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Angel Activity

Today we celebrate and give thanks for the angels, especially Saint Michael and the unnamed angels who fought with him against Satan. It is not very often that we contemplate the angels in Lutheran tradition; while we do mention them in portions of our liturgy, we rarely name them as specifically as we do today. Most Christians easily recall the message brought to the virgin Mary by the angel Gabriel, but few know much about Michael and others who share the unique role of angel in the heavenly realm.

So today we call to mind this special group of God's created beings. Scripture leaves a lot to the imagination, but we do know that angels generally take their places around God's throne. They worship, sing, bear good news, protect those on earth, and even fight evil. Saint Michael is best known for his epic fight against the dragon, who we learn "is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world" (Rev. 12:9). It is interesting to note that while Christ won the victory over Satan, a battle still rages. Satan clings to power, but Michael and his angels carry the even greater power of Jesus Christ, who bears them up in the midst of the battle.

As we hear the fascinating yet brief account of Michael and the angels today, we also hear the even more captivating truth that "they have conquered [Satan] by the blood of the Lamb" (Rev. 12:11). For after all, we do not worship the angels. It is not the power of the angels that destroys Satan; it is the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ that wins the battle and speaks truth to deceit.

We worship the same enthroned king to whom the angels sing, and in whose name they—and we—claim ultimate victory over Satan and death.

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BEFORE WORSHIP

Please fill out our Participation Card and place it in the offering plate every Sunday. This card helps the ministry of both the Congregational Care and Community Outreach Committees. Sometimes there are additional questions on the back of the card, so don't forget to check both sides of the card.

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 29, 2019

Pentecost is a season for growing represented by the color green. We celebrate the founding of the church and the fruits of the Spirit.

Gathering Music

Sanctuary

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving I'll be a living
Sanctuary for you.

Invocation

Each phrase is sung by the leaders and repeated by the congregation.

In the name of the Father

In the name of the Father,
in the name of the Son,
in the name of the Spirit,
the three in one.

Welcome/Worship Instructions

Greeting

The pastor and the assembly greet each other.

- ☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- ☑ **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise

Father Abraham

Father Abraham had many kids
Many kids had Father Abraham.
I am one of them.
And so are you.
So let's all praise the Lord. With a right... left.....

Prayer of the Day

- ☑ Let us Pray... O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world.
- ☑ **Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

Sit

First Reading

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

The prophet Amos announces that Israel's great wealth is a cause not for rejoicing but rather sorrow, because God's people have forgotten how to share their wealth with the poor. The wealthy will be the first to go into exile when judgment comes.

☐ A reading from **Amos**:

^{1a}Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,

⁴Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,
and lounge on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock,
and calves from the stall;

⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,
and like David improvise on instruments of music;

⁶who drink wine from bowls,
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

⁷Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.



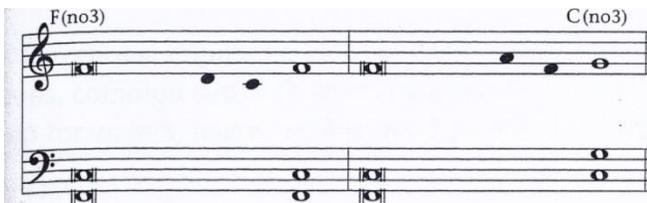
Muscogee He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan; he - le, he - le - lu - yan.

English Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah; hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.



He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan; he - le, he - le - lu - yan.

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah; hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.



Psalm 146

¹Hal- | lelujah!

Praise the LORD, | O my soul!

²**I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;**

I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.

³Put not your | trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there | is no help.

⁴**When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,**

and in that day | their thoughts perish. ☒

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,

whose hope is in the | LORD their God;

⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;**

who keeps promis- | es forever;

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who hunger.

The LORD sets the | captive free.

⁸**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who | are bowed down;**

the LORD | loves the righteous.

⁹The LORD cares | for the stranger;

the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the wicked.

¹⁰**The LORD shall | reign forever,**

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah! ☒

Second Reading

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life. His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich.

☒ A reading from **1 Timothy**:

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

☒ The word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

Arise in body or spirit.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Luke 16:19-31

Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is “lifted up” and the rich one is “sent away empty.” Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets.

☒ The Holy Gospel, according to **Luke**.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

☒ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit

Children's Message

All children [including infants] and youth who desire to come forward for the children's sermon are welcomed and encouraged to do so. Parents/caregivers are welcome to accompany their child during the children's message.

Message

Silence for reflection

Song of the Day

*Amazing Grace Medley (using 4 different tunes)
Sing Alleluia's after 1st verse only*

Amazing Grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.

*Alleluia (Alleluia, Allelu) Alleluia (Alleluia, Alleluia)
Alleluia (Alleluia, Allelu) Alleluia (Alleluia, Allelu)
Alleluia*

Kneel or sit as able.

