

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, 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., Michael Anderson
TRUSTEES: Silas Gray, Paul Snoes;
PARISH EDUCATION: Shirley Cross, Robert Kelly III, Sarah Braden
ENDOWMENT BOARD: Fr. Mark Braden (chairman) Tom Habitz, Jr., Paul Snoes, Alan Kroske;
OFFICERS 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"



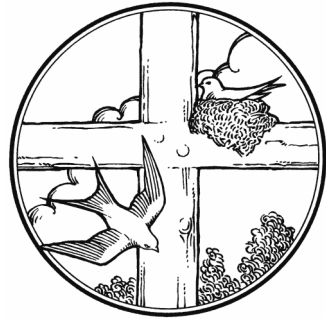
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Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 9, 2018

Living in God



While the world promises much and delivers little, our Lord in His Church always does what He says and makes good on His promises. Today the promise is given that our Lord cares for us. So you are welcomed in today's Mass to cast your burdens on Him and take to heart the health and wholeness and rescue He freely gives you.

The Theme of Today's Liturgy In the face of daily life, the Christian cries out: "Unto You, O Lord, I lift up my soul" (*Introit*). For we are confident that our Lord "preserves [us] evermore by His help and goodness" (*Collect*). That confidence is how we live and walk. It is a life and a walk in the Spirit of God who gives us the courage not to live from our fears and desires, but to live in faith toward God and fervent love toward each other (*Epistle*). For it is a confidence, not in what men or the government give but solely in what our Lord promises and gives and delivers (*Gradual*).

The Sermon She had no bread. She had only sticks, a little oil, and a little flour. She fully expected to die. And yet the Prophet comforted her. He made her an impossible promise. God fulfilled the promise. In love, he bore her burden, even as she struggled to bear her own load. But the burden the Prophet could not bear, the sins of the Widow of Zarephath, the Prophet's Lord bore. He bore your burden, as He endured the weight of your sins. God fulfilled His Gospel Promise. So His Promise to you is "Worry not!", for He has brought you into His Kingdom, and all these things shall be added to you.

The Holy Eucharist We don't worry about what we shall eat because Our Lord feeds us with the best-His Body and Blood in the Blessed Sacrament. If we have that heavenly food, then we can also be confident that Our Lord will provide for our earthly and bodily needs.

The Readings 1 Kings 17:8-16; Galatians 5:25-6:10; St. Matthew 6:24-34

The Hymns for Today's Mass

Processional Hymn	569
Chief Hymn	526
Offering Hymn	425
Distribution Hymns	521; 399
Retiring Processional Hymn	518 (stanzas 1-4, 7)

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Sixteenth Week After Pentecost

Sep 9—16

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Holy Mass for the Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost..... Today, 10a, Church
 Bible Study Today, 11:30a, Undercroft
 Sunday School Today, 11:30a, Rectory
 Matins Mon, 8:45a, Chapel
 Adult Catechesis Mon, 7p, Rectory
 Matins Tue, 8:45a, Chapel
 Vespers Tue, 7p, Chapel
 Men's Group Tue, 7:30p, Rectory
Holy Mass for Wednesday of Pentecost XVI.....**Wed, 10a, Chapel**
 Bible Study Wed, 11a, Rectory
 Matins Thr, 8:45a, Chapel
 Vespers Thr, 6:30p, Chapel
 Adult Catechesis Thr, 7p, Rectory
 Matins Sat, 8:45a, Chapel
 Private Confession and Absolution..... Sat 9:15a, Chapel
 St. Michael's folder assembly.....Sat, 11a, Rectory
 Ladies Group.....Sat, 1p, Rectory
Holy Mass for the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost **Sun, 10a, Church**
 Bible Study Sun, 11:30a, Undercroft
 Sunday School Sun, 11:30a, Rectory

IN OUR PRAYERS Michael Anderson, Gloria Bailey, Nellie Bolton, 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, Erika Phares and the Phares family.

VENEZUELA Today is the last day to donate to the Special Offering for the Lutheran Church of Venezuela. If you wish to help beyond today please contact Fr. Braden.

THE PSALM FOR THIS WEEK IS PSALM 86. PRAY IT EVERY DAY!

This Psalm is a prayer for God's mercy (v 16). First we confess that we are poor in spirit and in need of Our Lord's mercy (v 1-2). Our desire is that the Lord rejoice our soul, and our confidence is that He is good, ready to forgive and not stingy in His mercy (v 3-5). We pray that He will come through (v 6-7) because He is not like other gods who give false hope, but rather does what He promises (v 8-10). Our promise is that we will take to heart what He gives and praise His merciful and life-giving name forever (v 11-13). No matter who rises up against us or how oppressed we are, we are sure that our gracious and compassionate Lord will not disappoint us (v 14-15). So we look for the sign of His mercy: His sacrificed Son spoken and planted into us in the Gospel and Sacraments (v 16-17).