

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

September 27, 2026

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.

Restrooms are located in the hallway to the right as you exit the worship space, as well as across the hall as you enter into the school.

Quiet room Parents may use the library in the back of this worship space which still enables you to hear/see the service.

A **Connection Card** and pen are found in the pocket of the chair in front of you. Time will be provided to fill it out during the service. You may drop it in the wicker basket along the wall after the service.

THEME: FESTIVAL OF SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

On the Festival of Saint Michael and All Angels, we focus on the truth that the holy angels are real and that they are gifts of comfort for the Lord's people. Contrary to many of the popular depictions of angels in the world, we especially see today that they are powerful warriors (Psalm 103:20) the Lord sends in defense of His people.

The word 'Saint' is derived from the Latin for 'holy'. Normally saint refers to believers in Jesus, who are declared holy through Jesus' saving work. However, in today's service, it is used to describe one of the holy angels (holy Michael). Michael is an archangel (Jude 9, Daniel 12), that is a leader of the holy angels.

THE BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

Today's service includes "The Blessing of the Children." Parents, grandparents and godparents will be invited to bring their children forward to be blessed.

HOLY BAPTISM 10:30 SERVICE

Liliana Isabelle Augelli, daughter of Jon & Noelle Augelli is clothed with Christ's righteousness in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism (Galatians 3:27). Liliana, welcome to the Peace family and the communion of saints!

MARTIN LUTHER ON BLESSINGS (MORE THAN A FOND WISH)

But this blessing is more than an empty sound of words or some verbal wish... this blessing... states facts and is sure to be fulfilled. It is not a wish; it is the bestowal of a good thing—the bestowal with which he says: “Take these gifts which I am promising you verbally.” In Holy Scripture, there are real blessings. They are more than mere wishes. They state facts and are effective. They actually bestow and bring what the words say. We also have blessings of this kind in the New Testament through Christ’s priesthood, which is our blessing when I say: “Receive the absolution of your sins.” (*Luther’s Works – American Edition Volume 5, pages 140-141*)

BLESSINGS IN THE HOME

The Bible book of Ruth gives us a wonderful example of blessings used in everyday conversation among believers: (Boaz) said to the reapers, “The LORD be with you!” And they said to him, “The LORD bless you!” (Ruth 2:4). The Apostle Paul constantly included blessings in his letters.

Consider blessing your children each night at bedtime or in the morning. Use one of the blessings we use in worship such as *The Lord be with you* or *The Lord bless and keep you...*

Or create a blessing drawn from the Bible by using a name of the Lord + ‘who has’ (insert an example of his creative or saving power) + ‘give you his blessing that you may’ (insert a purpose that is promised in the Bible). You could conclude with the phrase: And the blessing of God Almighty: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you now and forever.

An example of such a blessing: “Jesus the Good Shepherd, who in Baptism made you His dear lamb, give you His blessing that you may not be afraid today, but be comforted by His promise to be by your side, and the blessing of God Almighty: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you now and forever. Amen.”

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presider Rev. Shaun Arndt
Sermon Rev. Jordan Ertl
Accompanist Mrs. Jennifer Werre
Projection Slides Amy Larson

OPENING HYMN

Word and Water, Filled with Promise | CW 647

The vocalists will introduce verse 1. The congregation will join in the remaining verses.

HOLY BAPTISM (10:30 Service)

page 151 in the blue hymnal

Please stand

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CONFESSION

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

ABSOLUTION

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

GLORY BE TO GOD¹

1042 Gloria (Ger) - HYMN TO JOY | CW 1042



1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en, peace to those he
2 On - ly Son of God the Fa - ther, Lamb who takes our



loves so well. On the earth let all his peo - ple speak his
sin a - way, now with him in tri - umph seat - ed— for your



grace, his won - ders tell: Lord, we praise you for your glo - ry,
mer - cy, Lord, we pray: Je - sus Christ, most high and ho - ly,

¹ The *Gloria* has been used in Christian worship since the earliest centuries of the Church. The opening line is the song the angels proclaimed to the shepherds the night of Jesus' birth. The Divine service traces Jesus life and saving work in Word and Song.

might - y Fa - ther, heav - en's King; hear our joy - ful
Sav - ior, you are God a - lone in the glo - ry

ad - o - ra - tion and ac - cept the thanks we bring.
of the Fa - ther with the Spir - it, Three in One!

