

ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS (OBSERVED)

Sunday, September 29, 2024 –8:00 and 10:45 AM

Thursday, October 3, 2024 – 6:30 PM

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated today. As a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we follow the historic Christian practice of closed communion. According to the words of St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 11, only those who share the same outward confession of faith join us at the altar. Members of other LC-MS congregations are welcome, but we ask that you please see the pastor before communing. If you arrive too late to do this before the service, please introduce yourself to the pastor after the service.

✠ *In Nomine Iesu* ✠

Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book 825

Rise, Shine, You People

Divine Service Setting Three

Lutheran Service Book p. 167

The Introit

Psalm 103:20-22; antiphon: v. 1

The congregation chants the verses in **bold** print.

Bless the Lord, | O my soul,*

and all that is within me, bless His | holy name!

Bless the Lord, O you His | angels,*

you mighty ones who do His word, obeying the voice | of His word!

Bless the Lord, | all His hosts,*

His ministers, who | do His will!

Bless the Lord, all His works, in all places of His do- | minion.*

Bless the Lord, | O my soul!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Bless the Lord, | O my soul,*

and all that is within me, bless His | holy name!

Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

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The Old Testament Reading

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

¹⁰And behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees.

¹¹And he said to me, “O Daniel, man greatly loved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for now I have been sent to you.” And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling. ¹²Then he said to me, “Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and humbled yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. ¹³The prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days, but Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I was left there with the kings of Persia, ¹⁴and came to make you understand what is to happen to your people in the latter days. For the vision is for days yet to come. . . .”

¹⁴“At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people.

And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. ²And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Reading

Revelation 12:7-12

⁷Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, ⁸but he was defeated and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. ⁹And the 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. ¹⁰And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. ¹¹And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. ¹²Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Alleluia and Verse

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The Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:1-11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” ²And calling to Him a child, He put him in the midst of them ³and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

⁵“Whoever receives one such child in My name receives Me, ⁶but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

⁷“Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! ⁸And 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 with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. ⁹And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

¹⁰“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven. ¹¹For the Son of Man came to save the lost.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

LSB 522

Lord God, to Thee We Give All Praise



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	<i>Holy God, We Praise Thy Name</i>

✠ *Soli Deo Gloria* ✠

Visitors, we welcome you. Please sign the guest book and introduce yourself to the Pastor. Also complete a blue attendance card located in the pews and put an X in the () if you will be communing with us. We invite you to join us for Bible Study on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the school gym.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Thursday	9/19/24	6:30 p.m.	28
Sunday	9/22/24	8:00 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	85 39

FLOWERS are given in celebration of The Feast of St. Michael and All Angels.

BULLETINS are given in celebration of Linda and Ken Hojnacki’s 51st anniversary

WE PRAY for Daut Gaba, Gerald Garske, Randall Gray (brother of Linda Goetz), Richard Hanson, Elaine Jensen, Barabara Moore, Susan Sochowski (wife of Mark Sochowski), and Phyllis Walker.

SCRIP Orders are due next Sunday, October 6. A Scrip order box, order forms, and envelopes are located in the narthex and church/school office. Call Linda Hojnacki with any questions at (414) 427-5949.

ADULT HANDBELLS started on Tuesday, September 17, but we are still taking volunteers. No previous bell ringing experience is required - although the ability to read music is very helpful. If you are interested - please reach out to Stephen Johnson (sjohnson@ourfatherslutheran.org) for more details.

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE All the required documents have been delivered to the District office. We are now waiting for the District to provide us with some pastoral candidates for our consideration. In the meantime, we will continue to take candidate nominations from the congregation. The nomination forms are in the narthex on the ledge in front of the cry room. Any questions, please contact Dave Felber.

TROJAN HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEK Your Trojans represented well at the 43rd Annual Our Father's 7th & 8th Grade Volleyball Tournament. They fought through some tough competition before eventually falling to St. Paul in the 3rd place game. Thank you for your support of Trojan athletics!

