

# **FAITH**

## **LUTHERAN CHURCH**



**ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS**

**SERVICE NOTES FOR THIS MORNING**

In the Church Year, September 29th is set aside as the Feast Day of Michael and All the Angels. St. Michael's name is used because he is one of the two good archangels - the leaders of the angels - named in Scripture. Michael is the prince, the protector, guardian. Gabriel is the messenger, announcer, the bringer of glad tidings of great joy. This day marks the

beginning of the third part within the Trinity season: Michaelmas, where we meditate on the struggle of the Church against sin and satan.

**SERVING TODAY**

Preacher:	Rev. Jeff Hendrix
Organist:	Caroline Rehborg
Altar Guild:	Kathy Ackerman

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## SERVICE OF PREPARATION



*The first part of our service prepares  
our hearts to come before God.  
God forgives our sins and the theme  
for the day is set in the introit.*

### OPENING HYMN

Lift High the Cross | 194 vv. 3 & 4

### INVOCATION & CONFESSION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- C** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature 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.**

### ENTRANCE HYMN / KYRIE ["Lord, Have Mercy"]

Thou Highest Comfort | 33 v. 4

- C** ♪ **Thou highest Comfort in ev'ry need,  
Grant that neither shame nor death we heed,  
That e'en then our courage may never fail us  
When the foe shall accuse and assail us.  
Lord, have mercy!**
- P** 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 and ordained 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.
- C** Amen.

**C** *♪* All glory be to God alone,  
 Forevermore the Highest One,  
 Who doth our sinful race befriend  
 And grace and peace to us extend.  
 Among mankind may His good will  
 All hearts with deep thanksgiving fill.

*The Gloria is the oldest song of our liturgy, sung here in the form of a hymn. This song was the song that the angels sang as Christ made his dwelling on earth at Christmas. Through God's Word, Christ will again abide with us.*

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** O everlasting God, as You have ordained and constituted the service of angels and humans in a wonderful order, mercifully grant that, even as Your holy angels always serve You in heaven, so by Your appointment they may also help and defend us here on earth; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

**C** *♪* Amen.

## SERVICE OF THE WORD



*Our service builds towards the hearing of the Gospel. The lessons and even the chief hymn all reflect the theme of the Gospel.*

## OLD TESTAMENT

### Genesis 28:10-22

<sup>10</sup>Jacob set out from Beersheba and traveled toward Haran. <sup>11</sup>He came to a certain place and decided to spend the night there, because the sun had set. He took one of the stones from that place, put it under his head, and lay down to sleep in that place. <sup>12</sup>He had a dream in which he saw a stairway set up on the earth with its top reaching to heaven. There were angels of God ascending and descending on it. <sup>13</sup>There at the top stood the Lord, who said, "I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. The land on which you are lying, I give to you and to your descendants. <sup>14</sup>Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south. In you and in your seed all the families of the earth will be blessed. <sup>15</sup>Now, I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back again into this land. Indeed, I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised to you."

<sup>16</sup>Jacob woke up from his sleep, and he said, “Certainly the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it.”<sup>17</sup>He was afraid and he said, “How awe-inspiring is this place! This is nothing other than the house of God, and this is the gate to heaven.”

<sup>18</sup>Jacob got up early in the morning. He took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up as a sacred memorial stone and poured oil on top of it. <sup>19</sup>He named that place Bethel. (Before this, the name of the city had been Luz.)

<sup>20</sup>Jacob took a vow, “If God will be with me to keep me safe on this journey I am making, and if he gives me food to eat and clothing to put on, <sup>21</sup>and I come back to my father’s house in safety, the Lord will be my God, <sup>22</sup>and this stone that I have set up as a memorial stone will be God’s house, and I will certainly give you a tenth of everything that you give me.”

## **EPISTLE**

## **Revelation 12:7-12**

<sup>7</sup>There was also a war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought with the dragon. The dragon fought back along with his angels, <sup>8</sup>but he was not strong enough. There was no longer a place for them in heaven. <sup>9</sup>The 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.

<sup>10</sup>I 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.

<sup>11</sup>They 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.

<sup>12</sup>For 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.

## **CHIEF HYMN**

Lord God, We All to Thee Give Praise | **545 vv. 1, 4, 5, 7**

## GOSPEL

<sup>1</sup> At that time the disciples approached Jesus and asked, “Who then is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” <sup>2</sup>Jesus called a little child, had him stand in the middle of them, <sup>3</sup>and said, “Amen I tell you: Unless you are turned and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>Whoever humbles himself like this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>5</sup>And whoever receives a little child like this one in my name receives me.

<sup>6</sup>“But, if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a huge millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea. <sup>7</sup>Woe to the world because of temptations to sin. Temptations must come, but woe to that person through whom the temptation comes!

<sup>8</sup>“If your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than to be thrown into the eternal fire with two hands or two feet. <sup>9</sup>If your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and throw it away from you. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than to be thrown into hell fire with two eyes. <sup>10</sup>See to it that you do not look down on one of these little ones, because I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. <sup>11</sup>For the Son of Man came to save what was lost.

