

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); **VESEPER:** 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.

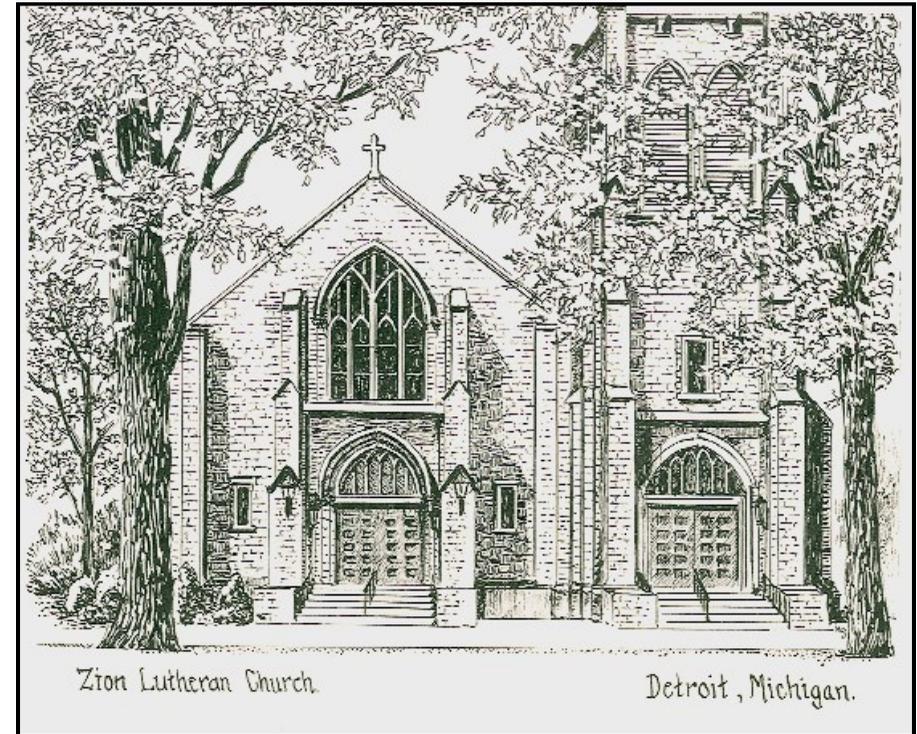
SICK AND HOMEBOUND are visited regularly by the Pastor with the Scriptures and Sacrament. Please contact the Parish Office if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation.

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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**Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost
August 31, 2014**



The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

Our Lord is in His temple eager to distribute His mercy in the Preaching and Sacraments. May you find comfort in this mercy Our Lord freely and willingly gives. And may it give you the courage to pray: “God, be merciful to me, a sinner.”

The Theme of Today’s Liturgy

Our prayer today is Daniel’s prayer: “We do not present our supplications before You because of our righteousness, but because of Your great mercy” (*Old Testament*). Our desire is that we go to our homes justified by God (*Gospel*). And our confidence is that God our Father will give us His mercy in an abundance that both forgives us our sins and gives us all things (*Collect*). God demonstrates His mercy when He scatters our enemies (*Introit*) and when He raises Christ and us from sin and death (*Epistle*). This is the grace of God that makes us what we are – beloved children of God.

The Sermon

The Lord disregards Cain’s sacrifice because it is offered in self-righteousness rather than in faith. The Lord is pleased with Abel’s sacrifice because he, by faith, is inwardly reconciled with God. So, too, the Pharisee’s sacrifice of prayer is disregarded while the tax collector’s is rightly offered. It is by faith in the Son of God that you, standing afar off, beat your breast and proclaim: “God, be merciful to me, a sinner!” Our Lord hears your faithful prayer of contrition and repentance. You go to your house: justified.

The Holy Eucharist

In the Holy Supper we are both forgiven of those things of which our conscience is afraid, and we are given those good things of which we are not worthy to ask. Faith rests its hopes solely on this mercy of God given in this sacrament.

