

# Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church



**Thursday, September 26, 2024 @ 7PM**

**Sunday, September 29, 2024**

**@ 8AM & 10:45AM**

**4333 Cleveland Ave, Stevensville, MI 49127**

**Sunday Services @ 8AM & 10:45AM**

**Sunday Bible Class 9:30AM**

**Thursday Evening Service at 7PM**

**Christian Day School: PreK – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

# St. Michael and All Angels

## As We Gather

That the entire world is not a mass of flames, that all towns and villages are not lying in a heap of ruins, we owe to the working and doing of the good angels. They are far more sensible and wise than the evil angels, because they have a mirror in which they look, a mirror the devil does not have. It is called facies Patris, the face of our Lord God. This is why one good angel is far wiser than all the devils put together. The good angels are much mightier too; for they stand in the presence of Him Whose name is Omnipotens, the Almighty. (Martin Luther, Sermon preached on St. Michael’s Day at the Feste Coburg, 1530)

## Prelude

“I Walk in Danger All The Way” (LSB 716)..... Men’s Choir

I walk in danger all the way.  
The thought shall never leave me  
That Satan, who has marked his prey,  
Is plotting to deceive me.  
This foe with hidden snares  
May seize me unawares  
If I should fail to watch and pray.  
I walk in danger all the way.

I walk with angels all the way,  
They shield me and befriend me;  
All Satan’s pow’r is held at bay  
When heav’nly hosts attend me;  
They are my sure defense,  
All fear and sorrow, hence!  
Unharm’d by foes, do what they may,  
I walk with angels all the way.

I walk with Jesus all the way,  
His guidance never fails me;  
Within His wounds I find a stay  
When Satan’s pow’r assails me;  
And by His footsteps led,  
My path I safely tread.  
No evil leads my soul astray;  
I walk with Jesus all the way.

My walk is heav’nward all the way;  
Await, my soul, the morrow,  
When God’s good healing shall allay  
All suff’ring, sin, and sorrow.  
Then, worldly pomp, begone!  
To heav’n I now press on.  
For all the world I would not stay;  
My walk is heav’nward all the way.

Text: Hans Adolf Brorson, 1694–1764; tr. Ditlef G. Ristad, 1863–1938, alt.  
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"Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now" ..... Hymn 902



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, be pres - ent now; Our hearts in  
 2 Un - seal our lips to sing Your praise In end - less  
 3 Then shall we join the hosts that cry, "O ho - ly,  
 Δ 4 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, And Ho - ly

true de - vo - tion bow. Your Spir - it send with  
 hymns through all our days. In - crease our faith and  
 ho - ly Lord Most High!" And in the light of  
 Spir - it, Three in One! To You, O bless - ed

light di - vine, And let Your truth with - in us shine.  
 light our minds; And set us free from doubt that blinds.  
 that blest place We then shall see You face to face.  
 Trin - i - ty, Be praise through - out e - ter - ni - ty!

Text: Lutherisch Hand-Büchlein, 1648, Altenburg; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.  
 Tune: Canticale Germanicum, 1628, Gochshelm  
 Text and tune: Public domain

## Confession and Absolution

Stand

### Invocation

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen. Matthew 28.19b; [18:20]

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8-9

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**© Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

[John 20:19-23]

**C Amen.**

# Service of the Word

## Introit



**P** Bless the LORD, | O my soul,\*  
and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!

**C Bless the LORD, O you his | angels,\***  
**you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice | of his word!**

