

# 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, 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); **VESPERS:** 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.

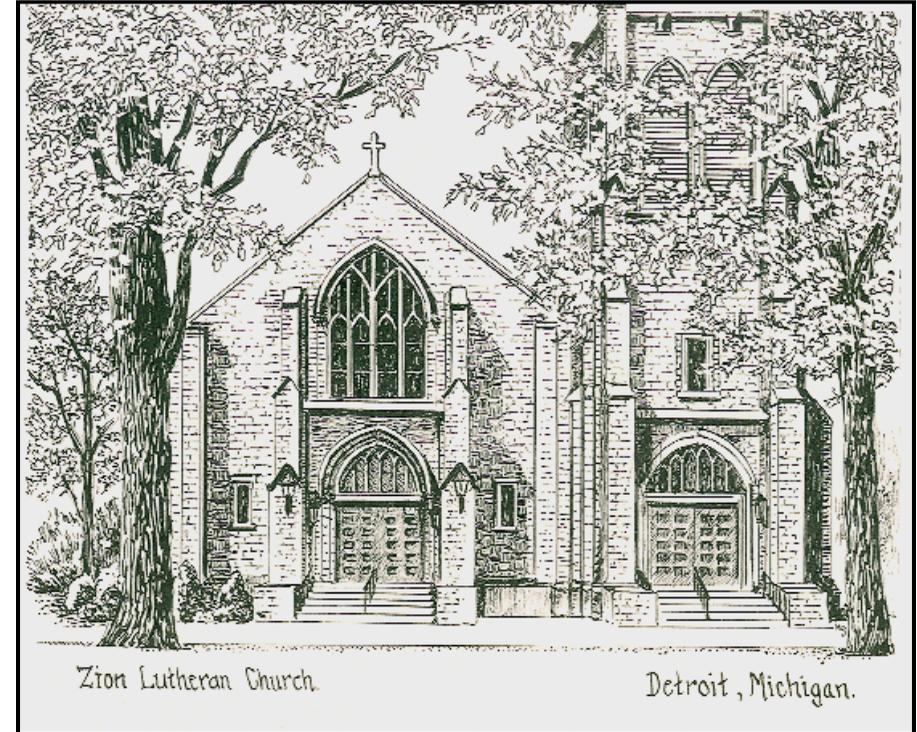
**SICK AND HOMEBOUND** are visited regularly by the Pastor with the Scriptures and Sacrament. Please contact the Parish Office if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation.

**PARISH OFFICERS** **DEACONS:** William Gramzow, Thomas Habitz, Jr., 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), Kevin Wiedelman (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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# Second-Last Sunday in the Church Year

November 18, 2018

The last Judgement



Welcome to all those gathered with us around the throne of Our Lord! Here is where the Lord descends. And here is where He gives us His strength so that we may stand before Him without fear on the Day of Judgment.

**The Theme of Today's Liturgy** "The Day is surely drawing near when God's Son, The Anointed, shall with great majesty appear as Judge of all appointed" (*Chief Hymn*). Our prayer is that Our Lord judge us not according to our deeds, but rather by His Name and according to His strength (*Introit*). When He judges us by His mercy and loving-kindness then we can be sure we are truly blessed of the Father (*Gospel*). And with that blessing already spoken, we do not fear the Last Judgment but instead have the "patience and faith" to face not only that day,

but the day of death and any days that trouble us (*Epistle*).

**The Sermon** The Prophet Daniel writes to tell you what heaven looks like. He saw the Ancient of Days, the One who Is, the Great I AM, seated on His heavenly throne. Daniel describes the mysterious goings-on of the heavenly activities – flames, burning wheels of fire, a fiery stream, the host of heaven surrounding the throne. Then the Prophet was given to see the future. He saw books opened, and the court seated. Daniel saw forward in time, to the end of days, to the final judgment. All this the Prophet Daniel describes half a millennium before Christ's birth. The Lord teaches the same sequence of events as He teaches His disciples about the Last Day. And St. John sees the same sequence, the same cosmic events, and describes them as he relays the Revelation given to him. It is written that you may hear. It is written that hearing, you may believe. It is written that believing, you may be saved.

**The Holy Eucharist** As His Blood-bought sheep, Christ pastures us on His Body and Blood, keeping us steadfast until He separates us from this world, and leads us into the world to come.

**The Readings** Daniel 7:9-14; 2 Thessalonians 1:3-10; St. Matthew 25:31-46

## The Hymns for Today's Mass

Processional Hymn	607 (stanzas 1-9)
Chief Hymn	611
Offering Hymn	521
Distribution Hymns	402; 529
Retiring Processional Hymn	607 (stanzas 10-19)

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Second-Last Sunday in the Church Year

Nov 18-25

## THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

**Holy Mass for the Second-Last Sunday in the Church Year** ..... Today, 10a, Church  
 Bible Study..... Today, 11:30a, Undercroft  
 Sunday School..... Today, 11:30a, Rectory  
 Matins..... Mon, 8:45a, Chapel  
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**Holy Mass for Second-Last Wednesday in the Church Year** .....Wed, 10a, Chapel  
 Bible Study..... Wed, 10:45a, Rectory  
**Holy Mass for the General Day of Thanksgiving**.....Thr, 10a, Church  
 Matins..... Sat, 8:45a, Chapel  
 Private Confession and Absolution ..... Sat 9:15a, Chapel  
 Vespers..... Sat, 1p Chapel  
 Ladies Group..... Sat, 1:30p, Rectory  
**Holy Mass for Totenfest**.....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, Nancy Gramzow, Latoya Davis Gray, Drucilla Huddleston, Florine Kaiser, Lawrence Kasner, Richard Kelly, Erika Phares and the Phares family.

**SUPPORT FOR DYLAN SMITH** Seminarist Dylan Smith and his wife Abby have recently visited Zion, with Dylan serving as Subdeacon at the Mass. Dylan continues in his seminary studies at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne. Next spring he is scheduled to serve his Vicarage. Zion would like to offer some financial support to Dylan and Abby in the upcoming semester, since seminary is especially difficult financially for married men. Today and next Sunday you may make donations to help the Smiths by placing them in the designated box in the Narthex. Donations will be forwarded to Dylan after November 25<sup>th</sup>.

**GIFTS AND DONATIONS** From Drucilla Huddleston, for the St. Michael's Conference, in honor of Linda Buskirk's Birthday, November 18th.

**GIFTS AND DONATIONS** From Mr. & Mrs. Richard Schulz in memory of Mary Schulz (✝ Jul 6, 1962), Harold G. Schulz (✝ May 23, 1978), Adolph Winters (✝ Mar 21, 1960), Helen Kannberg Winters (✝ Feb 21, 1986), Clarence Kannberg (✝ Aug 4, 1987), and Norman R. Schultz (✝ Jan 17, 2006).

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

In Psalm 54, we pray that the Lord use His strength and might for our benefit. For it is finally only our Lord's strength that overcomes the many strangers and oppressors that attack us. Instead of defending ourselves, we pray that the Lord help us and uphold our life. In response, we bless and praise our Lord's name and give Him the sacrifice of all we are. For He is the one who delivers and rescues us from every evil past, present, and to come.