



THE FESTIVAL OF ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026 ✠ 8:00 AM & 10:15 AM

WELCOME

We're glad you're here and want you to feel comfortable!

WHAT TO EXPECT

The service is printed here except for hymns which are found in the blue hymnal in the pew. Join in as you're comfortable.

FOR FAMILIES

Children are welcome here! We know and Jesus knows that little kids have a hard time sitting quietly sometimes. They are still welcome here. Jesus said: Let the little children come to me! If needed, the entryway has audio so you can still participate.

NEED HELP?

Ask anyone—we're glad to help. Pastors Boettcher and Peil and Vicar Reim would love to meet you - please introduce yourself!

TODAY'S WORSHIP: PRAISING GOD FOR THE HOLY ANGELS AMONG US

The Festival of St. Michael and All Angels has been a minor festival of the Lutheran Church since the time of the Lutheran Reformation and has been observed in the Christian Church since the 1300's. The actual date is September 29th.

This festival leads us to give thanks to God for the victory of heaven's armies against the forces of Satan and for the protection His holy angels provide us: "He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways." (Ps 91)

As with all minor festivals within the Lutheran Church, the focus of the celebration and worship is not on the saint, but is an opportunity again to give glory and thanksgiving to God for the saints and what the Lord has done through them.

THE "BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN"

Jesus' words in Matthew 18:10 are the basis for the custom that we follow this morning of blessing the children among us: *"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."*

In Mark 8:10 we read: *"He [Jesus] took the children in His arms, put His hands on them and blessed them."* It fills us with awe to see how important children are to our Lord. If He assigns His holy, powerful princes of heaven to look after them – then shouldn't we be all the more serious about our responsibilities toward our children?

WHAT DOES THE BLESSING ACTUALLY GIVE?

Like anything spoken from God's Word, the blessing gives exactly what the words say to those who believe them. Today the pastor speaks the same blessing that is spoken over us at Holy Baptism.

HOW DO THE CHILDREN COME FORWARD FOR THE BLESSING?

After the Lord's Prayer, all those who wish to may come forward. Parents, Grandparents, Godparents, etc, may bring children of any age forward and form a line for blessing.

THE DIVINE SERVICE

 *The congregation speaks and sings the words in **BOLD** type.* 

HYMN 770 God of Grace and God of Glory

INVOCATION

Please stand at the minister's direction if you are able

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

Matthew 28:19

Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

1 John 1:8

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

1 John 1:9

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 reflection

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.

DIALOGUE OF PRAISE

Praise the LORD from the heavens

Praise him in the heights above.

Praise him all his angels,

Praise him all his heavenly hosts.

Let them praise the name of the LORD,

**For he commanded and they were
created.**

He set them in place forever and ever;

**He gave a decree that will never pass
away.**

(verses of Psalm 148)

Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand time ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they sang:

**“Worthy is the lamb, who was slain, to
receive power and wealth and wisdom
and strength and honor and glory and
praise!”**

(Rev 5:11-12)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

And also with you.

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.

Be seated.

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING

2 Kings 6:8-17

Now the king of Aram was at war with Israel. After conferring with his officers, he said, "I will set up my camp in such and such a place."

The man of God sent word to the king of Israel: "Beware of passing that place, because the Arameans are going down there." So the king of Israel checked on the place indicated by the man of God. Time and again Elisha warned the king, so that he was on his guard in such places.

This enraged the king of Aram. He summoned his officers and demanded of them, "Tell me! Which of us is on the side of the king of Israel?"

"None of us, my lord the king," said one of his officers, "but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the very words you speak in your bedroom."

"Go, find out where he is," the king ordered, "so I can send men and capture

him." The report came back: "He is in Dothan." Then he sent horses and chariots and a strong force there. They went by night and surrounded the city.

When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. "Oh no, my lord! What shall we do?" the servant asked.

"Don't be afraid," the prophet answered. "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them."

And Elisha prayed, "Open his eyes, Lord, so that he may see." Then the Lord opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 91 | *selected verses*

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

He will cover you with his feathers,
and under his wings you will find refuge;

You will not fear the terror of night,
nor the arrow that flies by day,
nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness,
nor the plague that destroys at midday.

