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St. Michael and All Angels Observed
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Our *Gradual* comes from Psalm 91:11 and Psalm 103:1. First there is God's promise to send his angels to protect his children. Then there is the prayer of the soul to bless the Lord with the whole heart. Here we have the last petition of the Lord's Prayer, deliver us from evil, joined with the First and Second Commandments, which tell us to love, trust, and praise God with our whole hearts and minds. These two passages of the Psalter are some of the most beautiful portions of Scripture. They describe God's gracious protection as well as the joy flowing from a believing heart trusting in this promise of forgiveness, salvation, and protection from all evil. These are passages every Christian child should memorize. Every Christian child should be taught to bless the Lord with everything within himself with the confidence and joy that God sends his holy angels to protect his children.



And yet, as sweet as these two passages are, they also reveal the fiercest battle ever. It is the battle between God and the devil, the forces of light and the forces of darkness, of Christ verses sin and death, the Holy Spirit verses the corrupt flesh. This battle against the devil, the world, and the sinful flesh is the one that takes place in the spiritual realm. We can't see it. The world mocks it, treating it as nothing but myth. But through faith in Christ we know it is true. In fact, we experience it in our own conscience when we must do battle against temptation, sin, and guilt. Only through faith in the great work of Christ can we overcome such trials. Trusting that God will send his angels to protect you is to believe that he will fulfill his promise to deliver you from all evils of body and soul, possessions and reputation, that he will grant you a blessed end, graciously delivering you from this vale of tears to himself in heaven. Blessing the Lord with all your being is to confess with the angels that God has fulfilled his promises. Psalm 91 goes on to talk about treading the serpent under foot, and Psalm 103 describes all God's gracious works toward unworthy sinners, works which are administered by his own angels who continually praise him. So recount all his works toward you. This is what it means to bless him.

DEAR VISITORS: As a congregation in the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, Trinity practices **closed communion**, which means that we only commune those who are members in good standing of sister congregations and have been instructed in the Christian faith as it is summarized in Luther's Small Catechism. If you are a visitor and desire to commune at Trinity, **please speak to Pastor Preus before the service.**

The Order of Morning Service

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Hymn of Invocation ∞ *Now I have found the firm foundation*

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Stand for final stanza

Invocation, Confession & Absolution

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Please remain standing through the conclusion of the Collect of the Day.

Service of the Word

Introit

Bless the LORD, | O my soul,*

and all that is within me, bless his | holy name! (Ps. 103:1)

Bless the LORD, O you his | angels,*

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

Bless the LORD, | all his hosts,*

his ministers, who | do his will!

Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his do- | minion.*

Bless the LORD, | O my soul! (Ps. 103:20-22)

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Bless the LORD, | O my soul,*

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



Gloria Patri ∞ *Glory be to the Father*

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Kyrie ∞ *Lord, Have Mercy*

Gloria in Excelsis ∞ *Glory to God in the Highest*

Salutation & Collect of the Day

Sit

Old Testament Reading - *Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3*

¹⁰ Then a hand touched me and roused me to get up on my hands and knees.

¹¹ "Daniel, a much loved man," he said to me, "pay attention to what I'm telling you and stand up straight because I have now been sent to you." When he said this to me, I stood up trembling. ¹² "Don't be afraid, Daniel," he told me. "From the first day when you made up your mind to understand, humbling yourself before your God, *what you said was heard*, and I have come because you spoke.

¹³ The prince of the Persian kingdom opposed me 21 days, but then *Michael*, one of the leading princes, came to help me, and I have left him to oppose the kings of Persia ¹⁴ and have come to help you understand what will happen to your people in the last days because there is still a vision for those days."

¹ At that time *Michael, the great prince*, will stand up to protect your people. *It will be a time of trouble such as hasn't been since there was a nation until that time*, but at that time your people will be saved, *all who are written in the book*.
² And many sleeping in the ground will wake up, *some to live forever and others to be ashamed and detested forever*.
³ And those who understand *will shine like the light in the sky* and those who lead many to righteousness like the stars forever.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

He will command his angels con- | cerning you*
to guard you in | all your ways.

Bless the Lord, | O my soul,*

and all that is within me, bless his | holy name! (Psalm 103:1; 91:11)



Second Reading - Revelation 12:7-12

⁷ Then war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought, ⁸ but they *couldn't win, and couldn't be found anywhere in heaven anymore*.
⁹ So the great dragon was thrown out. The old *snake*, called *Devil* and *Satan*, who *deceives* the whole world, was hurled to the earth, and his angels were hurled down with him.

¹⁰ Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying: "Now has come the salvation, power, and kingdom of our God and the rule of His Christ, because he who *accused* our fellow Christians day and night before our God has been thrown out.
¹¹ But they conquered him because of *the blood of the Lamb* and the truth they spoke and didn't love their life but were willing to die.
¹² For this *be glad, you heavens*, and you who live in them. Woe to the earth and the sea — the devil has come down to you and is very angry because he knows he has only a little time left."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

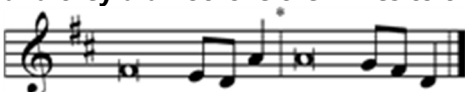
Alleluia Verse

Alle- / luia.*

Alle- / luia.

