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Week of St. Michael and All the Angels
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Angel is the English spelling of the Greek word, which means messenger. The Hebrew word is Malak. Thus, the prophet Malachi means "My messenger," or "My angel." If we speak more broadly we can understand any messenger of the gospel as an angel, although usually we understand them as heavenly spirits sent by God. Sometimes angels are called sons of God, like in Job chapter 1. They present themselves before God. There are also good and bad angels. We hear throughout the New Testament of wicked spirits whom Jesus and his apostles cast out of people. But while the wicked spirits torment people, the good angels comfort and encourage people, like they did with Jesus in the wilderness after he was tempted by the devil (Matt 4:11).

Now, how do you know that God's angels are attending you? Again, an angel is a messenger. So what message are you hearing? Are you hearing the truth, or are you hearing what is false? People love to talk about angels. In fact, it seems that angels get more airtime during Christmas than Christ does. You can talk all you want about angels and your guardian angel. But if you are not hearing the Word of Christ, the eternal Son of God, the Prince of the Angels, who claimed your flesh and blood as his own and bore your sin in his own body, then there is no use talking about the protection of angels. Angels are Christ's ministers, who do his will. They bless him. They praise him. They therefore do not lead you away from his Word. They are ready at God's command to do his will. And what is his will? As the Psalmist says, to forgive all your iniquities and heal all your diseases, to save your life from the pit and crown you with steadfast love and mercy. It is for the sake of this gospel that God's angels work. This is what they long to touch. They strengthen all ministers and Christians so that they may confess this Word with confidence. So as you take comfort in the care of God's angels, let the source of your comfort be in God's good message. This message doesn't save the angels. But they rejoice in it because it saves you.

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 Holy Communion

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Hymn of Invocation ☞ *I Walk in Danger All the Way*

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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)

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)



Epistle ↪ *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.**

Stand

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

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.**

Nicene 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.

Catechism Recitation

III. THE POWER OF BAPTISM

P How can water do such great things?

C It is not the water indeed that does them, but the word of God which is in and with the water, and faith, which trusts such word of God in the water. For without the word of God the water is simple water and no

Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a gracious water of life and a washing of regeneration in the Holy Ghost, as St. Paul says, Titus, chapter three:

He saved us because He was merciful. He saved us by the washing in which the Holy Spirit gives us a new birth and a new life. He poured a rich measure of this Spirit on us through Jesus Christ our Savior, to justify us by a gift of his undeserved love and, as we hope, to become heirs of everlasting life. You can depend on this statement.

General Prayer

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☞ <i>Jesus, Brightness of the father</i>	TLH #257
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Silent Prayer	
Ushers for today:	John Otten, Matthew Otten, David Otten, Adam Swann
Next week:	Keith Rethemeyer, Charlie Scheer, Karson Eads
Greeter for today:	Andrew Rethemeyer
Next Week:	Larry Scheer
Acolyte today:	Oscar Otten
Next Week:	Alton Swann
Flower and Altar Care:	October: Carol Finck & Linda Kaskadden

Prayer and Petitions: Kyle Blankenship and Wayne Scheer. Homebound: Ray and LeeAnn Rohling, Diana Scheer, Paul & Sue Laune; Missionaries: Pastor James May and Pastor Harold Ristau (missionaries to Africa); Rev. David Preus (missionary to Romania); Michael & Naomi Ersland, Lutheran Bible Translators, Ghana. Luke Otten, Seminarian. Immanuel Lutheran School, Washington; Camp Trinity; Luther Classical College; St. Paul High School, Concordia, MO.

