

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

September 28, 2025

WELCOME!

We love that you are here today! Our service is printed for you in this worship folder. Or you can follow the projections on the front wall.

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THEME: FESTIVAL OF SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

The Festival of Saint Michael and All Angels gives us an opportunity to revisit the Bible doctrine about the angels. Sadly, many Christians' understanding of angels is fraught with superstition or shaped by television. There is much that Scripture tells us. Today's Scripture readings present satan's downfall and how Christ used the holy angels to cast satan out of heaven. (The official date of the Festival of Saint Michael is September 29th. See page XXVII in the introductory pages of the blue hymnal.)

EXPLANATION OF THE BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

Today's service includes a rite called "The Blessing of the Children."

Jesus' words in Matthew 18:10 are the basis for the custom: *"See that you do not look down on one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven."*

It fills us with awe to see how important children are to our Lord. If He assigns the powerful princes of heaven to look after them – as if they have nothing better to do – then shouldn't we be all the more serious about our responsibilities toward our children?

Flowers are provided in thanksgiving to God by Brian & Amanda McCrary for the occasion of their 22nd wedding anniversary.

SOME FACTS ABOUT ANGELS

- The word “angel” means “messenger.” It refers to someone who is sent out for a task.
- Angels are spirit beings (He 1:14). They are not people who have died.
- They are personal and self-aware, using words like “I” and “me” (Lk 1:19).
- Throughout the Bible angels are always referred to in the male gender.
- Angels have names (Lk 1:19).
- The Bible uses military terms like “hosts” or “armies” (Ps 103:21). It also gives other titles to angels like cherubim (Gn 3:24) and seraphim (Is 6:2). It would appear that angels are assigned to various ranks. This would make sense, since God loves order (1Co 14:33) and such order makes for effective execution of duties.
- God has used angels for a variety of purposes. Here are a few...
 - Angels guarded the entrance to the Garden of Eden (Gn 3:24).
 - Angels assisted Abraham’s servant to find a wife for Isaac (Gn 24:7).
 - An angel provided food for Elijah’s long journey (1Kg 19:5-7).
 - Angels conduct worship of God in heaven (Is 6:3; Rv 7:11-12).
 - Angels work behind the scenes as God governs the nations (Dn 10:12-14).
 - Angels announced the birth of our Savior (Lk 1:26-31; 2:8-14).
 - Angels assisted Jesus (Mk 1:13; Lk 22:43).
 - Angels’ primary work today is to assist and aid believers in Jesus (He 1:14).
- We do not pray to the angels. Only God is omniscient. Only God is omnipresent. God wants us to pray only to Him for what we need. Jesus is our only bridge to God. (Lk 18:1,7; 1Tm 2:5)
- The devil is a fallen angel. It is he who tempted Adam and Eve in the form of a serpent. Scripture refers to him as an “unclean spirit” and “the father of lies.” There is no redemption for him and he cannot go back to being holy. He is filled with rage against those whom God loves.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presider Rev. Luke C. Werre
Sermon Rev. Jordan Ertl
Accompanist Mrs. Lisa Schoenherr
Vocalists Mrs. Karen Riley; Mrs. Monica Winttrone
Projection Slides Kayla Frank

ORDER OF SERVICE¹

OPENING HYMN

The God of Love | CW Supplement 725:1-3

A vocalist will sing verse 1.

1 The God of love, in heav'n a - bove, Has
2 "Go guard my sheep, their ways to keep, From
3 At God's com - mand to ev - 'ry land On
an - gels 'round his throne, Down from the
dan - gers lurk - ing near. Pro - tect them
earth the an - gels come. They do his
sky, their home on high, He sends them to his
all, that none may fall, And keep them free from
will and guard us still So we are not a -
own, He sends them to his own.
fear, And keep them free from fear."
lone, So we are not a - lone.

Tune: GOD'S ANGELS (86 866)

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¹ We follow a "liturgy" which comes from a Greek word that means the involvement of the people. Our worship is not entertainment style, as in many pop-culture churches of our day, where the real action is taking place up front while the people are merely an audience. Liturgical worship is a deliberate dialog with God – through the minister. It begins with the confession of sins and an announcement of forgiveness (called an absolution).

INVOCATION

M: The grace of our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature² sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me a sinner.

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority³, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

² This is called "original sin." We were born sinful and inclined to sin – "Surely I was a sinner at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me" (Ps 51:5). Children need a Savior as much as adults do.

³ John 20:22-23 – "Jesus breathed on [his disciples] and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven.'"

O LORD, OUR LORD⁴

C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in
all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,
you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;
you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and
ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,
but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

⁴ This song is our response to the fact that our sins have just been forgiven through the minister. Though the theme of the service is the Festival of Saint Michael and All Angels, our first and primary focus is on the atoning sacrifice of Christ for our sins and our redemption accomplished by the triune God. He is the center of our worship.

O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,
 you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;
 you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the
 King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,
 how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray... Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals. Mercifully grant that as your holy angels always serve and worship you in heaven, so by your direction they may help and defend us here on earth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

2 Kings 6:8–17

⁸Now when the king of Aram was waging war against Israel, he would make plans with his officials, saying, “My camp will be at such and such a place.”

⁹But the man of God would send a message to the king of Israel, saying, “Be careful when you pass this place because the Arameans are going down there.” ¹⁰So the king of Israel would send scouts to the place that the man of God had pointed out. So the man of God warned him, and he was kept safe—and not just once or twice.

¹¹The king of Aram was enraged because of this. He summoned his officials and said to them, “Won't you tell me who of us is for the king of Israel?”

