

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 **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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HE HAS DESIRED HER AS HIS DWELLING PLACE"



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Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

July 22, 2018

The Sure Strong Word



Today you are invited to receive the good fruit of the Gospel—Our Lord in His Body and Blood. There is nothing surer or stronger that can see you through this life to the life of the world to come. May you take to heart Our Lord in His Word and Supper, and thereby truly participate in Him!

The Theme of Today's Liturgy We desire and earnestly pray that we may have "the Spirit to think and do always such things as are right" (*Collect*).

That Spirit does not come from our heartfelt desire to do good, or our inner strength to live right. Rather, that Spirit is the Holy Spirit whom we have received—the Spirit which adopts us as children of God (*Epistle*). It is the Spirit who delivers into us the sure strong Word (Jesus) who enables us to do the will of the Father (*Gospel*). Not by heavy demands, but by the Lord's loving-kindness given in His Church (*Introit*)—that is how this healthful Spirit of grace works in us the good for which we pray.

The Sermon The Prophet warns the chosen people of God that among them there are imposters. He warns them not to follow them, not to hear them. The people would not listen. They preferred the false word of men, forsaking the saving Word of God. Six centuries later, the Promised Christ warns His disciples of the same. That warning is for you. There are false pastors and false christians in the visible church that work to divide the faithful. That you not be deceived, God, in His mercy and grace, has given to His Church concrete, visible signs by which you may know the True Church, and so pure doctrine and the Holy Sacraments. By these He works and strengthens faith until day when faith is no longer necessary – then you will see Him.

The Holy Eucharist In the Holy Supper of Christ's Body and Blood you receive not only Christ but also His Spirit. He is the One who gives you the strength, confidence and courage to live and do what is well-pleasing in the Lord's sight.

The Readings Jeremiah 23:16-29; Romans 8:12-17; St. Matthew 7:15-21

The Hymns for Today's Mass

Processional Hymn	267
Chief Hymn	526
Offering Hymn	293
Distribution Hymn	228, 307
Retiring Processional Hymn	261

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Ninth Week After Pentecost

Jul 22-29

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Holy Mass for the Ninth Sunday After Pentecost Today, 10a, Church
Bible Study Today, 11:30a, Undercroft
Holy Mass for the Tenth 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.

GIFTS AND DONATIONS from Drucilla Huddleston for the St. Michael Liturgical Conference, in memory of Linda and Ron Buskirk's wedding anniversary (August 2, 1936).

MAILING HELP NEEDED - On Thursday, August 16th 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 men 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.

FR. BRADEN VACATION After Bible Class today, Fr. Braden will be on vacation for a week. Fr. Ed Steeh will preach and celebrate next Sunday. No Bible Class will be held Sunday, July 29th. Fr. Braden will be available for emergent pastoral care

THE PSALM FOR THIS WEEK IS PSALM 48. PRAY IT EVERY DAY!

The ninth verse is the key verse in this Psalm. It is the Lord's loving-kindness which encourages us both to stand before Him in His holy house, and to beautify that temple. For in His house we are sheltered from those who seek to harm us (v 3-7). His mercy also compels us to praise Him (v 1-3) while respeaking the good He does for us (v 8, 10-11). Finally, the strength and steadfastness of His temple also teaches us about the strength and certainty of Our Lord's grace toward us (vv 12-14).