



MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

Sunday, September 29, 2024
11:00 A.M.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH!

Plain text indicates a part of the liturgy led by a worship leader; **bold text** indicates a congregational response.

Hymn numbers refer to their corresponding pages in the back of the *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* hymnal.

Please leave your offering in the plate at the front of the nave, near the pulpit. If you would like to give online, you may use the QR code to the right.



On this festival day the church ponders the richness and variety of God's created order and the limits of human knowledge of it. The scriptures speak of angels (the word means "messengers") who worship God in heaven, and in both testaments angels speak for God on earth. They are remembered most vividly as they to the shepherds and announce the birth of the Savior. Michael is an angel whose name appears in Daniel as the heavenly being who leads the faithful dead to God's throne on the day of resurrection. In Revelation, Michael fights in a cosmic battle against Satan. We see in Revelation 12:11 that God's victory ultimately comes by Jesus' death and the testimony of his followers. The power of God's truth gives us confidence in the face of evil on earth, even in the face of our own death.

Standing is the posture of the resurrection. We stand when we sing hymns and for other parts of the service as an expression of resurrection joy. It is a way of proclaiming that Jesus is powerfully alive! Colossians 3:14-18

Welcome

Prayer Requests

Prelude

Lord God, to Thee We Give All Praise

Austin Lovelace

We stand as we are able.

Opening Dialog

P Bless the Lord, all you multitude of angels.

C **Bless the Lord, O inhabitants of earth.**

P God sends forth his angels for divine service:

C **To serve those who are to inherit salvation.**

P The Lord commands the angels concerning you:

C **To watch and guard you in all your ways.**

P When the Son of Man comes with the clouds:

C **He will order his angels to gather the elect.**

P Then around the throne we all shall gather:

C **And sing with all the heavenly host: "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord!"**

The apostolic greeting quotes the apostle Paul (2 Cor. 13:14)

Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

The Song of Praise, or Gloria ("Glory to God..."), is a continuation of resurrection praise. With the angels we sing God's glory revealed in Jesus Christ. (Luke 2:14).

Song of Praise

Glory to God

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



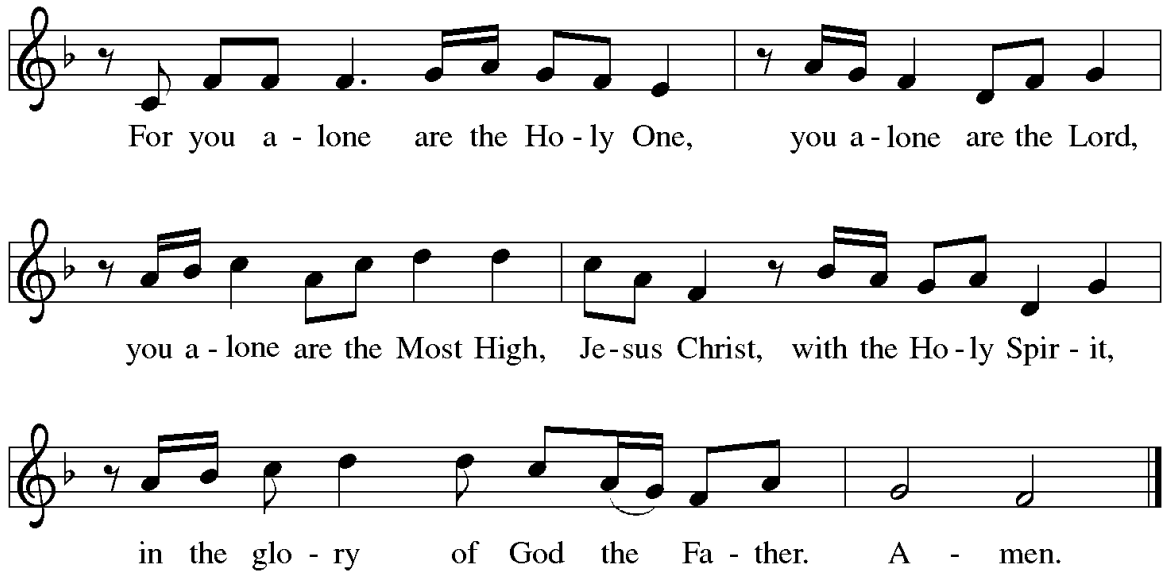
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Everlasting God, you have wonderfully established the ministries of angels and mortals.

Mercifully grant that as Michael and the angels contend against the cosmic forces of evil, 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 whom we worship and praise with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, now and forever.

C **Amen**

We are seated.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children’s Sermon

First Lesson: Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3

L A reading from Daniel.

¹⁰A hand touched me and roused me to my hands and knees. ¹¹He said to me, “Daniel, greatly beloved, pay attention to the words that I am going to speak to you. Stand on your feet, for I have now been sent to you.” So while he was speaking this word to me, I stood up trembling. ¹²He said to me, “Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. ¹³But the prince of the kingdom of Persia opposed me twenty-one days. So Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, and I left him there with the prince of the kingdom of Persia, ¹⁴and have come to help you understand what is to happen to your people at the end of days. For there is a further vision for those days.