Prayers

☞ Sustained and nurtured by our generous God, we gather as one to pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

☞ Watch over the church, O God, so that we place your good news above all worldly gain. Deliver us from the temptations of comfort and complacency. Empower and guide the faith of our bishops and congregations and all the servants of your church, including *Bishops Elizabeth and Craig, Assistants David and Roseanne; our synod companion churches, Trinity Lutheran of Hillsdale; Lakewood United Methodist of Lake Odessa; Minister of Music Cindy and Pastor Ken.* Bind us together, O God.

☞ **Hear our prayers raised to you.**

☞ Watch over your creation, especially the life-giving water that sustains us. Heal oceans, rivers, and lakes around the world. Where drought and floods make turmoil of our settled ways, give strength for healing and rebuilding in affected communities. Bind us together, O God.

☞ **Hear our prayers raised to you.**

A Watch over the nations. Lead us away from fear and hatred. Show us instead how to welcome the stranger, give shelter to those fleeing violence, and provide food to those who are impoverished. Protect the lives of those who serve in the military in, *Zack Green (Mikolajczyks), Parker Stancil (Freedlunds), Cody and Myrina Crawford (Clements), Alexis and Dylan Kelmer, Austin and Aaron Endsley (Burdicks), Brandon and Stevi Kay Miller (McManaway), Brady Rudesill (Hansen), Joel Taggart (Varkulas), and Kayla and Lance Champaco (Pohls)*. Bind us together, O God.

C Hear our prayers raised to you.

A Watch over those in any need. Have mercy on those who are grieving, suffering, lost, lonely, oppressed, underemployed, and imprisoned, including *Vivian Allerdig, Vicky Argo, Chris Briggs and family, Irene Corr, Gary Edwards, Colleen Endsley, Delmer Hansen, Larry Hansen, Mike Hoppe (Ed Domke's cousin), Merle Martin, Ray Ossiff, Vicky Purser, Anna Schreiner, family of Kevin Smith, Linda Smith, George Ulrich, Jr., Russell Wilkins, Justin (new job), Kim and Melinda (safe travel), Clyde Watson's grandfather, Arturo, JoAnne, Cameron, Vicky, Marie, families of Nelson Miller, David Brown, Gordon Arkens, and safe and successful CROP WALK*. Bind us together, O God.

C Hear our prayers raised to you.

A Watch over all caregivers. Give strength to those who attend to relatives, serve the sick, minister to prisoners, and bring food or communion to the homebound. May they bring joy to those they visit. Bind us together, O God.

C Hear our prayers raised to you.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A We give you thanks for the saints and their models of faithful living (*including Michael and all angels, whose ministries the church celebrates today*). Give us hope as we look toward the day when we will join them in your eternal presence. Bind us together, O God.

C Hear our prayers raised to you.

P Assured by your promise to hear us, we lay our prayers before your throne of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

Arise in body or spirit.

Sharing the Peace of God

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

(We share the peace of Christ with one another.)

Sit

Offering of Gifts and Music

Everyone at worship is encouraged to fill it out and place a Participation Card in the offering plate every Sunday morning.

Arise in body or spirit.

Offering Song

Create in Me



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve
you; cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, that
I might be re - newed. So fill me and
heal me, and bring me back to you. Cre -
ate in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve you.

Offering Prayer

A Let us pray . . . Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing.

C You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

C And also 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 our thanks and praise.

You Are Holy



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

Table Prayer

- P** Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food,
G **you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.**
- P** You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life, and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.
G **You sent your Son to eat with sinners and to become food for the world.**
- P** In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
- Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, Christ's life given for us and rising from the grave,

- G** **we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.**
- P** By your Holy Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal:
- G** **Strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want, and by this bread and cup make us the body of your Son.**
- P** All glory and honor is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.
G **Amen**

Lord's Prayer

- P** Gathered by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught:
- G** **Our Father in heaven, holy 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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

- P** Taste and see that the Lord is good.
G **Thanks be to God.**

Sit

Communion at Grace

All who are present are invited to receive Holy Communion. This sacrament is a gift to all who come with open hands and open hearts to the presence of Jesus.

✠ **Bread** is served by the Pastor. **Wine** is served from a *common cup* by the Assisting Minister.

✠ If you need gluten free bread, please let the Pastor know when you come forward.

✠ If you prefer wine from the *pouring chalice* in an **individual cup**, take an empty cup from the tray and have it filled by the Worship Assistant. Return the individual chalice/cup to the basket provided.

✠ **Grape Juice** is provided in the pre-filled cups in the center of the serving tray.

✠ A **Verbal Blessing** may be given by the Pastor, if you do not wish to commune.

✠ If you wish **communion brought to you** in the pew, please notify the usher.

Lamb of God

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Lamb of God'. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is marked 'All' and has the lyrics 'Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.' with chords A7, D7, A7 D7, A7 D7, and A7. The second staff has the lyrics 'Je - sus, bear-er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.' with chords D7, Am7, A7 D7, and A7. The third staff has the lyrics 'Je - sus, re-deem-er of the world: give us your peace.' with chords E7 and D7. Each staff ends with a double bar line and a fermata over the final note.

