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"I WALK WITH ANGELS ALL THE WAY"

WELCOME TO TRINITY

The Holy Scriptures often speak of created beings other than humans who worship God in heaven and act as his messengers and agents on earth. These beings are referred to as angels. We are not told much about them, and it is not clear how much of what we are told is figurative. Jesus speaks of angels as *'rejoicing over penitent sinners'* (Luke 15:10). Elsewhere in a statement that has been variously understood, Jesus warns against *'misleading a child, because their angels behold the face of God.'* (Matthew 18:10).

On the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels, popularly called *Michaelmas*, we give thanks for the many ways in which God's loving care watches over us through his heavenly angels, both directly and indirectly, and we are reminded that God has much in his creation beyond our senses that he reveals for our blessing and providence.

St. Michael (whose name means, "Who is like God?") is said to be the captain of the heavenly armies. He is mentioned in Holy Scripture in Daniel 10 where he is said to be 'the prince of the people of Israel'; in Jude 9 where he is said to have 'disputed with the devil about the body of Moses'; and in Revelation 12:7 where he is said to have 'led the heavenly armies against those of the great dragon (the devil).' St. Michael is generally pictured in full armor, carrying a lance, and with his foot on the neck of the dragon. This picture of St. Michael can be seen on the front cover of the service folder.

This Sunday at the 8:15am service, we will recognize our Trinity Called Workers and thank them for their faithful service to the Lord of the Church and to Trinity. In particular this day, we give thanks to God for the faithful service of Pastor Scott T. Oelhafen, who is celebrating his 25th Anniversary in the pastoral ministry and also his 25th Anniversary as Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church. We also give thanks to God for the faithful service of Tracey J. Inniger, Pre-K Director at Trinity Lutheran School, who is celebrating her 40th Anniversary in the teaching ministry. *"Lord God, to you we all give praise!"*

Welcome to all of our guests and visitors to worship this festival day. Please come and worship with us again soon.

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. If your young child needs to be quieted, 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.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

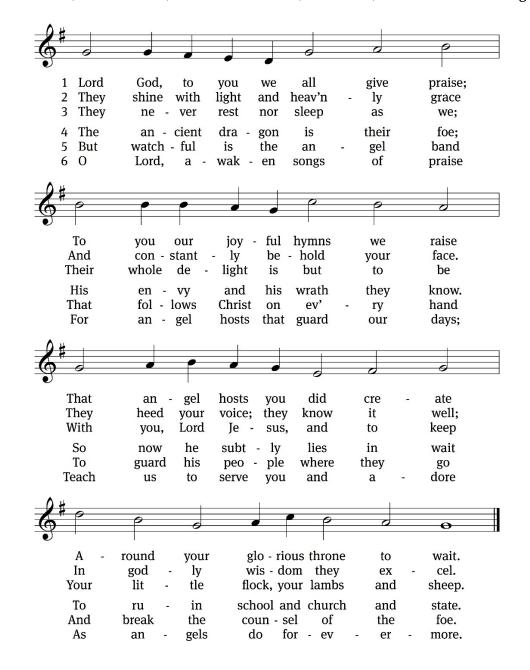
RECOGNITION OF CALLED WORKERS (8:15)

OPENING HYMN

Lord God, to You We All Give Praise

Christian Worship 196 Setting by Ralph Vaughan Williams

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH



v.1-2-All; v.3-Women; v.4-Cantor/Choir; v.5-Men; v.6-All stand to sing

INVOCATION

- M: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

DIALOGUE FOR ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

- M: Let all God's angels worship him.
- C: He makes his angels winds, his servants flames of fire.
- M: Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?

Hebrews 1:6b, 7b, 14

- C: 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. *Psalm* 91:11-12
- M: 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
- C: In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents. *Luke* 15:10
- M: And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. *Revelation* 12:7
- C: The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them. *Psalm 34:7*
- M: An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people. *Luke 2:9-10*
- C: The morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy. *Job 38:7*

CONFESSION OF SINS

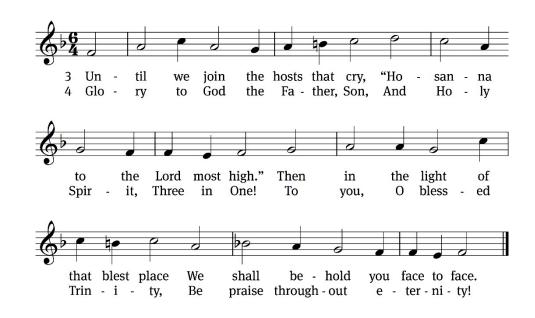
- M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.
- C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

ABSOLUTION

- M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.
- C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now Christian Worship 230:3-4



SALUTATION

- M: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: 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.

C: Amen.

Be seated

ANTHEM (8:15)

Go Into All the World Karen Maio

GO OUT TO THE WHOLE WORLD; PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS TO ALL

CREATION

All have sinned and fall short of God's glory, the way that he made us to be. Jesus' own sinless, righteous behavior is ours who by faith believe.

<u>Refrain</u>

Go into all the world and preach the good news, teaching it to all creation, So ev'ryone who through the Spirit believes may have God's gift of salvation.

God has sent Jesus Christ as our Savior to suffer and die in our place. Therefore there is now no condemnation; for we're justified by grace!

Refrain

Jesus died on the cross to redeem us; our sins have been all washed away. Christ arose and he reigns now in heaven, where we too will live someday!

