They serve to provide a musical connection between the readings, in effect to slow the pace a bit to provide the opportunity for reflection on the reading heard. The Gradual, Alleluia, and Tract served this role historically, and also to cover movement, especially when an acolyte moved the Gospel Book to its place for its reading by the deacon. The movement to the place for the Gospel reading was historically toward the north, that is, as a vector toward the lands the Gospel had not yet reached.

The Gradual is one of the oldest parts of the Mass. It was at one time sung from a higher place which was sometimes called a Gradine. Sometimes a special pulpit was erected for the chanting of the Gradual. The Alleluia in the Roman rite was traditionally sung twice, the second time with a long melisma, or series of notes. Medieval authors would call this the jubilus or jubilation or Cantilena, an inarticulate expression of joy, "by which the mind is carried up to the unspeakable joy of the Saints" as Rupert of Deutz declared (Fortescue, 269).

In the West, the Alleluia is omitted during Septuagesima and Lent, and the Tract is used instead. This is one of the ways the Lenten season prepares people for Easter. When the alleluias are again heard after many weeks of omission, they add to the joy of the Easter season.

The Gospel is always last of all readings, in the place of honor. These are the very words of Christ. This is why the people stand for the Gospel; it is as though standing when Christ enters the room.

Yet this rubric (standing for the Gospel) only applies at Mass. It is not necessary or desirable to follow these ceremonial details at the Daily Office; since in this way the Mass receives a higher ceremonial standing.

—Burnell F. Eckardt, Jr.,

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

The Prelude *Fantasia super: From God Shall Not Divide Me* (BWV 658) —J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

The Postlude *Now Thank We All Our God* —Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)



Ludwig Helmbold (1532-1598) wrote “From God Shall Naught Divide Me,” (# 393) today’s PROCESSIONAL HYMN, around 1563, while serving as the rector of the *Gymnasium* at Erfurt. A pestilence broke out, taking the lives of 4,000. Many people fled the city, including Dr. Pancratius Helbich, rector of the university, good family friends of the Helmbold family. Sad at the departure and fearing they would never meet again, Helmbold wrote these words to comfort the families, based on Psalm 73:23: “Nevertheless I am continually with thee: thou hast holden me by my right hand.” Helmbold became a pastor later in life. His numerous hymns include three in our hymnal, and a complete versification of the Augsburg Confession.

The introduction to “All Ye Who On This Earth Do Dwell” (# 581) is by Jan O. Bender (1909-1994).

The introduction to “From God Shall Naught Divide Me” (# 393) is by Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748).

The introduction to “Now Thank We All Our God” (# 36) is by Georg Friedrich Kaufmann (1679-1735).

Prepare for Next Sunday

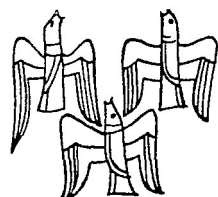
Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

“Living in God”

September 28, 2014

1 Kings 17.8-16; Galatians 5.25-6.10; St. Matthew 6.24-34

Hymns: 569, 526, 425, 521, 399, 518



THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Holy Mass for the Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost Today, 10a, Church Bible StudySun, 11:30a, Undercroft
Sunday SchoolSun, 11:30a, Activities Center
Holy Mass for St. Matthew, Evangelist (*transferred from Sep 21*)..... Mon, 10a, Chapel
MatinsTue, 8:45a, Chapel
St. Michael Liturgical Conference Committee Tue, 5:30p, Rectory
Vespers Tue, 6:30p, Chapel
Holy Mass for Wednesday of Pentecost XVWed, 10a, Chapel
St. Michael Conference Folder Preparation..... Wed, 10:45a, Rectory
Matins Thr, 8:45a, Chapel
Vespers Thr, 6:30p, Chapel
Adult Catechesis Thr, 7p, Rectory
MatinsFri, 8:45a, Chapel
Matins Sat, 8:45a, Chapel
Private Confession and Absolution..... Sat 9:15a, Chapel
Youth Catechism..... Sat 10a, Rectory
Adult Choir Rehearsal.....Sun, 8:45a, Rectory
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IN OUR PRAYERS Edward Brown, Linda Buskirk, Charles Capsel, Lela Casey, John Chavez, Gladys Cline, Anna Dalton, Martha Draspa, Susan Edwards, 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 84. PRAY IT EVERY DAY!