**P** This is the Gospel of Christ.

**C** Praise be to You, O Christ!

## NICENE CREED

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life; Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission**

of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and life of the world to come.  
Amen.

## SERMON "A Glimpse Into the War of Angels" (Rev. 12:7-12)

### VERSE

And Thus our God, Still at This Day | **545 vv. 10, 12**

*Your offering to the Lord may be placed in the back in one of the plates, or you may set up direct deposit by filling out a form available on our website.*

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. \_\_\_\_\_

*Pastor prays on behalf of the congregation. Each prayer ends with:*

**P** ...Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer. \_\_\_\_\_

**P** ... one God, now and forever.

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT



*Christ, our crucified and risen Lord,  
now brings us His Body and Blood  
which were shed for us, whereby He  
forgives all our sins.*

### EXHORTATION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.

**☞ ♪** Isaiah, mighty seer, in days of old  
 The Lord of all in spirit did behold  
 High on a lofty throne, in splendor bright,  
 With flowing train that filled the Temple quite.  
 Above the throne were stately seraphim;  
 Six wings had they, these messengers of Him.  
 With twain they veiled their faces, as was meet,  
 With twain in rev'rent awe they hid their feet,  
 And with the other twain aloft they soared,  
 One to the other called and praised the Lord:  
     "Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth!  
     Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth!  
     Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth!  
 Behold, His glory filleth all the earth!"  
 The beams and lintels trembled at the cry,  
 And clouds of smoke enwrapped the throne on high.

*Seraphim ("burning ones") are a class of angels. They are seen most profoundly here in Isaiah's vision (Is. 6), each with six wings, singing praises to the Triune God. Here, they carry a coal to Isaiah's lips to cleanse his sin, just as our Lord's body and blood will do for us in a moment.*

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**☞** Amen.

## AGNUS DEI [Lamb of God (John 1:29)]

Lamb of God, Pure and Holy | **41 v. 3**

**☞ ♪** Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross didst suffer,  
 Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.  
 All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o'er us:  
 Thy peace be with us, O Jesus! O Jesus!



## DISTRIBUTION

- *Holy Communion is limited to communicant members of our fellowship, who have properly announced themselves to the pastor beforehand.*
- *Please limit one family per side of the communion rail, or two individuals per side.*
- *To receive the host, form a cup with your hands to receive.*
- *While others commune, take this time to pray the prayers for Communion (ELH pg. 40) or read the hymn “O Lord, We Praise Thee, Bless Thee, and Adore Thee” (327).*

## THANKSGIVING .

**P** Lord God, our heavenly Father, we thank You, that of Your great mercy You have given us Your holy and blessed Word, by which You also among us gather Your Christian Church. We humbly entreat You, grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we receive Your Word with thankful hearts, and live according to it, and ever increase in Christian faith, and hope, and love, and at last obtain eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your beloved Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## BENEDICTION

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you † and give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## HYMN

Jesus, Brightness of the Father | **547 vv. 1, 2**

# NEWS & NOTES

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Today	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>St. Michael &amp; All Angels (observed) Divine Service</b>
	10:30am	Voters' Assembly
Thursday	All Day	Private Communion Available at Church <i>(Please sign up online)</i>
Friday-Sunday		Return to Wittenberg Conference
Sunday	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Trinity 19 Divine Service</b> <i>(Mark Marozick, preacher)</i>

## UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES

- Sun. 9/27 – St. Michael & All Angels
- Sun. 10/11 – Faith 40th Anniversary Service
- Sun. 10/18 – Commemoration of St. Luke
- Sun. 10/25 – Reformation Sunday
- Sun. 11/1 – All Saints Day Service

## BIBLE STUDY – IN PERSON, OUTSIDE

An in-person Bible Study will meet outside at the Waterman Triangle Park Shelter, one block away from here. We will meet around 10:15am or so. The study will be a study of 1 Corinthians.

## FELLOWSHIP OUTSIDE AFTER SERVICE

Consolation among believers is a great thing. You may do so in a safer way outside following the service, without the requirement to wear masks.

## REGISTER FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP

If you have not registered for today's service, please go to our website to register. This is important for 3 reasons: 1. planning and capacity purposes, 2. preparation for Holy Communion, and 3. Record-keeping and pastoral care during COVID-19 in place of physical registration cards. [faithlutheranoregon.com/Register](https://faithlutheranoregon.com/Register)

## NEED FOR VOLUNTEERS

Due to the Dane County mandate requiring students to attend class virtually this semester, many students with working parents will be negatively impacted. Faith would like to open an "out of school learning space" to host children

during the school day. Volunteers are needed to help with cleaning in the evenings. Speak with Pastor if you can help for even an hour per week.

## RETURN TO WITTENBERG (R2W)

R2W is a whole-family conference aimed at providing encouragement, instruction and community on the basis of a shared love for Christ and the teachings of the Lutheran Confessions. It will be held October 2-4 in Tomah, WI. Register at [returntowittenberg.org](https://returntowittenberg.org)