**P** Bless the LORD, | all his hosts,\*  
his ministers, who | do his will!

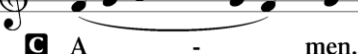
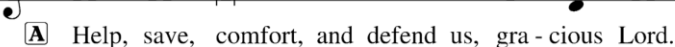
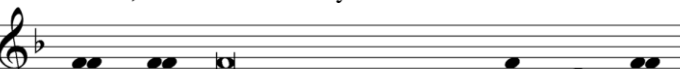
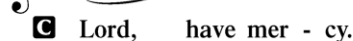
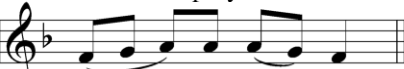
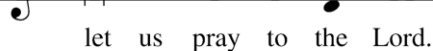
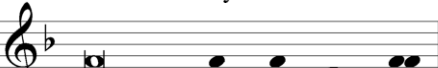
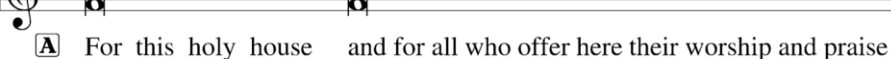
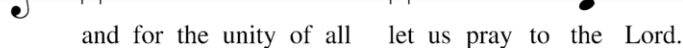
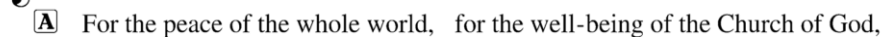
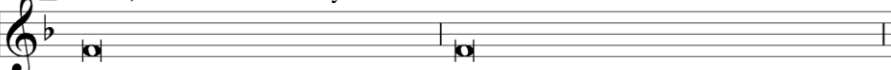
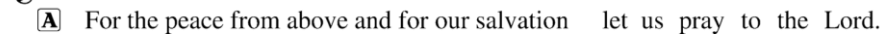
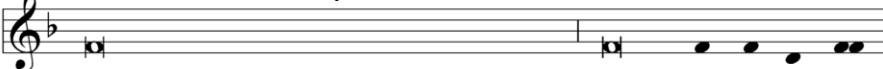
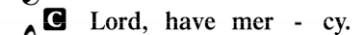
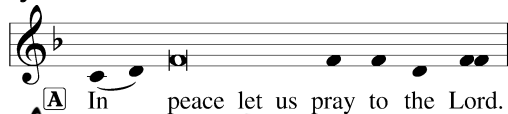
**C** Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his do- | minion.\*  
Bless the LORD, | O my soul!

**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.**

**P** Bless the LORD, | O my soul,\*  
and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!

*Psalm 103:20–22; antiphon: v. 1*

# Kyrie



The first staff of music is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It contains two measures. The first measure has a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, an eighth note A4, and a quarter note B4. The second measure has a quarter note G4, an eighth note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The staff ends with a double bar line.

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## Salutation

**C** And also with you.

## Collect of the Day

**P** Let us pray. 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.

Sit

## Reading from the Book of Concord

*An explanation of what we believe as Lutheran*

*Luther's Small Catechism, Evening Prayer*

*In the evening when you go to bed, make the sign of the holy cross and say:*

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

*Then, kneeling or standing, repeat the Creed and the Lord's Prayer. If you choose, you may also say this little 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.

*Then go to sleep at once and in good cheer.*

## Readings from Holy Scripture

### Old Testament Lesson

**Daniel 10:10–14; 12:1–3**

<sup>10</sup>And behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees. <sup>11</sup>And 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. <sup>12</sup>Then 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. <sup>13</sup>The 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, <sup>14</sup>and 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. . . .”

<sup>14</sup>“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. <sup>2</sup>And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup>And 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.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Gradual

**P** He will command his angels concerning you

**C** to guard you in all your ways.

**P** Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**C** and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Ps. 91:11; 103:1

### New Testament Canticle (LSB 266)

*Refrain*



**C** Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -  
lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.  
Raised from the dead, He will nev - er die a - gain.  
Death has no more do - min - ion o - ver Him.  
*Refrain*  
Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -  
lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Dy - ing, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Liv - ing, He



lives to God. Count your - selves as dead to  
 sin and a - live to God in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.  
*Refrain*  
 Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -  
 lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Epistle Reading

## Revelation 12:7-12

<sup>7</sup>Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, <sup>8</sup>but he was defeated and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. <sup>9</sup>And 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. <sup>10</sup>And 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. <sup>11</sup>And 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. <sup>12</sup>Therefore, 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!”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord