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The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

FIRST READING

Isaiah 37:9–21a, 33–38

⁹When Sennacherib heard that Tirhakah king of Cush had set out to fight against him, he sent messengers to Hezekiah ¹⁰to say this to Hezekiah king of Judah:

Do not let the God you trust deceive you, saying that Jerusalem will not be handed over to the king of Assyria. ¹¹Listen, you yourself have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all the other lands, destroying them completely. And you expect to be saved? ¹²Did the gods of the nations whom my fathers destroyed save them—Gozan, Haran, Rezeph, and the people of Eden, who were in Tel Assar? ¹³Where is the king of Hamath, and the king of Arpad, and the kings of the cities of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivvah?

¹⁴Hezekiah took the letter from the hand of the messengers and read it. He went up to the House of the LORD and placed it there before the LORD. ¹⁵Then he prayed to the LORD.

¹⁶O LORD of Armies, God of Israel, seated above the cherubim, you alone are God of all the kingdoms of the earth. You made the heavens and the earth. ¹⁷Turn your ear toward me, LORD, and hear. Open your eyes, LORD, and see. Listen to all of the words of Sennacherib, who has defied the living God. ¹⁸It is true, LORD, that the kings of Assyria have destroyed all these lands and their territory. ¹⁹They have thrown their gods into the fire, for they were not gods at all, but the work of human hands, wood and stone. So they have destroyed them. ²⁰Now, LORD our God, save us from his power, and let all the kingdoms of the earth know that you are the LORD, and you alone.

²¹Then Isaiah son of Amoz sent word to Hezekiah.

The LORD, the God of Israel, says that because you have prayed to him about Sennacherib king of Assyria,

³³This is what the LORD says about the king of Assyria:

He will not enter this city.

He will not shoot an arrow there.

He will not advance against it with a shield,
and he will not build a siege ramp against it.

³⁴He will go back by the same route that he came,
and he will not enter this city, declares the LORD.

³⁵For I will defend this city to save it, for my own sake, and for the sake of my servant David.

³⁶Then an angel of the LORD went and struck down one hundred eighty-five thousand men in the Assyrian camp. Early in the morning, there they were—all the dead bodies. ³⁷Then Sennacherib king of Assyria broke camp and left. He returned to Nineveh and remained there.

³⁸One day when Sennacherib was worshipping in the house of his god Nisrok, his sons Adrammelek and Sharezer struck him down with the sword. They fled to the land of Ararat, and his son Esarhaddon became king in his place.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 91E

The vocalists will introduce verse 1. The congregation will join in the remaining verses.



1 Dwell in God Most High as shel - ter, rest with -
 2 With God's truth your shield and buck - ler, you will
 3 If you make the LORD your ref - uge, if you
 4 You will tram - ple co - bras, li - ons, tread on



in Al - might - y's shade. To the LORD I
 fear no ill by night, nor the day - light
 dwell in God a - lone, noth - ing e - vil
 snakes whose fangs in - flame. "For his love to



say, "My ref - uge!"— all my trust, my God, my aid.
 ar - rows fly - ing, nor dis - ease that shuns the light.
 will be - fall you; harm will not come near your home.
 me I'll save him, keep him, for he knows my name.



He will save you from the fowl - er, from the
 None of this will ven - ture near you, though be -
 He will have his an - gels keep you, guard you
 When he calls me I will an - swer, res - cue



dead - ly pes - ti - lence, cov - er you with
 side you thou - sands fall; as he guards you,
 well in all your ways. In their hands they
 him and lift him high; I will show him



out - spread feath - ers, make his wings your con - fi - dence.
 God will sure - ly pay the wick - ed back for all.
 will up - hold you lest your foot a stone should graze.
 my sal - va - tion, with long life will sat - is - fy."

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SECOND READING

Acts 12:1–10

¹At about that time, King Herod laid violent hands on some who belonged to the church, in order to mistreat them. ²He had James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword. ³When he saw that this pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter during the days of Unleavened Bread.