Beautiful Savior
Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

ELW 838
ELW 857

Shine, Jesus, Shine

(Refrain) Shine Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining –
In the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth you now bring us,
Shine on me, shine on me. *(Refrain)*

2. Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
From the shadows into your radiance;
By the blood I may enter your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness,
Shine on me, shine on me. *(Refrain)*

3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story,
Shine on me, shine on me. *(Refrain)*

Prayer after Communion

- A** Let us pray . . . Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love.
- G** **Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. Amen.**

Sending of Communion *(only if needed)*

- A** Gracious God, as you raised Jesus from the dead, you give new life through bread and wine: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are *homebound*. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- G** **Amen.**

Mission Minutes

Blessing

☞ God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

☞ **Amen.**

All children and youth, as well as the young at heart and playful spirits, are invited to come forward to make music and dance during the Sending Hymn. Please choose one instrument to play or one scarf to use for waving and dancing.

Sending Song

Lord of the Dance

1.)

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
I danced in the moon, and the stars, and the sun
I came down from heaven and I danced on earth,
At Bethlehem I had my birth. **Refrain:**

2.)

*I danced for the scribe and the pharisee
They would not dance, they wouldn't follow me
So I danced for the fishermen James and John
They came with me and the Dance went on. **Refrain:***

Refrain:

**Dance then, wherever you may be
I am the Lord of the dance, said he!
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he!**

3.)

I danced on the sabbath and cured the lame
The holy people, they said it was a shame!
They whipped & stripped & they hung me high
Left me there on a cross to die! **Refrain:**

4.)

*I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone
But I am the dance and I still go on! **Refrain:***

5.)

They cut me down, but I leap up high
I am the life that will never, never die!
I live in you if you live in me
I am the Lord of the dance, said he! **Refrain:**

Dismissal

☞ Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

Week at a Glance

Sunday, September 29	Single Worship Service at 10 am Brunch following worship
Monday, September 30	LACS 6 pm
Tuesday, October 1	Flute Choir 7 pm
Thursday, October 3	Clapper Kids 3:45 pm Grace Notes 5:45 pm

Today's Worship Leaders

10: am

Assisting Minister	Vickey Argo
Cantor	Jack Vos
Lector	Joe Longcor
Communion Server	Mark Anton
Acolyte/Crucifer	Volunteer
Usher	Mark Anton
Greeter/Coffee Hr.	No Coffee Hour – Brunch following
Children's Church	Eve Wright
Table Guild	Wales family
Bread Maker	Catechism Class

Next Sunday's Worship Leaders, October 6, 2019

8:00 am

10:45 am

Assisting Minister	Randy Teegardin	Mark Anton
Cantor	Jack Vos	Mark Anton
Lector	Carol Vos	Sandy Mosteller
Communion Server	Brenda Teegardin	Laura Scheck
Acolyte/Crucifer	Mark Anton	Volunteer
Usher	John Burdick/Kay Marsh	Joe Longcor/Gwen Hansen
Greeter/Coffee Hr.	Volunteer	Eve Wright/Jeanette Markwart
Children's Church	~	Laura Scheck
Table Guild	Jeanette Ulrich and Mary Kleinbrink	
Bread Maker	Jeanette Markwart	

Stewardship Information

Worshippers last week: 77 Weekly Giving: \$5,133.62 Budget Amount: \$4,617.93

Today: Outreach Committee is serving a brunch following the service with proceeds supporting Crop Walk.

The Social Activities Committee would like you to join them at the Thornapple Players performance of **Blithe Spirit**, a Noel Coward comedy, on Sunday, 10/6, at 2 pm. Tickets are: Adults: \$10, Seniors & Students: \$8.00. We also hope you are able to join us at the State Street Diner after the play. Meet at church for carpooling by 1:15 pm on October 6th. Everyone should arrive at the Dennison PAC by no later than 1:45 pm, purchase your tickets, and be seated in our reserved section. Reserved seats will be released at 1:45pm so the PAC has an opportunity to sell more tickets to others. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. **The last day to reserve a seat is today.**

The Lakewood Area Acapella Choir is presenting a concert next Sunday at 3:00 pm, here at the church.

Congregational Care will meet on October 7th at 3 pm.

Crop Walk: Sunday, October 13th, Middleville United Methodist Church. Information at crophungerwalk.org/hastingsmi. Team is "Grace Lutheran Hastings".

Barry County Food Bank is in need of corned beef hash, canned tomatoes, stewed tomatoes, and stuffing mix. Please consider dropping off a few items.

Mutual Ministry: If there is a ministry concern, please contact Clyde Watson. Clyde is our member of the Mutual Ministry Committee that is highlighted this week and can be reached by a phone call or a text message at 269.953.4928.

Wall Calendars— Sign up in Gathering Area to pre-order NIV calendars for yourself or as gifts by October 6th for \$5.00 each!

Reformation Hymn Sing *Rejoicing As One Voice* will be on October 27th here at Grace Lutheran Church at 3:00 pm.

Safety Team has begun to review the surveys. Thank you for your response.

Did you know that you can recycle your bulletin? If you do not want to carry your worship folder home, please place on the bookshelf near the exit on the back wall and it will be recycled.