**C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

## Alleluia

**C** 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.

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” <sup>2</sup>And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them <sup>3</sup>and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>5</sup>“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, <sup>6</sup>but 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. <sup>7</sup>“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! <sup>8</sup>And 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. <sup>9</sup>And 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. <sup>10</sup>“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. <sup>11</sup>For the Son of Man came to save the lost.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit  
“Lord God, to Thee We Give All Praise” ..... Hymn 522

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 The an - cient drag - on is their foe; His en - vy  
hearts our voic - es raise, That an - gel hosts Thou didst cre -  
ly be - hold Thy face; They heed Thy voice, they know it  
light is but to be With Thee, Lord Je - sus, and to  
and his wrath they know. It al - ways is his aim and  
ate A - round Thy glo - rious throne to wait.  
well, In god - ly wis - dom they ex - cel.  
keep Thy lit - tle flock, Thy lambs and sheep.  
pride Thy Chris - tian peo - ple to di - vide.

5 As he of old deceived the world  
And into sin and death has hurled,  
So now he subtly lies in wait  
To undermine both Church and state.

6 A roaring lion, round he goes,  
No halt nor rest he ever knows;  
He seeks the Christians to devour  
And slay them by his dreadful pow'r.

7 But watchful is the angel band  
That follows Christ on ev'ry hand  
To guard His people where they go  
And break the counsel of the foe.

8 For this, now and in days to be,  
Our praise shall rise, O Lord, to Thee,  
Whom all the angel hosts adore  
With grateful songs forevermore.

Text: Philipp Melanchthon, 1497–1560; German version, Paul Eber, 1511–69; tr. Emanuel Cronenwett, 1841–1931, alt.  
Tune: Geistliche Lieder aufs new gebessert, 1543, Wittenberg, ed. Joseph Klug  
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**Sermon**  
**“Guardians”**  
**Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3**

*Stand*

**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 sits at the right hand of the Father.**  
**And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,**  
**whose kingdom will 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 in 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 the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

*(You may be seated if necessary.)*

## Prayer of the Church

Sit

### Gathering of Our Tithes and Sacrificial Offerings

*There will be no passing of the offering plates.  
Please place your offering in the plates in the narthex.*

*Offertory*

### "What Shall I Render"

What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru-sa-lem.

# Service of the Sacrament

(Please see our Communion Statement in the announcements on Page 17.)

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## Preface



**P** The Lord be with you.



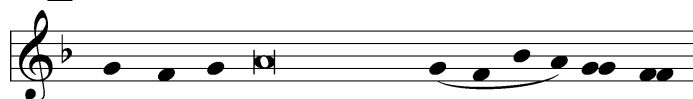
**C** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.



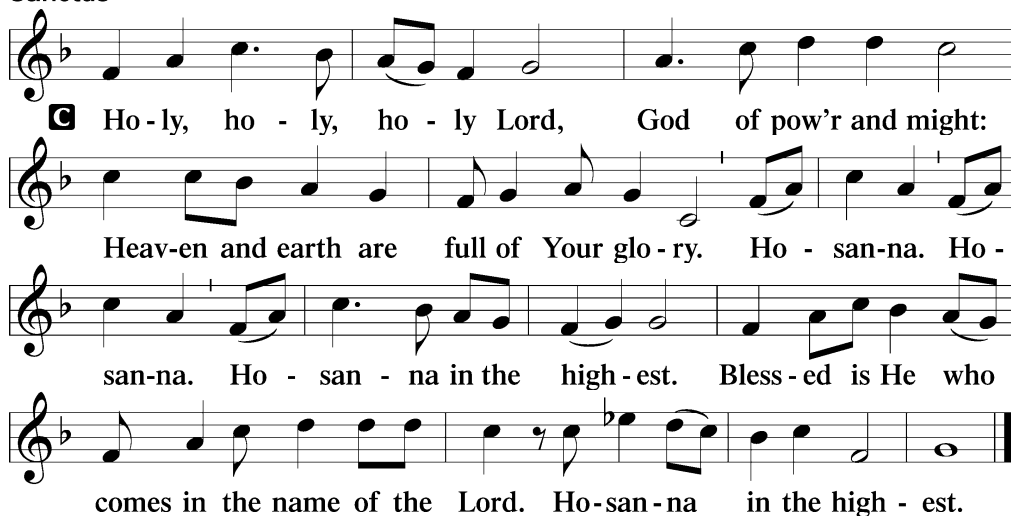
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, ever more praising You and saying:

## Sanctus



**C** 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.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## 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.