^{12:1}“At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ²Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Prayer of the Day is tied to the overall theme of the scripture lessons or, sometimes, to the theme of day if it is a special occasion in the church calendar.

The tradition of reading sacred scripture in worship is a tie to our roots in Judaism. 1 Timothy 4:13 reminds us of the importance of this practice.

The first reading is from the Old Testament.

A psalm is spoken or sung as a response to the first reading.

Psalm 103:1-5, 20-22

*We sing the psalm responsively, with the congregation singing the verses in **bold**.*

¹Bless the LORD, | O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's | holy name.

²**Bless the LORD, | O my soul,
and forget not | all God's benefits—**

³who forgives | all your sins
and heals all | your diseases;

⁴**who redeems your life | from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast | love and mercy;**

⁵who satisfies your desires | with good things
so that your youth is renewed | like an eagle's.

²⁰**Bless the LORD, you angels, you mighty ones who | do God's bidding,
who obey the voice | of God's word.**

²¹Bless the LORD, all you | hosts of God,
you servants who | do God's will.

²²**Bless the LORD, all you works of God, in all places | where God rules;
bless the LORD, | O my soul.**

The second reading, usually from the New Testament letters, bears the witness of the early church.

Second Lesson: Revelation 12:7-12

L A reading from Revelation.

⁷War broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, ⁸but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. ⁹The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

¹⁰Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming,

“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 comrades has been thrown down,
who accuses them day and night before our God.

¹¹But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb
and by the word of their testimony,

for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.

¹²Rejoice then, you heavens

and those who dwell in them!

But woe to the earth and the sea,

for the devil has come down to you

with great wrath,

because he knows that his time is short!”

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Acclamation gives special focus to the Gospel, the principal and climactic biblical reading in the liturgy.

We stand.

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Liturgy of the Word culminates in the reading of the gospel and the sermon by which Christ comes among his people and speaks to us in our own context. Because of this we stand to listen to the good news of our Lord.

The Gospel: Luke 10:P17-20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 10th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁷The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" ¹⁸He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

Sermon

Pastor James Armentrout

This hymn complements the day's scripture readings and sermon.

We stand as we are able and sing the hymn.

Hymn

Lord God, to Thee We Give All Praise

1. Lord God, to thee we give all praise, with grate - ful
 2. They shine with light and heav'n - ly grace and con - stant -
 3. They nev - er rest nor sleep as we; their whole de -
 4. All watch - ful is the an - gel band that fol - lows
 5. For this, now and in days to be, our praise shall

hearts our voi - ces raise, that an - gel hosts thou
 - ly be - hold thy face; they heed thy voice, they
 - light is but to be with thee, Lord Je - sus,
 Christ on ev' - ry hand to guard his peo - ple
 rise, O Lord, to thee, whom all the an - gel

didst cre - ate a - round thy glor - ious throne to wait.
 know it well, in god - ly wis - dom they ex - cel.
 and to keep thy lit - tle flock, thy lambs and sheep.
 where they go and break the coun - sel of the foe.
 hosts a - dore with grate - ful songs for - ev - er - more.

Today's Hymn of the Day was written by Philipp Melancthon (1497-1560), a partner with Martin Luther in the Reformation (Luther invited Melancthon to teach with him at Wittenberg) and Luther's eventual successor in leading the Reformation, upon Luther's death. The hymn that we sing today is a translation of a translation—Melancthon's hymn (*Dicimus grates tibi*) was written in Latin in 1539, and translated into German in 1569; the English translation was made in the late 19th century.

J. S. Bach set the German text, *Herr Gott, dich loben alle wir*, in his cantata for St. Michael's Day in 1724, using the same tune that we sing this morning. The tune comes from the Genevan Psalter, a hymnal of metrical psalms; it has come to be known as OLD 100TH because it was used for Psalm 100. The Genevan Psalter was commissioned by John Calvin, a founder of the Reformed churches, the tradition to which Presbyterians, among others, belong.

The Apostles' Creed (which begins, "I believe...") is traditionally attributed to the first apostles, working under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. It has been known to the church since at least the fourth century.

We join our hearts in prayer as we pray for the Church, for the well-being of creation, for peace and justice, for those in need. 1 Timothy 2:1-2

Much more than a pleasant greeting—we do this to proclaim God's promise of peace. 2 Corinthians 13:11

Creed

P Living together in trust and hope we confess our faith.

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

The Prayers



Each petition concludes:

P Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

THE EUCHARISTIC LITURGY

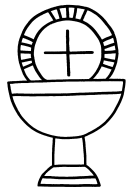
The Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

We greet one another, saying "Peace be with you."