INVITE PASTOR FOR DINNER The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex, if you would like to host a dinner for Pastor on Thursdays before church. If you have any questions, please contact LeAnn Lagerman at 414-333-7994.

OFLS ALUMNI If you or someone you know graduated from Our Father's and went into full-time church work, served in the US Armed Forces, or worked as a first responder, we would like to connect with you. Please contact Principal Cahill at bcahill@ourfatherslutheran.org for more details.

OUR FATHER'S LUTHERAN CHILDCARE is **now enrolling preschoolers** ages 3 and 4 years old starting this September! Our Father's is a state licensed childcare facility which operates year-round Monday-Friday, 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Please contact Amanda McGraw or Michelle Sroka at (414) 282-9057 to learn more about this great opportunity to give your child a Christ-centered education in a family-like environment.

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT St John's Lutheran Church in Port Washington (217 N Freeman Drive) is hosting a Cornhole Tournament and Hog Roast on Saturday, October 12 starting at 11a.m. If you would like to participate in the tournament and need assistance signing up, you can call their office (262-284-2131). Don't want to play cornhole? No problem! Come for the food, drinks, and desserts! There will also be some wonderful auction items including Milwaukee bucks Suite tickets, gift cards to local restaurants such as Beanies and the Shipyard, and so much more! There will be a full list of auction items that we will share with you before the event. If you would like to play cornhole and want a cool T-shirt to remember the event, please be sure to register by September 30. If you have paid and have given us your shirt size by then, you'll get a T-shirt to take home with you after the event! Please consider joining us for an afternoon of fun, fellowship, and some really good food!

FLOWER SPONSORSHIP There are a number of open spots available to sponsor flowers this fall. Please sign up on the chart in the narthex if you would like to celebrate an occasion or remember a loved one by sponsoring flowers. The cost is \$30 per bouquet.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday	9/29	DIVINE SERVICE	8:00 & 10:45 a.m.
Monday	9/30	Girls Volleyball Game @ St. John's Glendale	5:30 p.m.
Tuesday	10/1	Handbell Practice	5:45 p.m.
Wednesday	10/2	CHAPEL SERVICE Morning Bible Study	8:10 a.m. 9:30 a.m.
Thursday	10/3	DIVINE SERVICE	6:30 p.m.
Friday	10/4	No School	
Sunday	10/6	DIVINE SERVICES Sunday School/Adult Bible Class Scrip Due	8:00 & 10:45 a.m. 9:30 a.m.

**THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER
FOR THE WEEK OF
ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS DAY (OBSERVED)**

“Childlike Not Childish”
September 29 through October 5, 2024

Is posture and place important for prayer? To some the answer may be obvious, but as a parent I have learned that it is not obvious by nature. The sinful flesh seeks to distract the flow of devotional activity and concentration in the family. You know that it is harder for a child to do his best when he is listening to the radio or watching TV while attempting homework. Likewise, family devotional activity needs a structure and routine that is organized. It is important to teach children to sit up nicely, put their toys or books aside, fold hands and close eyes during prayer, and speak up so their words are clear. This is the time when you are listening to God and speaking to Him. Thus, sloppy posture and roaming eyes are not consistent with those who come before the King of earth and heaven.

INVOCATION: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
AMEN.

THE CREED

VERSE: In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. **1 John 4:9**

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK: Everlasting God, You have ordained and constituted the service of angels and men in a wonderful order. Mercifully grant that, as Your holy angels always serve and worship You in heaven, so by Your appointment they may also 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**

PSALM OF THE WEEK: 34

PSALMODY PRAYER: O Hearer of the cries of the poor man, send Your holy angel to encamp around this poor sinner and deliver me from all enemies. I give thanks that You grant me to taste Your life-giving flesh and blood in the Sacrament that I may know the depths of Your goodness. Open the ears of this child that I may hear just as You first heard my cries for mercy. **AMEN.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday	1 Kings 3:1-15
Tuesday	1 Kings 3:16-28
Wednesday	1 Kings 4:1, 20-34
Thursday	1 King 5:1-18
Friday	Hebrews 2:1-18
Saturday	Mark 10:2-16