## The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “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, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

# Pax Domini



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei



**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Distribution Hymn*

**"Stars of the Morning, So Gloriously Bright" .....** Hymn 520



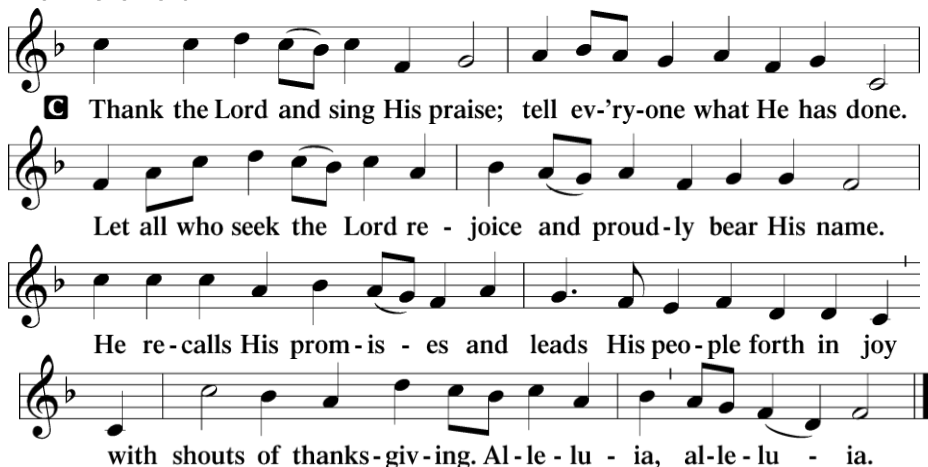
1 Stars of the morn - ing, so glo - rious - ly bright,  
 2 These are Your min - is - ters, these are Your own,  
 3 Then, when the earth was first poised in mid - space,  
 4 Still let them aid us and still let them fight,  
 An - gels in heav - en, re - splen - dent in light,  
 Lord God of Sab - a - oth, near - est Your throne;  
 Then, when the plan - ets first sped on their race,  
 Lord of an - gel - ic hosts, bat - tling for right,  
 These, where no dark - ness the glo - ry can dim,  
 These are Your mes - sen - gers, these whom You send,  
 Then, when were end - ed the six days' em - ploy,  
 Till, where their an - thems they cease - less - ly pour,  
 Praise the Thrice Ho - ly One, serv - ing but Him.  
 Help - ing Your help - less ones, Help - er and Friend.  
 Then all the sons of God shout - ed for joy.  
 We with the an - gels may bow and a - dore.

Text: Joseph the Hymnographer, c. 810-886; v. John Mason Neale, 1818-66; alt.  
 Tune: Antiphonal, 1681; Paris.  
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*Stand*

*Post-Communion Canticle*

**Thank the Lord**



Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.  
 Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.  
 He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy  
 with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

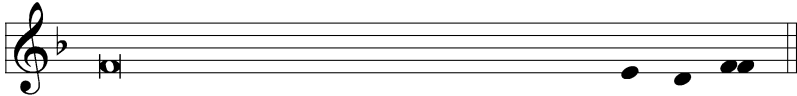


Post-Communion Collect

**P** Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

Benediction



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A - men.