Birthdays and Anniversaries: Ken & Linda Kaskadden, 1st, David Otten, 1st, Andrew Preus, 4th, Ben & Rochelle Howard, 5th, Larry Scheer, 5th, Joseph Rethemeyer, 5th, David Finck; 6th

(Please email office@trinitynewhaven.com if your birthday or anniversary has not been listed or was incorrectly listed, so the records can be updated with correct information)

We will need help to **remove the pews** from the sanctuary after the divine service today to **prepare for painting scheduled to start on the 3rd. We will begin meeting downstairs on October 8th for the Divine Service. Hopefully, we'll be able to meet upstairs again on October 29th.** Please bear with us as we go through the process of painting and flooring installation. **The main entrance will remain closed** until all work is finished upstairs. Please **enter at the lower level.**

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 15th after church.

Ladies Aid – October 15th after church.

Men's Retreat October 6 - 8, 2023 at Camp Trinity. Fathers, sons, and all men are invited to join us at Camp Trinity, 439 Camp Trinity Dr. in New Haven, MO, at 6:00 P.M. the first weekend of October for a restful weekend of fishing, corn hole, worship, bonfires, and stimulating lectures by Rev. Dr. Joel Biermann on the Third Commandment, "Remember the Sabbath Day." His sessions will guide your understanding on rest and its implications on the meaning and purpose of your entire life. The cost is \$50 which covers food for the weekend. Please register by going to <https://forms.office.com/r/4MWvqCMh5k>. If you have questions, please call Immanuel Lutheran Church at 636-239-4705.

Confirmation/Wednesday School - All grade school age children welcome. Starting at 3:00 p.m. **Please note the sign-up sheet** in back for bringing snacks for the children. Drinks are provided.

Future High School in the Washington Circuit

Seed money has been gifted for the creation of a Lutheran high school within the Washington Circuit. A steering committee is currently being formed and the circuit pastors are beginning work on a general interest survey. This survey is the first step of the Genesis Project, an LCMS program that aids in Lutheran school start-ups. Please pray for God's guidance as we embark on this worthy endeavor.

The Large Catechism

The Lord's Prayer

The Third Petition.

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

65 If we would be Christians, therefore, we must surely expect and reckon upon having the devil with all his angels and the world as our enemies who will bring every possible misfortune and grief upon us. For where the Word of God is preached, accepted, or believed, and produces fruit, there the holy cross cannot be wanting. And let no one think that he shall have peace; but he must risk whatever he has upon earth-possession, honor, house and estate, wife and children, body and life. 66 Now, this hurts our flesh and the old Adam; for the test is to be steadfast and to suffer with patience in whatever way we are assailed, and to let go whatever is taken from us.

67 Hence there is just as great need, as in all the others, that we pray without ceasing: "Dear Father, Thy will be done, not the will of the devil and of our enemies, nor of anything that would persecute and suppress Thy holy Word or hinder Thy kingdom; and grant that we may bear with patience and overcome whatever is to be endured on that account, lest our poor flesh yield or fall away from weakness or sluggishness."

68 Behold, thus we have in these three petitions, in the simplest manner, the need which relates to God Himself, yet all for our sakes. For whatever we pray concerns only us, namely, as we have said, that what must be done anyway without us, may also be done in us. For as His name must be hallowed and His kingdom come without our prayer, so also His will must be done and succeed, although the devil with all his adherents raise a great tumult, are angry and rage against it, and undertake to exterminate the Gospel utterly. But for our own sakes we must pray that even against their fury His will be done without hindrance also among us, that they may not be able to accomplish anything and we remain firm against all violence and persecution, and submit to such will of God.

69 Such prayer, then, is to be our protection and defense now, is to repel and put down all that the devil, Pope, bishops, tyrants, and heretics can do against our Gospel. Let them all rage and attempt their utmost, and deliberate and resolve how they may suppress and exterminate us, that their will and counsel may prevail: over and against this one or two Christians with this petition alone shall be our wall against which they shall run and dash themselves to pieces. 70 This consolation and confidence we have, that the will and purpose of the devil and of all our enemies shall and must fail and come to naught, however proud, secure, and powerful they know themselves to be. For if their will were not broken and hindered, the kingdom of God could not abide on earth nor His name be hallowed.

(continued next week)