If you say, "The Lord is my refuge,"
and you make the Most High your dwelling,

no harm will overtake you,
no disaster will come near your tent.

For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways;

they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

**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.**

SECOND READING

Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.
Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say:
"Now have come the salvation and the power
and the kingdom of our God,
and the authority of his Messiah.
For the accuser of our brothers and sisters,

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Praise the Lord, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding.
Alleluia!

THE HOLY GOSPEL

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"
He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.
"If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large

Revelation 12:7-12

who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down.
They triumphed over him
by the blood of the Lamb
and by the word of their testimony;
they did not love their lives so much
as to shrink from death.
Therefore rejoice, you heavens
and you who dwell in them!
But woe to the earth and the sea,
because the devil has gone down to you!
He is filled with fury,
because he knows that his time is short."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalms 103:20

Matthew 18:1-10

millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea. Woe to the world because of the things that cause people to stumble! Such things must come, but woe to the person through whom they come! If your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life maimed or crippled than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell.

“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, O Christ!

Be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY | 500 Lord God, to You We Give All Praise

SERMON

Please stand

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy Christian Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Be seated

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

We come to You, Holy Father, with praise and thanksgiving, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Him we beg You to accept and bless the prayers and gifts we bring. Do not consider what we truly deserve, but grant us Your forgiveness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Remember, Lord, Your holy Church. May Your holy angels watch over her and guard her. Grant her peace and unity throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Remember, Lord, our president, our public servants and all in our armed forces. Guide, bless, protect and uphold them in honor. Bring all nations into the ways of peace and justice. In Your kindness and love, grant us

seasonable weather and an abundance of the fruits of the earth. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Remember, Lord, all who suffer for Your name, all who are in prison, the hungry and ill-clad, the poor and the lonely, those who travel and all who cry out to You in their time of need, especially all who have asked for our prayers. Grant that Your holy angel may be with them always that the evil foe may have no power over them. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Remember, Lord, all who are gathered here before You, our living and true God. We pray for our well-being and redemption. Grant us always the company of Your holy angels. Order our days in Your peace, deliver us from the danger of eternal death

and number us among Your chosen flock.
Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Father, in communion with the whole Church we give You thanks for Your saints, in whom You have given us a mirror of Your mercy and grace. Give us grace to walk before You with faith like theirs, and grant us a share in their blessed fellowship with all the holy angels. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for... Mike and Joeleen Jones, Betty Moser, John Farrel (all with health struggles), Judy (Nancy Brandt's sister diagnosed with cancer), Bob Bruce (in hospice care), Francine Bailey (recovering

from surgery), Brent's son and baby Gentry (both in need of transplant), baby Robert (giving thanks for strength and growth)

Remember us in your kingdom as we pray...

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

OFFERING



Moved by God's love in Christ, we return to God our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to Him.

There is an offering plate in the entry way for those who wish to give in that way.

One time or recurring GIFTS can be given through an account on our app: Church Center (QR Code on the left.)

*Or, for a one time gift, text **Give + dollar amount (example: Give\$5) to 1 (844) 791-0302.** You'll receive a link to follow in response.*

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). Mindful of our Father's care for the young, we offer prayer on behalf of the youngest members of our congregation on St. Michael and All Angel's Day.

Let us pray.

Father in heaven, bless parents, grandparents and godparents, that they may cherish the children entrusted to them. Make them wise and understanding, enable their children to grow in grace and the knowledge of You, and surround their families with the light of Your truth and the warmth of Your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Parents, grandparents and sponsors are now invited to bring their children forward for the blessing.

Pastor or Vicar will bless each child saying...

The Triune God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – has forgiven all your sins. May God strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

During the blessing of the children the congregation sings the hymns listed below.

HYMN | 782 Luther's Morning Prayer *We sing the stanza marked 'morning' and then stanza 2.*

HYMN | 679 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

HYMN | 502 Children of the Heavenly Father

Please stand

LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER

In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and all evil, that all my doings and life may please You. Into Your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, so that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

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.

Be seated

CLOSING HYMN 870 O Church, Arise



We thank Neil Woller for adorning our worship this morning with music to our Savior's glory.



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