Closing Hymn

“Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways” ..... Hymn 707



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep His stat-utes still!  
2 Or - der my foot - steps by Thy Word And make my heart sin - cere;  
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, A strict - er watch to keep;  
4 Make me to walk in Thy com-mands—'Tis a de - light - ful road—



Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do His will!  
Let sin have no do - min-ion, Lord, But keep my con-science clear.  
And should I e'er for - get Thy way, Re-store Thy wan-d'ring sheep.  
Nor let my head or heart or hands Of - fend a-against my God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.  
Tune: William H. Havergal, 1793–1870  
Text and tune: Public domain

+ Silent Prayer +

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SERVICE PARTICIPANTS:	
THE PREACHER & THE LITURGIST .....	Rev. Martin P. Measel
THE ORGANIST (Thursday) .....	Mary Spaulding
THE ORGANIST .....	Mark Steffens
THE CHOIR .....	Men's Choir
ELDER(S) ON DUTY (Thursday) .....	Rich Wandel
ELDER(S) ON DUTY (8AM   10:45AM) .....	Delmar Lange, Andy Copi   Fred Pieplow
ALTAR GUILD .....	Karen Ziebart, Deb Appelget
USHERS (8AM) .....	Mike Smith, Sr. – Captain, Chuck Schwanger
.....	David Radtke, Tom Watson
USHERS (10:45AM).....	Jeff Oeseburg – Captain, Isaiah Webb, Jacob Webb

**Mark 9:45 – “And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell.”** So, what is causing us to sin? Lust? Greed? Fear? It’s better to cut “it” off! We need the Lord’s help to do this, and you are in the right place this Lord’s Day to receive that help through Word and Sacrament!

**THE LORD'S SUPPER** is celebrated in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood (*Matthew 26:26-28*) to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their own detriment (*1 Corinthians 11:28-30*) and because Holy Communion is a confession of faith which is confessed at this altar, (*1 Corinthians 10:16-18*) any whom are not members, not yet instructed, or whom hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked to first speak with the pastor.

**THE FRONT PEW ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE SANCTUARY** is reserved during communion services for those whom have physical difficulty approaching the altar for communion. Communion services are held the second and fourth Sunday of each month. Please be seated in this pew if you want the pastor to bring you communion.

# Prayers

## Members who are ill, hospitalized or having surgery

Amee Mantei	Don Jeschke	Jenna Harvey-Kabelman	Nancy Duke
Andrea Nystuen	Don Hutter	Laura Geyer	Norma Priebe
Barbara Maul	Don Damron	Louise Winter	Ralph Dinges
Barb Rodgers	Faith Timm	Lee Yeske	Sally Reschke
Connie Schwanger	Ferny Rantz	Miro Virsik	Susan Jackemeyer
Dave Knuth	Jeanne Huff		

## Family or friends who are ill, hospitalized or having surgery

**Ann Rausch** - mother-in-law of Vicki Rausch  
**Austin Arndt** - grandson of Linda Steinke  
**Carl Pages** - brother of Joyce Totzke  
**Cate Reed** - granddaughter of Doris Beezley  
**Chris Watson** - son of Tom Watson  
**Christian Myers** - son of friend of Thelma Szoke  
**Donna Winter** - daughter of Sandy Dixon  
**Erin Sage** - friend of Thelma Szoke  
**Grant Plath** - friend of Joanne Ciboeh  
**Jenna Veine** - granddaughter of Mary Spaulding  
**Joe Lhotka** - Judy Jackemeyer's grandson  
**John Drews** - son of Virginia Drews  
**Karol Syring** - daughter of Ken Vieregge

**Larry Klepper** - Brother of Patti Allred  
**Liam Pugh** - grandson of Paula Benner  
**Lissa Dehring** - niece of Joyce Totzke  
**Matt Jones** - friend of Chad Hartman  
**Mel Machemer** - son of Ellen Machemer  
**Nancy Gerald** - daughter of Jerry & Wilma Malinasky  
**Phil Oberhaus** - brother of Susan Jackemeyer  
**Reece Clark** - grandson of Walt & Diane Clark  
**Robert White** - father of David White  
**Ron Szweda** - brother of Kathryn Robinson  
**Sherry Orchard** - sister-in-law of Susan Collins  
**Tonda Morgan** - cousin of Pat Jaeger  
**Veronica Wilkinson** - mother of Cindy White

Our country, president, armed forces and all those who serve our country, including **Allison Blake, Luc Whitman** – grandson of Don & Pat Hutter, **James Vieregge**, USMC – grandson of Ken Vieregge, **Joseph Schafer** – nephew of Pastor Quardokus, **Matt Weiss**, nephew of Fred & Jeanne Huff, **Ethan Rieck** – nephew of David & Laura Geyer. Seminarian **Matthew Machemer** – grandson of Ellen Machemer.