⁴After arresting Peter, Herod put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of four soldiers each to guard him. Herod intended to bring him before the people for trial after the Passover. ⁵So Peter was kept in prison, but the church earnestly offered up prayer to God for him.

⁶The very night before Herod was going to bring him out for trial, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers. He was bound with two chains, while sentries were in front of the door, guarding the prison.

⁷Suddenly an angel of the Lord stood near him, and a light shone in the cell. The angel woke Peter up by striking him on the side, saying, “Quick, get up!” The chains fell from his wrists.

⁸Then the angel said to him, “Get dressed and put on your sandals.” So he did so. Then the angel told him, “Put on your cloak and follow me.” ⁹Peter went out, following the angel, but he did not realize that what the angel was doing was really happening. He thought he was seeing a vision. ¹⁰When they had passed through the first and second guard posts, they came to the iron gate that leads into the city. It opened all by itself for them. They went outside, walked down one street, and immediately the angel left him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Bless the Lord, you his angels,

you strong warriors who obey his word by listening to what he says. Alleluia. (Ps 103:20)

GOSPEL

Matthew 2:13–21

¹³After the Wise Men were gone, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared to Joseph in a dream. He said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, because Herod will search for the child in order to kill him.”

¹⁴Joseph got up, took the child and his mother during the night, and left for Egypt. ¹⁵He stayed there until the death of Herod. This happened to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet: “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

¹⁶When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Wise Men, he was furious. He issued orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and in all the surrounding countryside, from two years old and under. This was in keeping with the exact time he had learned from the Wise Men. ¹⁷Then what was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled:

¹⁸A voice was heard in Ramah,
weeping and great mourning,
Rachel weeping for her children,
and she refused to be comforted,
because they are no more.

¹⁹After Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt. The angel said, ²⁰“Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to kill the child are dead.”

²¹Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken | CW 499

SERMON

Isaiah 37:9-21a, 33-38

The LORD Will Defend

Please stand

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen².

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.

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

² Since we do not normally see the Holy Angels this side of heaven, we are confessing their creation among all the other unseen but real parts of creation.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

O Lord of hosts, eternal, immortal, and invisible King, we praise and thank you for protecting your people through your holy angels, who always behold your face and worship your majesty. Grant, we pray, as you have commanded them to do your will and to serve those who are the heirs of salvation, that they may also care for us that we may be delivered from every peril of body and soul that threatens us. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Be merciful to the people of all nations, O Lord. And since you will reveal your Son Jesus from heaven with his mighty angels to take vengeance on all who have denied you and rejected your love in Christ, extend for the nations their time of grace so that they might come to believe and live eternally. Use us as messengers of your gospel to penetrate the powers of darkness and to bring many to glory. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Look on our own land with your favor. Give our citizens a love for what is true and right. Grant your blessing to all who have authority over us. Prosper our schools and colleges as they train many to proclaim your grace. Bless those who work with their minds and those who labor with their hands so that all human work may benefit your holy Church. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Direct your holy angels to serve all who are in want, trouble, pain, sorrow, disappointment, anxiety, or any other trouble. Comfort them with your power and grace. Grant that your presence may brighten our homes, that children may learn of your tender love, and that all parents may walk in the counsel of your Son. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Special Intercessions

May your holy angels serve you as they serve us and at the end of our lives lead them to carry us to the riches of paradise. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING

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

Honoring God with a portion of our financial blessings is a biblical expression of how we worship Him. [Jesus said] “Come and offer your gift” (Mt 5:24).

Offering plates are by the doors of this worship space.

The Blessing of the Children

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

Lord God, to You We Give All Praise | CW 500

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

Please stand when presider indicates

PRAYER FOR THE CHILDREN

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.³
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.

CLOSING PRAYER

O Lord, King Eternal, send us your holy angels to defend us in both soul and body. Just as you have called us to share with them the blessedness of the world to come, may we follow their example and do your will on earth as it is done in heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ 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.

³ The angels perfectly carry out God's will with delight. We are asking that God would help us do likewise.

CLOSING HYMN

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*⁴ | CW 617

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all
crea-tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host;
praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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⁴ This hymn is based on Psalm 148. “Ye heav’nly host” refers to the holy angels. Host is an older English word meaning army – the heavenly warriors we have seen throughout the service the Lord sends to guard and defend His people.