



**THE FESTIVAL OF ST. MICHAEL and ALL ANGELS**

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Waukesha, WI

## NOTES ON TODAY'S SERVICE



*What is the history behind the festival of St. Michael and All Angels?*

'Feasts' or 'Festivals' were times of great rejoicing in the Middle Ages. In an age where backbreaking work from sun-up to sun-down was the rule, a special religious festival could provide some time off for worship and relaxation even in the middle of a week. One very popular festival in Lutheran Churches was the festival of St. Michael and All Angels. (Michael is the only archangel mentioned in the Bible.) This festival has been celebrated in Germany since 813 A.D. and in England since 1019 A.D. St. Michael and All Angels has remained a popular festival in the Lutheran Church throughout her history. This festival falls on September 29<sup>th</sup> in the church calendar.

*This festival does not praise, worship, or honor angels.* That would be idolatry! This festival is meant to thank God for his gift of angels – much like we thank God for the harvest at Thanksgiving or thank God for another year of grace at New Year. We live in dangerous times. Thank God for the protection that his angels provide. In an age where angels are often misunderstood, it is good to hear what the Bible has to say about these ministering spirits who do his bidding!

### **LARGE PRINT SERVICE FOLDERS and HEARING ASSISTANCE**

Large print service folders and hearing assistance devices are available from an usher at your request.

### **OUR FACILITIES**

Our restrooms are located to the left as you leave the sanctuary. They are located near the coat room. The members of Trinity believe that families should be encouraged to worship together. (Church, like much of life, needs to be "taught" to young children.) If your young one needs some "time out," we have an audio-equipped children's room just outside of the church doors to your right. If you need anything during the service, please feel free to ask an usher.

### **PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

Praise to you, O God, maker of all things. You gave me life and breath. You sent your Son to cleanse me from sin and your Spirit to make me glad. Thank you for providing me with all that I need to live. Especially do I thank you for \_\_\_\_\_. To you be honor and glory now and forever. Amen.

# The Feastival of St. Michael and All Angels

September 25, 2011 - 9 and 10:45 a.m.

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## “He Will Command His Angels Concerning You”

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### ORDER OF SERVICE

#### INVOCATION

*Please stand*

**Minister:** In the name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation:** Amen.

#### CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

**M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking 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.**

**M:** 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 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.**

**M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord!

#### HYMN

“God Himself Is Present”  
Hymnal #224

## VERSICLES



M: O Lord, o - pen my lips.



C: And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



M: Has - ten to save me, O God.



C: O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.

M: Praise be to God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: let us worship him.

## COME, OH, COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD

*Venite*



C: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of



our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks - giv - ing,



let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a



great God and a great king a - bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are



in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he  
made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come let us worship and  
bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

## THE WORD OF GOD

### First Scripture Lesson

Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3 (NIV)

*The Archangel Michael is sent to protect the Lord's people*

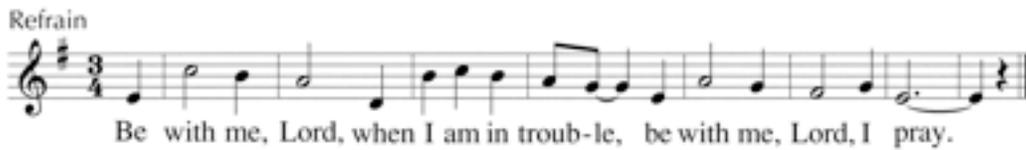
A hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees. 11 He said, "Daniel, you who are highly esteemed, consider carefully the words I am about to speak to you, and stand up, for I have now been sent to you." And when he said this to me, I stood up trembling. 12 Then he continued, "Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to them. 13 But the prince of the Persian kingdom resisted me twenty-one days. Then Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, because I was detained there with the king of Persia. 14 Now I have come to explain to you what will happen to your people in the future, for the vision concerns a time yet to come." 12:1 "At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered. 2 Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. 3 Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.



## PSALM

Psalm 91  
Marty Haugen

*To be sung as follows: The choir sings the opening refrain and verses.  
The congregation sings the refrain after each verse.*



### Verses

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, Most High,  
who abide in the shadow of our God,  
say to the Lord: "My refuge and fortress, the God in whom I trust."
2. No evil shall befall you, no pain come near,  
for the angels stand close by your side,  
guarding you always and bearing you gently, watching over your life.
3. Those who cling to the Lord live secure in God's love,  
lifted high, those who trust in God's name,  
call on the Lord, who will never forsake you.  
God will bring you salvation and joy.

Text: Psalm 91:1-2, 10-11, 14-15; Marty Haugen  
Music: Marty Haugen  
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## SECOND LESSON

Revelation 12:7-12 (NIV)  
*There was war in heaven*

7 And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. 8 But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. 9 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. 10 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 Christ. For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down. 11 They overcame 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. 12 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."

## VERSE

*Sung by the Senior Choir*

Alleluia! Praise the Lord, all His works in His dominion. Praise the Lord, O my soul. Alleluia!

***Stand out of respect for the Words and Works of Jesus***

**GOSPEL**

Luke 10:17-20 (NIV)  
*Satan has been overcome*

17 The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name." 18 He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. 19 I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. 20 However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.