## Missionaries

The Rev. Jonathan & Anita Clausing in the Tanzania and Deaconess Caitlin & Rev. Jeancarlos Ramirez in Peru.

## PRAYING FOR MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION

Phil & Dorie Medo	Dennis & Lyla Metz
Mike & Julie Medo	Alex & Sarah Moneta & Family
Donald & Pamela Mensinger	Tom & Julie Moneta

## Church News!

God has gathered us here out of all different circumstances. Whether you carry joy or heaviness in your heart, I encourage you to lay it at the feet of Jesus. Give your whole self to God in worship. Welcome.

If you are visiting, please sign our guest book located on the *welcome* center desk.

**FLOWER CHART** – If you want to sponsor altar flowers, be sure to add your name to the **2024 chart in the commons**. Consider honoring a family member or special occasion by sponsoring Sunday altar flowers. The cost is **\$35.00**. After church services, the bouquet is delivered to a shut-in members or an individual on our prayer list. Thank you!

**RADIO SPONSORSHIP** – Christ Lutheran records two radio broadcasts per month. Consider sponsoring a broadcast for \$150.00 to share with a family member or friend. Be sure to sign-up in order to secure a specific date! Our *Local Lutheran Worship Service Broadcasts* are on **WSJM 106.1 FM** on **Sunday mornings** from **9AM – 10AM**. The services can also be heard by visiting [www.wsjmsports.com](http://www.wsjmsports.com) and clicking on *listen live*.

## Radio Broadcast

Our service was recorded last Sunday and will air today.

This broadcast is dedicated to the glory of God,

***In loving memory of Margaret Gerber.***

*Given by Loren Gerber.*

## THE PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN IS POWERFUL AND EFFECTIVE.

*We remember the following Missionary in our prayers this week:*



Rev. Jonathan (Belvidere, IL) and Anita Clausings (Aurora, IL) serve the Lord as missionaries through the LCMS in Eastern Africa, based in Tanzania. Jonathan serves as a theological educator at St. Peter Theological Seminary in Himo, Tanzania, teaching a variety of courses in multiple departments. Before serving in Tanzania, Jonathan taught for a year and a half at Neema Lutheran College in Matongo, Kenya. In his free time, Jonathan enjoys long-distance running. Before heading to

the mission field, Anita served as program director at Lutheran Valley Retreat in Woodland Park, CO. Since 1999, she has been a stay-at-home mom, homeschooling their children. She enjoys sewing. Jonathan and Anita have nine children — Emil, Ellie, Ernie, Eunice, Ethan, Eric, Eileen, Elijah and Emmanuel. Emil, their oldest child, works for Concordia University Chicago, Ellie and Ernie both attend Concordia University Nebraska and their other six children are with them on the mission field. Pray for the entire Clausings family by asking God to give them strength and peace in their life overseas as missionaries. Pray that the Word of God takes root and bears the fruit of faith in the lives of the East Africans who hear it.

**THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS WITH PASTOR QUARDOKUS** - Pastor Quardokus leads a Bible study titled, "God's Answers to my Personal Christianity." on **Thursday mornings at 10AM**.

**MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY: THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES** – The midweek Bible class that just started last week will continue studying the *Book of Acts*. Come and learn how the gospel of Jesus was, and continues to be, proclaimed through the church, and what this means for us today. Join us: **Tuesday evenings at 7pm or Wed mornings at 9:30am**.

**NURSERY AVAILABLE DURING LATE SERVICE** - If you are interested and want to be included in the nursery care *rotation*, please text or email Angie Webb (586-489-6320 | [awebb@christstevensville.com](mailto:awebb@christstevensville.com)).

**SCHOOL KITS/BACKPACKS** – We are again collecting items for *Lutheran World Relief* School Kits/Backpacks. Donated items may be placed in the collection box near the *welcome credenza* prior to **October 1, 2024**. See *welcome credenza* for shopping list of needed items.