Refrain

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THE WORD

FIRST READING

2 Kings 6:8-17 Elisha traps blinded Arameans

⁸Now 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." ⁹The man of God sent word to the king of Israel: "Beware of passing that place, because the Arameans are going down there." ¹⁰So 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. ¹¹This enraged the king of Aram. He summoned his officers and demanded of them, "Will you not tell me which of us is on the side of the king of Israel?" ¹²"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."

⁷And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon

and his angels fought back. ⁸But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. ⁹The 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. ¹⁰Then 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. ¹¹They 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. ¹²Therefore 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,

C: Thanks be to God!

After the Reading:

M:

because he knows that his time is short."

The Word of the Lord.

¹³"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." ¹⁴Then he sent horses and chariots and a strong force there. They went by night and surrounded the city. ¹⁵When 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, my lord, what shall we do?" the servant asked. ¹⁶"Don't be afraid," the prophet answered. "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them." ¹⁷And Elisha prayed, "O LORD, open his eyes so 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.

After the Reading:

- M: The Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM OF THE DAY (Saturday & Monday)

Psalm 91 *Christian Worship The congregation sings the entire psalm*

CHORAL PSALMODY (Sunday)

Angels are Given Charge of You Johann Fux

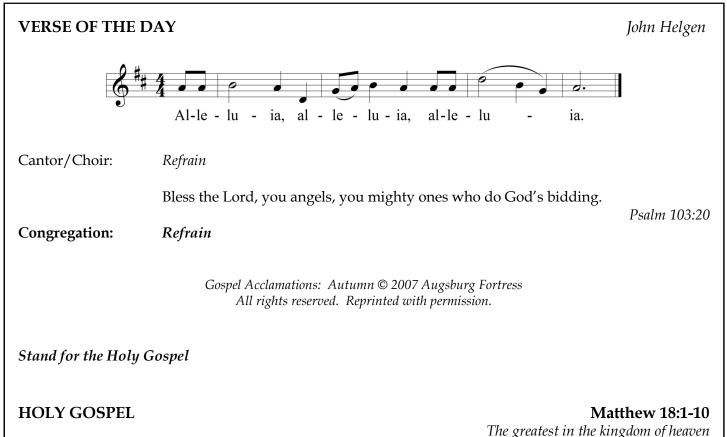
Angels are given charge o'er you at God's command, to be guardians, watching over you in all your ways. In mighty hands they lift you up, to keep you from striking your foot against stone.

Psalm 91:11-12

SECOND READING

Revelation 12:7-12

There was war in heaven



The greatest in the kingaom of heaven

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" ²He called a little child and had him stand among them. ³And he said: "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. ⁵And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me.

⁶"But if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea. ⁷Woe to the world because of the things that cause people to sin! Such things must come, but woe to the man through whom they come! ⁸If your hand or your foot causes you to sin, 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. ⁹And if your eye causes you to sin, 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. ¹⁰"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."

After the Holy Gospel:

- M: The Gospel of the Lord!
- C: Thanks be to God!

Be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

Tune: DOWN AMPNEY



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⁴The rabble with them began to crave other food, and again the Israelites startled wailing and said, "If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we ate in Egypt at no cost – also the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions and garlic. ⁶But now we have lost our appetite; we never see anything but this manna!"

"THERE ARE SUCH THINGS AS MONSTERS" Where they come from What they want to do Why we need not fear them

¹⁰Moses heard the people of every family wailing, each at the entrance to his tent. The LORD became exceedingly angry, and Moses was troubled. ¹¹He asked the LORD, "Why have you brought this trouble on your servant? What have I done to displease you that you put the burden of all these people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all these people? Did I give them birth? Why do you tell me to carry them in my arms, as a nurse carries an infant, to the land you promised on oath to our forefathers? ¹³Where can I get meat for all these people? They keep wailing to me, 'Give us meat to eat!' ¹⁴I cannot carry all these people by myself; the burden is too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is how you are going to treat me, put me to death right now – if I have found favor in your eyes – and do not let me face my own ruin." ¹⁶The LORD said to Moses: "Bring me seventy of Israel's elders who are known to you as leaders and officials among the people. Have them come to the Tent of Meeting, that they may stand there with you.

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people what the LORD had said. He brought together seventy of their elders and had them stand around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took of the Spirit that was on him and put the Spirit on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied, but they did not do so again. ²⁶However, two men, whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but did not go out to the tent. Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷A young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses' aide since youth, spoke up and said, "Moses, my lord, stop them!" ²⁹But Moses replied, "Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the LORD'S people were prophets and that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!"

SERMON THEME (Monday)

"WHERE ARE GOD'S BLESSINGS?" Invisible when I look to myself

Visible when I look to my God

Stand

Numbers 11:4-6,10-16,24-29

Seminarian Seth R. Krueger

Revelation 12:7-12 Pastor Jonathan R. Hein

SERMON (Saturday & Sunday)

SERMON TEXT (Monday)

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

OFFERING

Please take a moment 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 seated around you!

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

BENEDICTION

- M: 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.
- C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN (Saturday & Monday)

CLOSING HYMN (Sunday)

SERVING AT WORSHIP

Presiding Minister

Preacher (Saturday & Sunday)

Preacher (Monday)

Principal Organist (Saturday & Sunday)

Pianist (Monday)

Cantor (Saturday & Monday)

Choirs (Sunday)

Lord, You I Love with All My Heart

Now Rest Beneath Night's Shadow

Christian Worship 434:3

Christian Worship 587:3-4

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