## Zion Evangelical-Cutheran Church of Detroit

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HOLY MASS is celebrated every Sunday COUPLES DESIRING HOLY MARRIAGE and Wednesday at 10am, and on holy should contact the Pastor before finalizing days as announced.

COMMUNICANTS **BAPTIZED** CHRISTIANS who have been instructed in and publicly confess the Evangelical-Lutheran Faith. If you desire to commune **NEW MEMBERS** are received by Baptism, 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 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 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.

the wedding date. Biblical instruction in Holy Marriage is required. All marriages are conducted by the Pastor according to Zion's usual order.

at Zion, please speak with the Pastor 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.

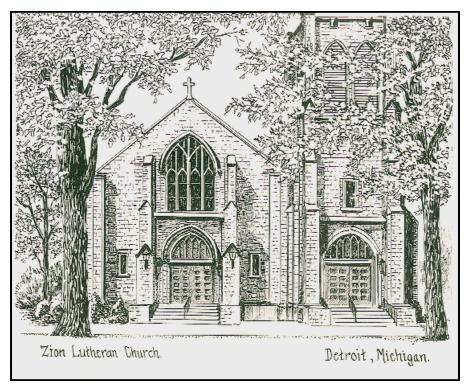
> SICK AND HOMEBOUND are visited regularly by the Pastor with the Scriptures and Sacrament. Please contact the Parish Office if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation.

PARISH OFFICERS DEACONS: William Gramzow, Thomas Habitz, Jr., Michael Anderson TRUSTEES: Silas Gray, Paul Snoes; PARISH EDUCATION: Shirley Cross, Robert Kelly III, Sarah Braden OFFICERS Saturdays from 9 - 10am and by 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.

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



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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*).

**Guest Celebrant** Fr. Edward Steeh will Celebrate and Preach today in Fr. Braden's absence. Thank you, Fr. Steeh, for your leadership of the Divine Service today!

**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 Hymns for Today's Mass

Processional Hymn	3
Chief Hymn	366
Offering Hymn	437
Distribution Hymn	548, 25
Retiring Processional Hymn	52

### THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Holy Mass for the Tenth Sunday After Pentecost	Today, 10a, Church
Adult Catechesis	Mon, 7:00p, Rectory
Matins	Tue, 8:45a, Chapel
Holy Mass for St. Peter Ad Vincula	Wed, 10a, Chapel
Bible Study	Wed, 11a, Rectory
Matins	Thr, 8:45a, Chapel
Vespers	Thr, 7p, Chapel
Men's Group	Thr, 7:30p, Rectory
Matins	Sat, 8:45a, Chapel
Private Confession and Absolution	Sat, 9:15a, Chapel
Ladies Group	Sat, 1p, Rectory
Holy Mass for the Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost	Sun, 10a, Church

IN OUR PRAYERS Michael Anderson, Gloria Bailey, Nellie Bolton, Edward Brown, Linda Buskirk, Lela Casey, Gladys Cline, Anna Dalton, Fr. Erich and the Fickel family, Henry Frey, Bill Gramzow, Latoya Davis Gray, Drucilla Huddleston, Florine Kaiser, Lawrence Kasner, Richard Kelly, Keith Phares.

MAILING HELP NEEDED – On Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m., the Metro Detroit Pastors' Study mailing will be assembled. The Study, coordinated by Fr. Braden and Fr. Eric Forss, invites Pastors from a large area to meet monthly at the English District offices for an advanced study of the Lutheran Confessions and the Lutheran Fathers. If you are available, we could use your help assembling and labeling the flyers. With a good turn-out of volunteers, we should be done by lunch time. If you are available, please let Fr. Braden know.

#### 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).