

# 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.

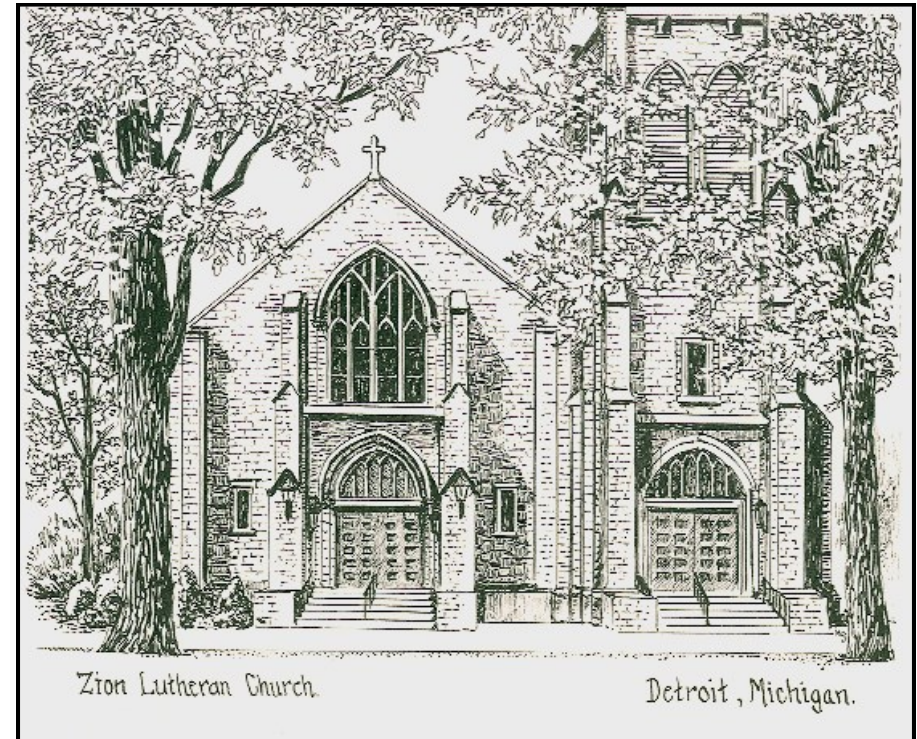
**SICK AND HOMEBOUND** are visited regularly by the Pastor with the Scriptures and Sacrament. Please contact the Parish Office if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation.

**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.

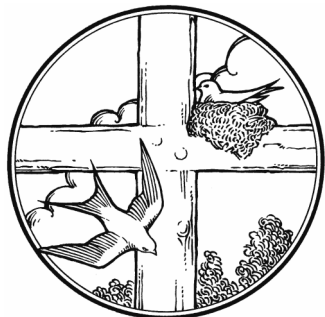
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**Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**September 28, 2014**



## 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 gives but solely in what our Lord promises and gives and delivers (*Gradual*).

### The Sermon

"No one can serve two masters." Thus saith the Lord. But it seems on the surface that choosing between two masters is not the problem the sinner faces today. Sinners today desire no master at all. Sinners desire to break God's Law and natural law as it seems best to them. And it is safe to say that you have felt the same, that you have desired to be your own master. And yet, in love, in mercy, God promises you "Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?" God provides. In love, He gives. To know Him, to know God, is true freedom. So the Lord bids you "seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness." He vests you in His righteousness and He feeds you miraculous food. To have the only true God as your Master is true freedom.

### 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 (choir: stanzas 2 and 4)
Offering Hymn	425
Distribution Hymns	521 (choir: stanza 4); 399
Retiring Processional Hymn	518 (stanzas 1-4, 7)

## The Mass: Creed (Part 1)

The Creed, for at least the reason that it did not even exist until the fourth century, was a late-comer to the Mass. The recitation of the Creed at the Eucharist may not have begun until the late fifth century. It was employed at Constantinople in 511, but not until the eleventh century in Rome. The Western Church has never regarded it as a necessary ingredient, and may be omitted in weekday Masses.

Since the fourth century the Church has confessed the Nicene Creed as her declaration of what she believes, teaches and confesses, and its routine use at solemn Mass did finally become a venerable and salutary practice.

The Creed did not arise in a vacuum. The ecumenical councils which gave rise to the Creed were stormy events, in which truth and error struggled against each other with sometimes sharp invective and vitriol.

Many sects and heterodox groups were reframing the Gospel in terms contrary to the revealed truths of the faith. In 325 the primary bishops from all of Christendom, approximately 300, met together in Nicaea, a city in what is now Turkey, to deal with the growing threat of error. At that council the first version of the Creed was drawn up and agreed upon by all the bishops. In doing so they rejected in particular the false views of the heretic Arius, who denied the full divinity of Jesus. Of all the bishops present, all but two rejected Arius.

The Arian heresy did not die away, however. In many ways it gained headway and even the support of the government. The Emperor granted amnesty to the Arian leaders and even sent St. Athanasius, champion of the faith confessed at Nicaea, into exile. The catholic bishops suffered great losses through the course of the fourth century. But by the year 381 the political climate had changed sufficiently to permit their meeting in Constantinople for the second ecumenical council, which reaffirmed the faith of the Nicene fathers and to expand the Creed into the form in which we now have it.

—Burnell F. Eckardt, Jr.,

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

## Music for the Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

**The Prelude** In God, My Faithful God —Johann Nikolaus Hanff (1663-1711)

**The Postlude** If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee —Georg Böhm (1661-1733)

**I build on Christ, who loves me; From this Rock nothing moves me** The CHIEF HYMN, “In God, My Faithful God” (# 526) compliments well the Gospel for today: “Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”

Life in this world is filled with dark times, sin, temptation, despair, and death. Yet God is faithful. He, who ordains all things for good, will end tribulation according to His good and gracious will. He died to save us because His love would have us “be heirs of heavenly gladness when ends this life of sadness.”

