

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 **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), 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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"THE LORD HAS CHOSEN ZION;
HE HAS DESIRED HER AS HIS DWELLING PLACE"



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Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 2, 2018

The Grateful Samaritan



Welcome to Our Lord's heavenly dwelling place! For this is where Our Lord is truly present in His Body and Blood, and where He deals with us in His compassion. May you enter with joy into His gates and with praise into His courts.

The Theme of Today's Liturgy To walk in the Spirit means not to fulfill the desires of the flesh. (*Epistle*) The greatest desire of the flesh is to believe that we have because we asked or because we deserve what Our Lord gives; and in this way, we do not glorify

God. (*Gospel*) Those who walk in the Spirit, however, hunger to be in the Lord's presence and look forward to seeing His face. (*Introit*) That faith leads us to give thanks to the Lord (*Gradual*) and praise Him within the walls of Zion. (*Alleluia*) So our prayer is that the Lord rescue us from the destructive desires of our flesh, at the same time, leading us to give thanks and glorify Him for His saving benefits. (*Collect*)

The Sermon The flesh lusts against the Spirit, the Apostle writes. The works of the flesh are evident, they lead to death. So too leprosy. Like sin, it is an overwhelming disease, a disease that permeates every part of you, evident to others, fatal for you. But there is hope. As the Prophet writes, there is healing in the Word of God. So the Word Incarnate speaks and it is. He proclaims the men clean, and their flesh is clean. But one is healed of soul by His Word. One believes, returns, and gives thanks, because that's what faith does. He needed no priest. For if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law. You who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. You are healed. Your faith has made you well.

The Holy Eucharist The things which are profitable (*beneficial*) for our salvation are given in the Blessed Sacrament of Our Lord's Body and Blood. There we receive the salutary gift that truly brings us forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.

The Readings Proverbs 4:10-23; Galatians 5:16-24; St. Luke 17:11-19

The Hymns for Today's Mass

Processional Hymn	581
Chief Hymn	393
Offering Hymn	535
Distribution Hymns	33; 314
Retiring Processional Hymn	36

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Fifteenth Week After Pentecost

Sep 2—9

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Holy Mass for the Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost Today, 10a, Church
 Adult Bible Study..... Today, 11:30a, Undercroft
 Matins.....Tue, 8:45a, Chapel
 St. Michael Committee Meeting.....Tue, 6p, Rectory
Holy Mass for Wednesday of Pentecost FifteenWed, 10a, Chapel
 Bible Study.....Wed, 11a, Rectory
 Matins.....Thr, 10a, Chapel
 Vespers.....Thr, 6:30p, Chapel
 Adult Catechesis.....Thr, 7p, Rectory
 Private Confession and Absolution.....Sat 9:15a, Chapel
Holy Mass for the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Sat, 10a, Chapel
Holy Mass for the Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost..... Sun, 10a, Church
 Bible Study.....Sun, 11:30a, Undercroft
 Sunday School.....Sun, 11:30a, Activities Center

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, Latoya Davis Gray, Drucilla Huddleston, Florine Kaiser, Lawrence Kasner, Richard Kelly, Erika Phares and the Phares family.

THE ST. MICHAEL COMMITTEE meets Tuesday at 6 pm in the Rectory.

CALLING ALL CHILDREN!!! Our Sunday School Year will begin next Sunday, September 9th at 11:30 A.M. in the Rectory. We are excited and joyful to begin a new Sunday School Year. Please contact Bobby Kelly (rjk36781@gmail.com) or Janet Stechholz (davejan7@hotmail.com) for more information.

BISHOP STECHHOLZ IN PORTALS OF PRAYER – The December 2018 *Portals of Prayer* devotionals are written by our own Rt. Rev. Dr. David Stechholz, Archdeacon of Zion. Don't miss them! *Portals of Prayer* is distributed in the Narthex.

THE PSALM FOR THIS WEEK IS PSALM 84. PRAY IT EVERY DAY!

This psalm speaks of our longing to participate in Our Lord's glorious splendor (v 1-2). We are reminded that His splendor is made known and given to us at the Altar (v 3-4). There we are strengthened during our journey of turmoil (Baca) in this life (v 5-7). There also Our Lord hears our prayer and satisfies our desires with His grace (v 8-9). We are brought back to our prayer of longing, not only to participate in the heavenly feast of this life, but also in the life of the world to come (v 10-11). So we put our trust in the Lord who so richly blesses us (v 12).