**ANTHEM**

"On Eagle's Wings"  
*by Michael Joncas*

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for life,  
say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain: And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make  
you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear:  
his wings your refuge, his faithfulness your shield. *Refrain*

You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day;  
through thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come. *Refrain*

For to his angels he's given a command to guard you in all of your ways;  
upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. *Refrain*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

"Holy Angels"  
Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish

***To be sung as follows: v. 1 - Choir; vv. 2-3 - All***

***SEE NEXT PAGE***



1 Ho-ly an-gels con - stant - ly sur - round us Bring - ing  
2 Ho-ly an-gels do God's gra-cious bid - ing, Bring - ing  
3 Ho-ly an-gels sang at the cre - a - tion, Then with



peace and bless - ing to each day. Sent by  
mes - sa - ges from heav - en's throne: Might - y  
tears they wept at our deep fall. Ho - ly



God to help and to di - rect us, They pro-  
words of hope to all ad - dress - ing, Tell - ing  
an - gels sang the pro - cla - ma - tion Of our



tect and guard us on life's way. Blest are  
us on earth we're not a - lone, Blest are  
Sa - vior's birth— new life for all. Ho - ly



we to know God's ten - der car - ing And His  
we to know the an - gels' pres - ence Is to  
an - gels sang the res - ur - rec - tion Of our



love are brought on an - gels' wings. For this  
us by God's own Word made sure. Ev - 'ry  
Lord, His vic - t'ry o - ver death. For these



grace, that all our days we're shar - ing, Thank - ful -  
day we walk our ways at - tend - ed; Ev - 'ry  
an - gels and for our sal - va - tion We give



ly each heart His prais - es sings.  
night our rest - ing is se - cure.  
thanks to Christ with all our breath.

## SERMON

Pastor Aaron Christie  
Based upon Psalm 91

### Is the World Really a Scary Place?

+ Yes, because of Satan's problems + No, because of the Lord's protection +

*Please stand*

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Te Deum*

C: We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you,  
 Fa-ther ev-er-last-ing. To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,  
 cherubim and seraphim, sing in end-less praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of  
 heav'n - ly hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry.  
 The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of  
 pro-phets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.  
 Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:  
 Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and on - ly Son,  
 and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo-cate and guide. You, Christ, are the King of  
 glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa-ther. When you became man to

set us free, you humbled yourself to be born of a vir-gin. You overcame the  
 sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.  
 You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Fa - ther.  
 We believe that you will come to be our judge.  
 Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple, bought with the price of  
 your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.

## THE GATHERING OF OUR OFFERING and OFFERING PRAYER

Please take a moment during the gathering of the offering to sign the FRIENDSHIP REGISTER in each of the pews. We encourage you to take a moment after the service to get to know those around you! If you are not a member of Trinity Lutheran, we do not want you to feel obligated to give an offering. We deliberately gather our offerings in church, *because the Bible teaches that giving is an act of worship*. The vast majority of our church and school ministry is carried out by what is given on Sunday morning. May the Lord bless you! And may he use our gifts to be a blessing to many others.

**C: Deliver us from selfish aims; True stewards we would be.  
 Endow us with a deep desire To live unselfishly.  
 A full accounting we must give And see you face to face;  
 Let us approach your throne with joy, Supported by your grace. Amen.**

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

In the 9:00 a.m. Service

## LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

M: In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.

C: Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH, LORD'S PRAYER, and CLOSING COLLECTS

- M:** Heavenly Father, how great is your love to us in Christ Jesus. For the sake of his sacrifice on the cross, you have forgiven all our sins and assured us that we are your dearly loved children now and forever. Because we are heirs of salvation, you have sent your holy angels to serve us.
- C:** **When we feel weak and helpless, comfort us with the knowledge that your powerful angels surround us. When we are concerned about the welfare of our children and our fellow believers, remind us of your promise that guardian angels are also there to watch over them.**
- M:** On various occasions you sent your Archangel Michael to accomplish your purposes. As Michael once fought against the devil and his angels in heaven, assure us that your angels are still overcoming the powers of evil around us in the world.
- C:** **As you sent Michael to carry out your will for the nations of the ancient world, comfort us with the knowledge that your holy angels are still guarding and protecting your institutions of government and family.**
- M:** As you once sent Michael to protect the body of your servant Moses, help us realize that whether we live or die, your angels continue to watch over us and at last will carry our souls to heaven to be with you.
- C:** **O Lord, ruler of nations and Savior of all people, we pray that you would look with mercy on our world now engaged in war and bring this conflict to a rapid end.**
- M:** We bow to your will and hold fast to your promise that you are ruling the world for the welfare of those who love you. We remember before you today the men and women who serve in our nation's armed forces.
- C:** **Be with them, protect them, and help them to faithfully carry out their difficult duties. Relieve the anxious thoughts of loved ones who are concerned about their safety.**
- M:** We know, Lord, that the ultimate cause of war is sin. Lead us to repent of our sins and hold fast to your forgiving love.

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

**M:** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

**M:** As the angels praise your name continuously, so move us to offer you our constant thanks and praise for all you have done and continue to do for us. Hear us for the sake of Jesus our Savior.

**C:** **Amen.**

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

**M:** 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.

**C:** **Amen.**

**M:** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

**C:** **Amen.**



## BLESSING

M: The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.

C: A - men.

## CLOSING HYMN

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”  
Christian Worship #334

### CLOSE OF SERVICE

## 334 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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!

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, abe.

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH (LM) *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551.



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