This hymn is by Sigismund Weingartner, a seventeenth-century pastor, about whom no information is known.

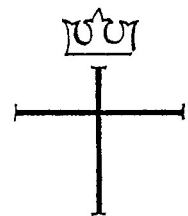
The PRELUDE is a setting of this hymn by Johann Nikolaus Hanff, a north German organist and composer.

### Prepare for St. Michael, Archangel

#### Monday, September 29—9am

2 Kings 6.8-17; Revelation 12.7-12; St. Matthew 18.1-10

Hymns: “Thee, O Christ, the Father’s Splendor” (insert), 254, 413, 429, “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” (insert), “Te Deum,” p. 35-37, 256, 255



### Prepare for Next Sunday

**First Sunday After Michaelmass** “Your Sins Are Forgiven”  
**October 5, 2014**

Genesis 28.10-17; Ephesians 4.17-28; St. Matthew 9.1-8  
Hymns: 317, 26, 6, 372, 329, 25

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Sixteenth Week After Pentecost

Sep 28-Oct 5

## THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

**Holy Mass for the Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost**..... Today, 10a, Church Bible Study .....Sun, 11:30a, Undercroft  
Sunday School .....Sun, 11:30a, Activities Center  
St. Michael Liturgical Conference..... Mon, 8:15a-7p, Church and Gymnasium  
**Holy Mass for St. Michael, Archangel**..... Mon, 9a, Church  
Office of Sext..... Mon, 12p, Church  
**Solemn Vespers**..... Mon, 4p, Church  
Matins (*St. Jerome, Priest and Confessor*)..... Tue, 8:45a, Chapel  
Vespers ..... Tue, 6:30p, Chapel  
**Holy Mass for Wednesday of Pentecost XVI**.....Wed, 10a, Chapel  
Bible Study ..... Wed, 10:45a, Rectory  
Matins (*Holy Guardian Angels*)..... Thr, 8:45a, Chapel  
*Metro Detroit Pastors’ Study Group at English District Office*..... Thr, 12p  
Vespers ..... Thr, 6:30p, Chapel  
Adult Catechesis ..... Thr, 7p, Rectory  
Matins .....Fri, 8:45a, Chapel  
Matins (*St. Francis of Assisi, Confessor*) ..... Sat, 8:45a, Chapel  
Private Confession and Absolution..... Sat 9:15a, Chapel  
Youth Catechism..... Sat 10a, Rectory  
Women’s Group.....Sat, 1p, Rectory  
**Holy Mass for the First Sunday After Michaelmass** ..... Sun, 10a, Church  
Bible Study .....Sun, 11:30a, Undercroft  
Sunday School .....Sun, 11:30a, Activities Center

### 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).

## Today's Announcements

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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.

**GIFTS AND DONATIONS** From Kathleen Atkins for the Altar Guild in memory of Catherine Linzie (✝ Sep 20, 2010); From Mr. and Mrs. Roderick Atkins for the St. Michael Liturgical Conference; From Fr. and Mrs. Mark Braden, Mr. Thomas Habitz, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Eric Russell for the Benevolence Fund.

**ST. MICHAEL LITURGICAL CONFERENCE** Tomorrow is the Zion's Seventeenth-Annual St. Michael Liturgical Conference, from 8:15am – 7pm. Please join us!

**ST. MICHAEL, ARCHANGEL** September 29, the church commemorates the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel. Holy Mass will be celebrated at **9am** in the Church. Remember this day in your daily prayer at home. Read 2 Kings 6.8-17; Revelation 12.7-12; St. Matthew 18.1-10. Pray the Collect on page 93.

**OCTOBER VOTERS' ASSEMBLY** The October Voters' Assembly will be held October 12 following Holy Mass. The special meeting to approve the budget beginning July 1, 2014 is cancelled and will be addressed in the October meeting. The agenda will be published in next week's bulletin.

**THANK YOU** to those who helped with the St. Michael Conference Folder Assembly on Wednesday, September 24 after Holy Mass: Kathleen Atkins, Jennifer Balaska, Fr. Braden, Shirley Cross, Judi Donnell, Vicar Grieser, Bobby Kelly, Eric Russell, and Fr. Schultz.

**2014 PICTORIAL DIRECTORY** The Zion 2014 Pictorial Directory is now completed. Special thanks to **Jennifer Balaska** for serving as photographer and **Kevin Wiedelman** for assembling the directories. They are available from Fr. Schultz in the Rectory.

**ADULT CATECHESIS** meets Thursdays at 7pm. Participants are encouraged to attend Vespers at 6:30pm in the Chapel.

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

**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.

**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](http://www.emmanueldearborn.org).

**DETROIT LUTHERAN SINGERS FALL CONCERT** "Sacred Pairings," a program of sacred music, will be presented by the Detroit Lutheran Singers on Sunday, October 19 at 3:30pm at Our Shepherd – Birmingham, and at 7:30pm at St. Paul – Royal Oak. Composers represented include John Rutter, K. Lee Scott, and Detroit's Brazeal Dennard as

well as Scarlatti, Poulenc, and Christiansen. The program will have rich variety, from "Jubilate Deo," to "The Lord Is My Light," to "Elijah Rock," plus a new arrangement of a well-known hymn. An additional feature will be a segment presented by each host church's children's choir, demonstrating how those schools are preparing children for a lifetime of enjoying making music to God's glory. The choir is directed by Mr. Christopher Hall. Tickets (\$15; \$10 seniors and students; under 12, free) will be available at the door or at [www.detroitlutheransingers.com](http://www.detroitlutheransingers.com).