They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testi- / mony,*

and they did not love their lives to the death. Alle- / luia. (Rev 12:11)



Triple Hallelujah & Sentence for the Season

Gospel *↪* Matthew 18:1-11

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.
C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹ At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"

² He called a little child and had him stand in front of them. ³ "I tell you the truth," He said to them, "if you aren't converted and become like little children, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ If you become humble like this little child, you are the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. ⁵ And if you welcome a child like this in My name, you welcome Me."

⁶ "If anyone leads into sin one of these little ones who believe in Me, it would be better for him to have a big millstone hung around his neck and be drowned in the sea where it's deep. ⁷ Woe to the world because it tempts people to sin! Temptations to sin must come, but woe to that man who tempts others to sin!

⁸ "If your hand or your foot makes you sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to go into life without one hand or one foot than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into the everlasting fire. ⁹ If your eye makes you sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to go into life with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hellfire.

¹⁰ "Be careful not to despise one of these little ones. I tell you their angels in heaven always see the face of My Father in heaven.

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord
C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

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Sit

Hymn of the Day *↪* Lord God, We All to Thee Give Praise

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Sermon

Stand

Offertory

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Sit

Gathering of the Offering

Stand to sing as the offerings are brought forward

*We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.*

Please complete the
Record of Fellowship in the
folder in your pew.

Prayers

General Prayer

Lord's Prayer

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Hymn *☞ I Walk in Danger All the Way*

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Concluding Collect

Benediction

Sit

Hymn to Depart *☞ Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart*

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Silent Prayer

Ushers for today: John Otten, Matthew Otten, David Otten

Next week: Keith Rethemeyer, Charlie Scheer

Greeter for today:

Next Week: Larry Scheer

Acolyte today: Oscar Otten

Next Week: Kyle Scheer

Flower and Altar Care: **October:** Ruth Rethemeyer

Birthdays and Anniversaries: Andrew Preus, 4th, Larry Scheer, 5th,
Joseph Rethemeyer, 5th, David Finck; 6th, Gerise Scheer, 6th

Prayer and Petitions: Homebound and Care Center Residents: Barb Sunfield and Wilma Niewald; Missionaries: Rev. James May (missionary to Africa); Rev. David Preus (missionary to the Dominican Republic); Michael & Naomi Ersland, Lutheran Bible Translators, Ghana.

Today – New Haven Life Chain. 2:00 to 3:00. We will gather along Hwy 100 holding signs that peacefully proclaim “Abortion Kills Children.”

Quarterly Voters’ Meeting – October 17th after church downstairs.

Ladies Aid – October 17th after church in Conference room.

Invitation - Save the date Oct. 15 from 5:00-? - The Eads family invites you to join them for a bonfire, hotdogs, and much S’mores! All the details will be in next weeks bulletin.

Confirmation Classes – Wednesday 3:00-5:00 - Pastor Preus will lead chapel and teach grades 6-8 while Ruth Rethemeyer will teach the children in grade 5 and below. Children may arrive at church at 3:00 for fellowship, games and snacks until 3:45. Chapel will begin at 3:45 and class at 4:00, concluding at 5:00.

Adult Bible Study - Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Study of Acts. All are invited to attend.

A Week-long devotion series by Pastor Preus is downloaded to website. Copies are also available on the Usher’s stand.

Please send any **announcements** to office@trinitynewhaven.com. **Prayer requests** can also be sent to the office email or directly to Pastor Preus.

Weekly bulletins, sermons, and devotions posted each week at www.trinitynewhaven.com.

A WORD FROM THE LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS

The Augsburg Confession

The Confession of Faith which was submitted to His Imperial Majesty Charles V at the Diet of Augsburg in the year 1530 by certain princes and cities

I will speak of thy testimonies before kings, and will not be put to shame.

-- Psalm 119:46

Chief Articles of Faith continued

Article XXI. Of the Worship of the Saints

¹Of the Worship of Saints they teach that the memory of saints may be set before us, that we may follow their faith and good works, according to our calling, as the Emperor may follow the example of David in making war to drive away the Turk from his country.

²For both are kings. But the Scripture teaches not the invocation of saints or to ask help of saints, since it sets before us the one Christ as the Mediator, Propitiation, High Priest, and Intercessor.

³He is to be prayed to, and has promised that He will hear our prayer; and this worship He approves above all, to wit, that in all afflictions He be called upon, 1 John 2:1:

⁴If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, etc.

⁵This is about the Sum of our Doctrine, in which, as can be seen, there is nothing that varies from the Scriptures, or from the Church Catholic, or from the Church of Rome as known from its writers. This being the case, they judge harshly who insist that our teachers be regarded as heretics.

⁶There is, however, disagreement on certain abuses, which have crept into the Church without rightful authority. And even in these, if there were some difference, there should be proper lenity on the part of bishops to bear with us by reason of the Confession which we have now reviewed; because even the Canons are not so severe as to demand the same rites everywhere, neither, at any time, have the rites of all churches been the same;

⁷although, among us, in large part, the ancient rites are diligently observed.

⁸For it is a false and malicious charge that all the ceremonies, all the things instituted of old, are abolished in our churches.

⁹But it has been a common complaint that some abuses were connected with the ordinary rites. These, inasmuch as they could not be approved with a good conscience, have been to some extent corrected.