**MOVIE NIGHT** – Join us **Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 3PM** in the *all purpose room* to watch *Season 3, Episodes 8 & Season 4, Episode 1* of "The Chosen." Hope to see you there!

**ADULTS DINE OUT** – An *Adults Dine Out* will be held on **Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>** at **D'Agostino's Navajo** in Bridgman. Please note the new start time for the ADOs is **5:30 p.m.** It is very important that you sign up to attend. The sign-up sheet is in the commons area.

**CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!** Have some free time? Got a new hobby? Remember to be working on crafting projects for the Parent Teacher League Craft Bazaar! Before we know it, it will be November, and we will search for crafts for our students to shop at the beloved bazaar!

**CARD MINISTRY** – Looking for someone to take over the card ministry here at Christ Lutheran. It is mainly sending cards to people on the prayer list. If you are interested, please call Pat Hutter at 269-313-6014.



# St. Michael and All Angels

In the Western church, *St. Michael and All Angels* has been celebrated since the 12th century. At the time of the Reformation, the Lutherans revised the celebration of former holidays and saint days in order to give greater prominence to the work of Jesus. *St. Michael and All Angels* was retained in the Lutheran liturgical calendar because it was seen as a principal feast about Christ. In fact, Philip Melanchthon, a colleague of Dr. Martin Luther, even wrote a hymn about St. Michael and All Angels (LSB 522, “Lord God, To Thee We Give All Praise”).

The celebration of *St. Michael and All Angels* reminds us of how the Lord delivered us from the lying accusations of Satan. It shows us that the battle against Satan and his evil angels is not won by power, might, strength or numbers but, as Martin Luther’s great Reformation hymn “A Mighty Fortress” confesses, “One little word can fell him.” That one little Word is Jesus and the forgiveness He gives us.

The Lord employs His holy angels to battle Satan and to silence his mouth with the Word of God and to protect us from harm and danger. When bad things happen to us, when we have a close call and when we hear of disasters averted, we can be certain that the Lord’s holy angels were involved. And when we die, we can be certain that our Lord’s angels will take us to be with our Lord forever; their job of protecting us is not finished until we are with our Lord in eternity. For the protection of the holy angels, we can and should thank our Lord as we pray daily, “Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen” (Small Catechism, p. 33).

-by Rev. Dr. Albert B. Collver III

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# CHURCH CLERK'S REPORT

## Weekly Services

## Attendance

Thursday 09/19/24	7PM	16
Sunday 09/22/24	8AM	105
Online Attendees: 45	10:45AM	90

**Total: 211**

Tuesday Bible Class	09/17/24	17
Wednesday Bible Class	09/18/24	24
Thursday Bible Class	09/19/24	24
Thursday Bible Class	09/22/24	28

*Week of 09/22/24 total budgeted receipts	<b>\$13,040.00</b>
YTD Contributions	\$198,032.05
YTD Budget	\$198,461.54
YTD Over (Under)	\$-429.49
Weekly Budgeted Plate & General Fund Memorials	\$16,538.46
Over (Under)	\$-3,498.46

# WEEKLY Sneak Peek

Sunday, <b>Sept 29</b> <i>St. Michael &amp; All Angels</i>	8AM <b>9:30AM</b> 10:45AM	Communion Worship Service <b>Bible Class</b> Communion Worship Service
Monday, <b>Sept 30</b>		
Tuesday, <b>October 1</b>	<b>7PM</b>	<b>Bible Class</b>
Wed, <b>October 2</b>	<b>9:30AM</b>	<b>Bible Class</b>
Thursday, <b>October 3</b>	<b>10AM</b> 6:30PM 7PM	<b>Bible Class</b> <i>Choir Rehearsal</i> <b>MATINS</b> Worship Service
Friday, <b>October 4</b>		
Saturday, <b>October 5</b>		
Sunday, <b>October 6</b> <i>Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	8AM <b>9:30AM</b> 10:45AM	<b>MATINS</b> Worship Service <b>Bible Class</b> <b>Contemporary</b> Worship Service



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