CATECHISM FOR THE WEEK: The Apostles’ Creed

The First Article: Creation

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

Luther, Preface to Burial Hymns (1542): St. Paul exhorts the Thessalonians [1 Thess. 4:13–18] not to sorrow over the dead as others who have no hope, but to comfort each other with God’s Word as having a certain hope of life and of the resurrection of the dead. It is little wonder if those are sad who have no hope. Nor can they be blamed for it. Since they are beyond the pale of faith in Christ, they must either cherish this temporal life as the only thing worthwhile and hate to lose it, or they must expect that after this life they will receive eternal death and the wrath of God in hell and must fear to go there. But we Christians, who have been redeemed from all this by the dear blood of the Son of God, should by faith train and accustom ourselves to despise death and to regard it as a deep, strong, and sweet sleep, to regard the coffin as nothing but paradise and the bosom of our Lord Christ, and the grave as nothing but a soft couch or sofa, which it really is in the sight of God; for he says, John 11 [:11], “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep,” and Matthew 9 [:24], “The girl is not dead but sleeping.” Thus, too, St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 15 [:42–44] bans from his sight every ugly aspect of death in our mortal body and brings

to the fore a wholly delightful and joyous picture of life when he says: “What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable.... It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.” (LW 53:325-326, Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1999)

PRAYER: Each day a different aspect of Christian life is covered.

Monday	Our Baptism, calling, and daily work
Tuesday	Deliverance from sin and temptation
Wednesday	Marriage, family, and schools
Thursday	The Lord’s Supper, the Church, and Her Pastors
Friday	The Preaching of the Cross, the persecuted, and missions
Saturday	True repentance and restoration of the withering
Sunday	The Hope of the resurrection and faithfulness to the Word

THE LORD’S PRAYER

LUTHER’S MORNING PRAYER: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me that the Evil Foe may have no power over me. **AMEN.**

OR

LUTHER’S EVENING PRAYER: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the Evil Foe may have no power over me. **AMEN.**

HYMN OF THE WEEK: *LSB 708 “Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart” (stanza 3)*

**LOOKING FORWARD TO
THE WEEK OF
THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

“What God Has Joined Together”
October 6, 2024

HYMNS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: 834, 863, 862, 822, 424, 725, 529

READINGS

Genesis 2:18-25
Hebrews 2:1-18
Mark 10:2-16

"Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" The question that begins this week's Gospel is almost never asked today. Jesus' discussion of marriage brings a totally different viewpoint. The question is not really whether it is legal, but what is marriage under the Gospel. How does Christ define marriage? Christ instructs the baptized to view marriage from the perspective of the way it was established in creation, not from the view of the sinful world after the fall. While everything else in creation is pronounced good, the male is created first and God says, "It is not good that man should be alone." God gives Adam a wife as a blessing that creation may then be pronounced good. The woman is drawn out of the side of Adam even as the Church is given life from the blood and water which flow from the side of Christ. Though Adam and Eve are two distinct persons, they become one flesh in marriage. The sinful world does not view marriage as a union into one flesh. As sinners we continue to emphasize individuality and pleasure. These views lead to a light treatment of divorce and those who live together outside marriage. Jesus knows only one thing: divorce is sin, not unforgivable, but still a sin which endangers your soul. Marriage is not a creation of man, but a divinely instituted order in which there is blessing. Because God joins male and female in marriage, those who divorce their spouse and marry another are guilty of adultery. This is not the opinion of your pastor. It is the word of Christ. Marriage is a very great blessing and a very serious matter.



September 29, 2024



Pentecost

About the Cover: The devil and his demons have already been cast down from the courts of heaven by St. Michael and his angels! The devil can no longer accuse because Christ's righteous blood shed upon the cross covers all of our sin. Moreover, what a comfort it is to know that the angels of our Lord of Sabaoth fight for us and that any accusations of the tempter that we face today are nothing but the fleeting attempts of a conquered foe whose "time is short" (Revelation 12:12). The final victory on the Last Day by our Lord of Sabaoth is a forgone conclusion.

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