The Readings

Daniel 9.15-19; 1 Corinthians 15.1-10; St. Luke 18.9-14

The Hymns for Today’s Mass

Processional Hymn	384
Chief Hymn	25
Offering Hymn	342
Distribution Hymns	331; 243
Retiring Processional Hymn	387 (stanzas 1, 2, 6-10)

The Mass: Gloria in Excelsis

In all sung Masses except during penitential seasons, the *Gloria in Excelsis* follows immediately after the Kyrie in the Mass. As its opening words were first sung by angels, our repetition of them is a dim echo of those majestic voices first heard by the Bethlehem shepherds at the birth of Christ. The elaboration of the angelic song at Mass is a distinctly Roman element, though there is evidence of the use of the unadorned text of St. Luke 2.14 in some ancient rites. The elaboration seen in the Gloria highlights the meaning of the word “glory.” For in it we say, “We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, *we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory.*” But it would be a curious thing to thank God for His glory, unless “His glory” is something more than simply a reference to His majesty or dignity. Thanks are offered for something given, and thus we may ascertain that the giving of thanks for His glory is meant to highlight the fact that His glory is most especially manifest at the birth of Christ the Savior of the world. This is a clear reflection of the meaning latent in the angels’ song. That is, *Glory be to God on high* at the birth of Christ is defined as this: *and on earth peace, good will toward men.* A realignment of thinking is therefore needed if we are inclined to regard glory here in the customary sense, as pertaining to eternal divine attributes of power and infinite splendor. What the angels’ message was, and what the Gloria amplifies, is the truth that what really glorifies God is the salvation of mankind. His chief desire is to be merciful, and therefore since the birth of Christ is the manifestation of His chief desire, His glory consists foremost in this bestowal of mercy. To give thanks for His great glory is to give thanks for His mercy.

For this reason it is also fitting to bow the head whenever the name of Jesus is uttered, first of all in this canticle (which is the first place during the Mass in which it is uttered), and also at every point throughout the Mass where it is heard. Since the heart of God’s glorification is found in Jesus, therefore an implicit acknowledgement of this, and of the profound debt of thanks we owe Him, is conveyed by the bowing of the head whenever Jesus’ name is heard at any point throughout the Mass, whether in its parts, or in the hymns, or in the readings, or even during the sermon. This gesture also indicates a willing desire to learn humility, that is, to place oneself beneath Him who so humbled Himself for us.

— Burnell F. Eckardt, Jr.,

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

Music for the Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

The Prelude Oh, How Great is Thy Compassion —J. Pachelbel (1653-1706)

The Postlude I Will Sing My Maker’s Praises —S. Karg-Elert (1877-1933)



I Will Sing My Maker’s Praises comes to us through the great hymn-writer and pastor Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676), who despite a tremendously difficult life (or maybe because of it), composed some of our most powerful hymns of hope and trust. Not only did his witness the effects of the Thirty Years’ War during his early years, his professional life was marked by religious strife and political intrigue, and his family life was marked with death: within a 3-year period, he lost 4 of his 5 children as well as his wife. Yet, he is remembered as perhaps the most important of all Lutheran hymn-writers, with many of his hymns being sung worldwide, even outside of Lutheran circles.

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Twelfth Week After Pentecost

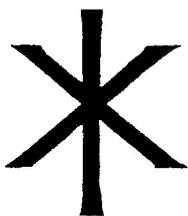
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THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Holy Mass for the Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost Today, 10a, Church
 Pot-Luck Lunch Today, 11:30a, Rectory
 Matins Mon, 8:45a, Chapel
 Matins Tue, 8:45a, Chapel
 St. Michael Liturgical Conference Committee Tue, 5:30p, Rectory
Holy Mass for Wednesday of Pentecost XII **Wed, 10a, Chapel**
 Bible Study Wed, 10:45a, Rectory
 Adult Catechesis Wed, 7p, Rectory
 Matins Thr, 8:45a, Chapel
 Men’s Group Thr, 7p, Rectory
 Matins Fri, 8:45a, Chapel
 Matins Sat, 8:45a, Chapel
 Private Confession and Absolution Sat, 9:15a, Chapel
 Women’s Group Sat, 1p, Rectory
Holy Mass for the Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost **Sun, 10a, Church**
 Reception Welcoming Vicar Winston Grieser Sun, 11:15a, Undercroft
 Bible Study Sun, 11:45a, Undercroft
 Sunday School Sun, 11:45a, Activities Center

IN OUR PRAYERS Sylvia Balaska, Edward Brown, Linda Buskirk, Charles Capsel, Lela Casey, John Chavez, Gladys Cline, Anna Dalton, Martha Draspa, Susan Edwards (Michael’s mother – recovery from surgery), Sandy Frey, Ellen Hayden, Drucilla Huddleston, Florine Kaiser, Lawrence Kasner, Eleanor Luka, Earlene Maynarich, Michael Maynarich, Robert Murdock, Margaret Quinkert, and Pauline Rivard.

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Prepare for Next Sunday

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost “Ephphatha! Be Opened!”

