

## 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, Friday, 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.

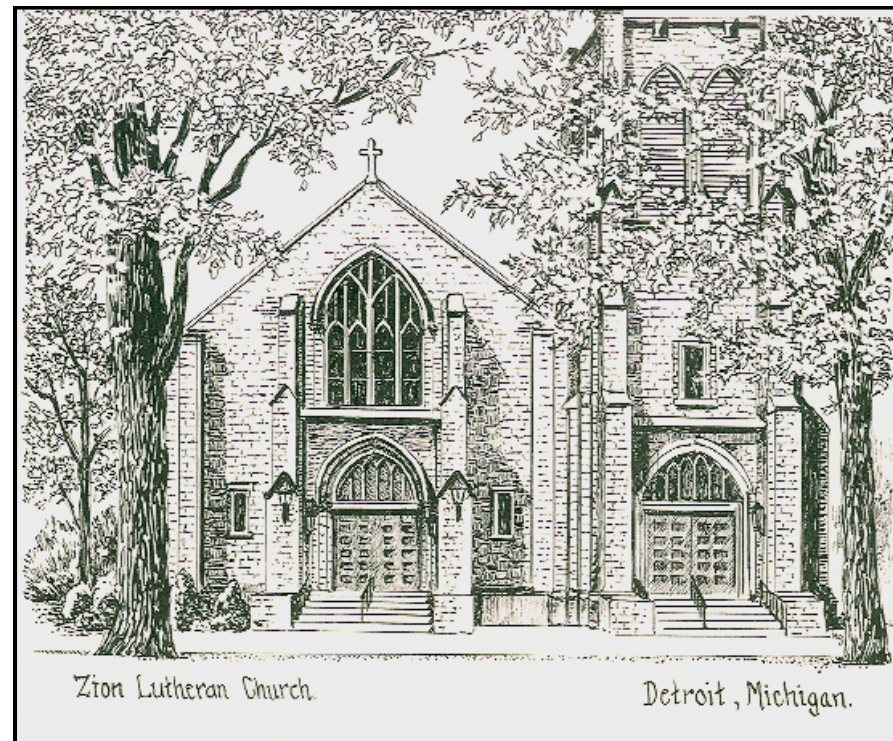
**SICK AND HOMEBOUND** are visited regularly by the Pastor with the Scriptures and Sacrament. Please contact the Parish Office if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation.

**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"



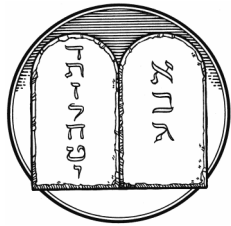
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# Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

July 8, 2018

## The New Righteousness



If you are looking for a place that not only inspires righteousness, and not only empowers you toward righteous living, but even plants righteousness into your very skin and bones, then we welcome you. For this is where Our Lord, the Righteous One, is given to live His Righteous Life in and through you.

**The Theme of Today's Liturgy** True righteousness does not begin with the desire to do right, but with being united to the Righteous One.

Those united to Christ Jesus by Baptism have been planted in His righteous death (*Epistle*). In this way, he also grafts within you His own righteousness so that you can live an upright life (*Collect*). In this righteous life, you live not by your own self-interests, but for yourself and for others (*Old Testament*). For you live from Our Lord's saving strength (*Introit*). This, then, is the righteousness that exceeds that of the Pharisees (*Gospel*).

**The Sermon** He did not come to destroy the Law. If this creation is still intact, the Law remains. It remains for every living man. But the Law has no mastery over a dead man, for he can neither keep nor break it. If you are alive, however, the Law is there. And where that is true, and it is true for you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you shall surely never enter the Kingdom of Heaven. But for you Christ was handed delivered by His adversaries to the judge, and by the judge handed over to the officers, and arrested. He did by no means escape until He had paid the last penny of your debt to God. He paid not with gold or silver, but with His precious Blood. The price of your redemption was His life, which He gave freely in love, in mercy, and in grace.

**The Holy Eucharist** The Blessed Sacrament makes our bodies the home of Christ. His life is now our life. He lives in us and through us. So the Sacrament strengthens us to live not in fear and not for ourselves, but in faith toward God and in fervent love toward others.

**The Readings** Ruth 1:1-18; Romans 6:3-11; St. Matthew 5:20-26

### The Hymns for Today's Mass

Processional Hymn	330
Chief Hymn	369
Offering Hymn	301
Distribution Hymns	371; 298
Retiring Processional Hymn	251-second tune

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Seventh Week After Pentecost

July 8—15

## THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

**Holy Mass for the Seventh Sunday After Pentecost**.....Today, 10a, Church  
 Adult Bible Class.....Today, 11:30a, Undercroft  
 Matins.....Mon, 8:45a, Chapel  
 Adult Class.....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 VII** .....Wed, 10a, Chapel  
 Bible Study .....Wed, 10:45a, 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  
 Ladies Group .....Sat, 1p, Rectory  
**Holy Mass for the Eighth Sunday After Pentecost** .....Sun, 10a, Church  
 Voter's Assembly.....Sun, 11:30a, Undercroft

**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.

**VOTER'S ASSEMBLY** There will be a Voter's Assembly next Sunday following Mass.

### THE PSALM FOR THIS WEEK IS PSALM 28. PRAY IT EVERY DAY!

This Psalm is a plea to God by someone who is oppressed. But what is to be feared most is falling into sin and unrighteousness (v 1). So we may pray that God will hear both our prayer (v 2) and give us true fear of God's Law (v 3-5). Since God is our Savior and Deliverer, the prayer then changes to a blessing of God—the God who strengthens and sustains against inward godliness and outward injustice (v 6-7). And God does not disappoint this hope. He saves and sustains all who trust in Him—especially the Anointed One (v 8), so the prayer shifts yet a third time—that God will save and shepherd (feed) His own (v 9).