The Offering



Our gifts are received and dedicated to our Lord's service. These offerings support the ministries of this congregation, the Virginia Synod, ELCA, and our global mission partners.

As our gifts of offerings and tithes are brought forward we sing a canticle of thanksgiving for God's generous goodness.

Our prayer is modeled after the Jewish prayer of thanksgiving and dedicates the giver to a stewardship of all life.

The Thanksgiving Dialogue begins the part of our worship called the Great Thanksgiving.

The dialogue and the Proper Preface are ancient parts of the worship which proclaim our thanks for the gifts of God in the meal.

Offertory

Christ, the Fair Glory of the Holy Angels

The choir sings stanzas 1 through 5; all stand and sing stanza 6 together.

1. Christ, the fair glory of the holy angels, maker of all things, ruler of all nations, grant of thy mercy unto us thy servants steps up to heaven.
2. Send thine archangel Michael to our succor; peacemaker blessed, may he banish from us striving and hatred, so that for the peaceful all things may prosper.
3. Send thine archangel Gabriel, the mighty; herald of heaven, may he, from us mortals, drive every evil, watching o'er the temples where thou art worshiped.
4. Send from the heavens Raphael thine archangel, health-bringer blessed, aiding every sufferer, that, in thy service, he may wisely guide us, healing and blessing.
5. May the blest mother of our God and Savior, may the celestial company of angels, may the assembly of the saints in heaven, help us to praise thee.

All stand and sing together:

Fa - ther Al - might - y, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, God ev - er
 bless - ed, hear our thank - ful prais - es; thine is the glo - ry
 which from all cre - a - tion ev - er a - scend - eth.

Offertory Prayer

P Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God,
C **source of every gift of your creation.**
By these gifts and with our lives,
help us to serve one another and all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen

Thanksgiving Dialogue

The Lord be with you. **And al - so with you.**
 Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Proper Preface

The presiding minister continues: "It is indeed right ..."

The proper preface concludes: "we praise your name and join their unending hymn."

The Sanctus ("holy") echoes the angels' cry in Isaiah 6:3 and the crowds of Mark 11:9 as Jesus entered Jerusalem. This reminds us that we are in the presence of a God identified both by holiness and humility.

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

The Eucharistic Prayer recalls God's saving acts throughout history and, particularly, the words and actions, the commands and promises of Jesus at the last supper with his disciples as recorded in scripture.

Eucharistic Prayer

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
 who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
 who preached good news to the poor,
 and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C Amen

*The Lord's
Prayer brings
the Great
Thanksgiving to
a conclusion.
Prayed here,
this familiar and
beloved prayer
becomes the
table-prayer of
the congrega-
tion. Luke 11:1-
13; Matthew 6:5
-15*

The Lord's Prayer

P Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

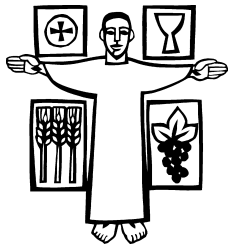
**C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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

We are seated.



COMMUNION WITH OUR RISEN LORD
WELCOME TO CHRIST'S TABLE

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

We come forward by way of the center aisle to receive communion at
the altar rail. We return to our pews by way of the side aisles.



*Once we have
all received the
sacrament and
returned to our
seats, we cele-
brate the per-
sonal encounter
with the risen
Christ through
blessing, prayer,
and singing.*

Post-Communion Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

P Let us pray. Holy God,

**C you have welcomed us to this meal
and fed us with dignity at your table.**

**Send us now to welcome others
and to be at peace with one another,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen

Blessing

P The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and
remain with you for ever.

C Amen

We are dismissed from worship knowing that our service does not end. Rather, having been in the presence of the risen Lord, we leave so that our service may truly begin.

Dismissal

P Go in peace loving God and loving your neighbor.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Festival Alleluia

Dan Miller

The **altar flowers** for today are given by Susan Ware in memory of her father, Robert McLelland for his 100th Birthday.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S		
Sunday, September 29	11AM	Worship with Holy Communion
Monday, September 30	5PM—7PM	The Lion's Share open
Tuesday, October 1		
Wednesday, October 2		
Thursday, October 3		
Friday, October 4	10AM—noon	The Lion's Share open
	6:30PM	NA meeting (Library)
Saturday, October 5	9AM—noon	Choir workshop (Nave)
	8PM	NA meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday, October 6	11AM	Worship with Holy Communion

SERVING IN WORSHIP		
	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
Greeter	Harry Brewbaker & Connie Watkins	Lois Ashby & Sandy Anders
Lector	Andy Stowasser	Maryanne Meloy
Communion Assistant	Nan Keenan & Eric Mills	Lois Ashby
Coffee Hour		

Attendance Last Sunday	54
Offering Received (Pledges/Loose)	\$1,728.10
Budget (Pledges/Loose)	\$3,531.00



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Loving God, Loving Our Neighbor

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