¹²One of his officials said, “No, my lord the king. It is Elisha, the prophet in Israel, who tells the king of Israel the words which you speak in your bedroom.”

¹³Then he said, “Go and see where he is. Then I'll send men and capture him.”

He was told, “Dothan is where he is.”

¹⁴So he sent horses and chariots and a strong force there. They came at night and surrounded the city. ¹⁵When the man of God's servant got up early and went out, there were soldiers, horses, and chariots surrounding the city. So his attendant said to Elisha, “Oh no, my lord! What will we do?”

¹⁶He answered, “Don't be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.”

¹⁷Then Elisha prayed and said, “O LORD, open his eyes so that he can see.” Then the LORD opened the servant's eyes, and he saw that the hills were full of horses and chariots of fire, all around Elisha.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 34⁵

Refrain



Psalm tone



Taste and see that the LORD is good;*
blessed are they who take refuge in him.

The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous*
and his ears are attentive to their cry.

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him,*
and he delivers them.

Refrain

The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them;*
he delivers them from all their troubles.

The LORD is close to the brokenhearted*
and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

The LORD redeems his servants;*
no one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.

⁵ The Psalms are the hymnal of the Old Testament. The words of the Psalms were given by the Holy Spirit to those who composed them. We do not know the original tunes, so we chant them. Take notice of the verse that states, "The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him."

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

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SECOND LESSON

Revelation 12:7–12

⁷There was also a war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought with the dragon. The dragon fought back along with his angels, ⁸but he was not strong enough. There was no longer a place for them in heaven. ⁹The great dragon was thrown down—the ancient serpent, the one called the Devil and Satan, the one who leads the whole inhabited earth astray—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

¹⁰I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying:

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God
and the authority of his Christ,
because the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down,
the one who accuses them before our God day and night.

¹¹They conquered him
because of the blood of the Lamb and
because of the word of their testimony.

They did not love their lives in the face of death.

¹²For this reason, rejoice, you heavens and those who dwell in them.
Woe to the earth and the sea,
for the Devil has gone down to you.
He is full of rage, because he knows that his time is short.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

VERSE OF THE DAY



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 10:17-20

¹⁷The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name!"

¹⁸He told them, "I was watching Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹Look, I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy. And nothing will ever harm you. ²⁰Nevertheless, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names have been written in heaven."

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ, the Lord of Hosts⁶, Unshaken | **CW 499**

SERMON

2 Kings 6:8-17

Those with us are more.

Please stand when presider indicates

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen⁷.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

**He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

⁶ What are “hosts?” Hosts is another word for armies.

⁷ Including angels!

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Please be seated

MUSICAL OFFERING

A musical offering follows—for meditating on the sermon and signing Connection Cards.

Offering plates are found by the doors of the worship space.

A special offering can be made by using this QR code.



“Now about the collection of God’s people... On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income.” (1Co 16:1-2)

Please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Lord Jesus, our Savior and Redeemer, in your Word you reveal to us your wonderful command of the holy angels to accompany us on the journey through this difficult life.

Please send your angels to keep watch over our children, to guard their lives, to deflect any harm to their impressionable souls, especially when we ourselves cannot be present with them.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Send your holy angels to accompany our high school and college students when they are away from home,

to steer them clear of pitfalls and temptations,

to fend off the confusing influences of a sin-sick world,

to protect them from all physical and spiritual dangers.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Loving Savior, assign your holy angels to help care for the elderly among us,
to hold at bay the burdens that overwhelm,
to prevent missteps and accidents,
to assist ease of mobility and enable access of care,
to be present in loneliness.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You once used Michael and his armies to cast satan and all evil angels out of heaven. During this time of satan's rage on earth, give strength and wisdom to the holy angels to guard the Church, the state, all families and our individual persons from his malice. Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Intercessions

Lord Jesus, King of kings and Prince of Peace, you ascended to the Father's right hand from where you exercise all authority in heaven and on earth. You are above and beyond the furthest galaxies. You are within and throughout the smallest molecules. You rule both the visible and invisible realms. We praise you. We gladly boast of your power. Our faith is buoyed by your grace. We are thrilled to join voices with our companions, the holy angels, who call out day and night before your throne:

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord almighty!

The whole earth is full of his glory.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated

THE BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN *(See Insert)*

Please stand when presider indicates

CLOSING PRAYER

Let us pray... Almighty God, look with favor upon these children; grant that, being nourished with all goodness, they may grow in faith and life until they come to the blessed goal of heaven through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

The God of Love | **CW Supplement 725:4**

Dear children all, both great and small,

Our dear Lord loves us so.

For ev'rywhere that we may fare,

His angels also go,

His angels also go.

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THE BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

M: Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ said, “See that you do not look down on one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven.” (Matthew 18:10-11). Mindful of our Father’s care for the young, we bless the youngest members of our congregation on Saint Michael and All Angels Day.

Let us pray... Lord Jesus, our Redeemer, we ask you to bless the youngest members of your Body, the Church, and maintain in them the holy faith which you planted in their hearts by the power of your Spirit in Baptism.

Amen.

Parents, grandparents and godparents are invited now to bring their children forward for each to be individually blessed.

Parents, godparents, grandparents, or friends may bring their children forward, family by family, similar to the way we proceed for Holy Communion. Please wait for the ushers. It is suggested that children 12 and under may be brought forward.

BLESSING HYMNS

I Walk in Danger All the Way | CW 836
Children of the Heavenly Father | CW 502

The pastors will bless each child using this or another blessing:

May the heavenly Father bless you and keep you in His grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

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