September 7, 2014

Isaiah 29.17-21; 2 Corinthians 3.4-11; St. Mark 7.31-37

Hymns: 26, 34, 465, 541, 307, 526, 247

THE PSALM FOR THIS WEEK IS PSALM 68. PRAY IT EVERY DAY!

This Psalm is a prayer for God to defend us by using His power to scatter our physical and spiritual enemies (v 1-3). The confidence of this prayer evokes both a song of praise (v 4-6) and a recalling of God’s history of saving (v 7-23). The basis for this prayer—and it’s central thought or antiphon—is the daily benefits God loads us with and the escape from death that He brings (v 19-20). Since God does come through and deliver us as we hope, the psalm then blesses God (v 24-27) and repeats our hope based on His past and present mercies (v 28-35).

Today's Announcements

THANK YOU to our guest organist, the Rev. Fr. Randall P. Wurschmidt of Concordia Theological Seminary—Fort Wayne, for his service today so that Fr. Schultz could preach and celebrate Mass in Fr. Braden's absence.

WELCOME VICAR GRIESER Next Sunday, September 7, at Holy Mass the Rev. Sem. Winston Grieser will be inducted as Zion's Vicar. A reception will follow in the Undercroft.

ADULT CATECHESIS will meet **Wednesday** September 3 at 7pm. This is to accommodate the Men's Group on Thursday evening. It will continue Thursday, September 11.

MEN'S GROUP meets Thursday, September 4. Meet in the Rectory before 7pm. At 7, we go to the Church to pray Vespers, and then continue in the Rectory with study, food, and Gemütlichkeit. Please RSVP to FrBraden@ZionDetroit.org for a count for the food.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS NEXT WEEK Invite and plan to bring your children, grandchildren, friends, and neighbors to Zion's Sunday School. Sunday School for 2014-15 begins next Sunday, September 7. Sunday School includes a Bible lesson, crafts, activities, and music. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** each Sunday to teach or help with Sunday School. Please sign-up on the sheet in the Undercroft.

BIBLE STUDY RESUMES NEXT WEEK Our Survey of the New Testament concludes examining the Epistle of Jude.

ADULT CHOIR will resume rehearsals (Sundays at 8:45am) on September 14. Please let Fr. Schultz know of your willingness to sing.

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.

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. Our St. Michael Committee has met and begun their work. Every year Zion welcomes donations from members and organizations in support of the Conference. Donations can be made by writing "St. Michael Liturgical Conference" on an envelope, which can be placed in the offering plate on Sunday or sent to the church office.

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod celebrates ministry on America's college campuses.

This fall, more than 21 million young people are expected to arrive on America's college campuses. During their college experience, these students will learn many things. They will be challenged in every way. They will grow as individuals and move into adulthood.

What a critical time for the Church to reach out in love to these young people! What an amazing opportunity to support our own Lutheran youth, while also sharing the Gospel with others – possibly for the first time!

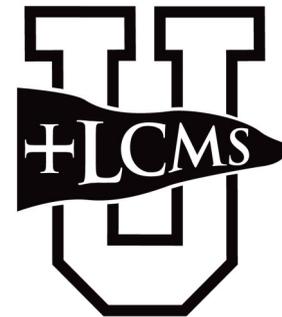
That's why the LCMS is focusing on the Concordia University System (CUS) and LCMS Campus Ministry and LCMS U during the month of September.



At the institutions of the CUS, students learn and grow in an environment that upholds our Lutheran teaching that every person has inherent worth by virtue of his or her Creator. CUS students learn to find genuine value in caring for their neighbors in Witness, Mercy, Life Together.

"Whether it's history, philosophy, chemistry or anatomy, all knowledge is ordered around God's mercy and grace in Christ, who has given us His wonderful salvation by grace alone, faith alone and according to Scripture alone," says the Rev. Dr. Dean Wenthe, president of the CUS.

However, many of our LCMS youth do not attend a CUS institution. For these students, LCMS Campus Ministry – through its new LCMS U initiative – is there, providing an oasis where the Word and Sacrament can be delivered and fellowship can be offered.



"We have a phenomenal opportunity through our campus ministries to bear witness to the truth of God's Word in the collegiate public square," says the Rev. Marcus Zill, director of LCMS Campus Ministry and LCMS U. "With the ever-growing influx of international and unchurched students on college campuses, the Church needs to be there for the sake of all."

Join us this September in celebrating and supporting the work done among young people, both at our LCMS colleges and universities and at schools around the country.