This psalm speaks of our longing to participate in Our Lord’s glorious splendor (v 1-2). We are reminded that His splendor is made known and given to us at the Altar (v 3-4). There we are strengthened during our journey of turmoil (Baca) in this life (v 5-7). There also Our Lord hears our prayer and satisfies our desires with His grace (v 8-9). We are brought back to our prayer of longing, not only to participate in the heavenly feast of this life, but also in the life of the world to come (v 10-11). So we put our trust in the Lord who so richly blesses us (v 12).

Today's Announcements

GIFTS AND DONATIONS From the Altar Guild for the St. Michael Liturgical Conference; From Dr. & Mrs. Anthony Atkins for the St. Michael Liturgical Conference; From Linda Buskirk for altar flowers in honor of the birthday of Drucilla Huddleston (September 23); From Mr. and Mrs. Michael Edwards for the St. Michael Liturgical Conference; From Lois Meriwether for the Benevolence Fund in commemoration of her 76th birthday (September 20); From Fr. Gary Schultz for the St. Michael Liturgical Conference in memory of Kenneth E. Schultz, Sr. (✠ Sept 22, 1981)

2014 PICTORIAL DIRECTORY The Zion 2014 Pictorial Directory is now completed. If you had your picture taken, a copy is available for you in the Undercroft. Please pick it up today. Special thanks to **Jennifer Balaska** for serving as photographer and **Kevin Wiedelman** for assembling the directories. After today, the directories can be picked up from Fr. Schultz in the Rectory.

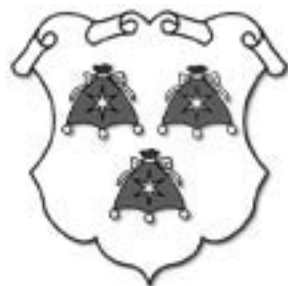
ADULT CATECHESIS meets Thursdays at 7pm. Participants are encouraged to attend Vespers at 6:30pm in the Chapel. The current lesson is about the attributes of God.

SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.

ADULT CHOIR rehearsals are Sundays at 8:45am.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE At the May Voters' Assembly on June 1, the 2014-15 parish budget was not ratified pending additional information from the Parish Council. A special Voters' Assembly will be held soon. Watch the bulletin for details.

TOGO MISSION UPDATE "Handling the Word of Truth" is the newsletter of Fr. Jacob Gaugert, missionary to Togo and other countries in west Africa. It is available in the Narthex.



ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST Today is the commemoration of St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist. Because it falls on Sunday this year, it is celebrated tomorrow, Monday, September 22, with Holy Mass at 10am in the Chapel. His shield depicts money bags because he was a tax collector. Remember this day in your daily prayer at home. Read Ezekiel 1.4-14; Ephesians 4.7-14; and St. Matthew 9.9-13. Pray the Collect on page 92.

DETROIT LUTHERAN FELLOWSHIP, a new young adult group, will host an outing to the Detroit Zoo on Saturday, September 27, at 2pm. Zoo admission is \$14 per person. All are invited, and should meet at the zoo entrance promptly at 2:00 (look for someone holding a DLF sign). Questions? Email lcadetroitfellowship@gmail.com, and join the group at www.facebook.com/groups/detroitlutheranfellowship.

2014 ST. MICHAEL LITURGICAL CONFERENCE

- ✠ The conference is Monday, September 29, from 8:15am-5pm.
- ✠ Make sure you are registered for the Conference, which is free for Zion members.
- ✠ Please help us publicize the conference by inviting all pastors, church musicians, and other people interested in the Church's liturgy. Brochures are available in the Narthex. Registration is \$50.
- ✠ **Volunteers are needed** to assemble the Conference folders on **Wednesday, September 24**, following 10am Mass.

APOLOGETIC CONFERENCE Emmanuel—Dearborn is hosting the eighth annual apologetic conference on Friday, October 3 from 7-9:30pm. Robert Liichow, Christian apologist and author (and former Zion member) will present "The History of Charismatic Enthusiasm from Montanus to Joyce Meyer." The presentation helps the serious Christian discern and debunk the many showy, but dangerous, fads in Christianity that trap and devastate souls with false hopes while stealing from them the sure eternal promises of God that bring comfort in grace won by Jesus. A free will offering will be received and refreshments provided. Be prepared to defend the faith! For more information: www.emmanueldearborn.org.