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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 ☞ *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

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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.

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| Please complete the Record of Fellowship in the folder in your pew. |
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General Prayer

Service of the Sacrament

Preface & Proper Preface

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Sanctus ↪ *Holy, Holy, Holy*

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Lord's Prayer

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Words of Institution

Pax Domini ☞ *Peace of the Lord*

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Agnus Dei ☞ *Lamb of God*

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Sit – Guests are asked to please speak with the pastor before communing.

Hymns during Distribution

☞ *Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord*

TLH #307

☞ *I Walk in Danger All the Way*

TLH #413

☞ *Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Living Bread*

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Stand after the distribution

Nunc Dimittis ☞ *Song of Simeon*

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Thanksgiving & Collect

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Salutation & Benedicamus

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Benediction

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Sit

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

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Silent Prayer

Ushers for today:

Jeff Hoerstkamp, Luke Otten, Corey Swann

Next week:

John Otten, Matthew Otten, David Otten

Greeter for today:

Luke Otten

Next Week:

Andrew Rethemeyer

Acolyte today:

Oscar Otten

Next Week:

Jacob Preus

Flower and Altar Care: **October:** Carol Finck & Linda Kaskadden

Organist:

Andrew Finck

Prayer and Petitions: Prayer of thanksgiving for Ben and Rochelle Howard on the birth of a son, Charles. Homebound: Ray and LeeAnn Rohling, Diana Scheer, Paul & Sue Laune; Missionaries: Pastor James May (missionary to Africa); Rev. David Preus (missionary to Romania); Michael & Naomi Erslund, Lutheran Bible Translators. Immanuel Lutheran School, Washington; Camp Trinity; Luther Classical College; St. Paul High School, Concordia, MO.

Birthdays & Anniversaries: Reid Lueckenhoff, 29th, Ken & Linda Kaskadden, 1st, David Otten, 1st, Andrew Preus, 4th, Ben & Rochelle Howard, 5th, Larry Scheer, 5th, Joseph Rethemeyer, 5th

(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)

Please join the [congregational luncheon](#) to recognize **Pastor Preus's 10 years in the Ministry**, after worship service today in the church basement.

Men's Ministry Retreat

Join the Men of Immanuel Washington, October 4th - 5th 2024 at Camp Trinity in New Haven, Missouri for a Men's retreat. Beginning Friday evening and wrapping up Saturday evening, this retreat will feature fun, fellowship, activities, and a guest speaker.

The guest speaker will be **Dr. David Adams, professor of Biblical Studies at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, MO. He will lead the men in a study on how we should live as Christian men in a political world.**

The cost is \$50 per person and will include room and board as well as all meals and drinks. This retreat is open to all men of high school age and up. Payments will be made on the day of the event. The retreat will wrap up with a bonfire Saturday night after which men are encouraged to return home so that they can worship with their family Sunday morning. Activities will include corn hole, fishing, a bonfire, and other fun games.

Spots are limited so fill the form to register today!

<https://forms.office.com/r/4MWvqCMh5k>

Playgroup for young children and mothers: Thursday mornings beginning with 10AM devotion. Usually we meet in the church basement, but the location may change each week. Please contact Leah Preus for more details if you are interested. (563) 329-1391 or Impreus@gmail.com.

Wednesday School/Catechism Class. All children, preschool through confirmation age are welcome and encouraged to attend. Church doors will be open at 3:00 p.m. for snacks and games. Chapel time with Pastor Preus for all the children is at 4:00 p.m., followed by separate classes for the two age groups which run until 5:00 p.m. Vespers is at 5:00 p.m. Parents, members of Trinity and visitors are welcome and encouraged to attend Vespers.

Opportunity: Anyone interested in playing piano or other instrument or singing during the offering can talk to me after church or message/call me at 636-667-3997, or send me an e-mail at Andrew.c.finck@gmail.com

NEED A CARD: Graduation, Thank You, Encouragement, New Baby, Baptism & Comfort Cards from *Hymns in My Heart* are available for sale in the narthex, by the Trinity Ladies Aid. The cards are \$2.00 per card. Please deposit money in money slot.

Large Catechism

Part III

Smalcald Articles

Article III - Of Repentance.

19 As regards confession, the procedure was this: Every one had [was enjoined] to enumerate all his sins (which is an impossible thing). This was a great torment. From such as he had forgotten [But if any one had forgotten some sins] he would be absolved on the condition that, if they would occur to him, he must still confess them. In this way he could never know whether he had made a sufficiently pure confession [perfectly and correctly], or when confessing would ever have an end. Yet he was pointed to his own works, and comforted thus: The more fully [sincerely and frankly] one confesses, and the more he humiliates himself and debases himself before the priest, the sooner and better he renders satisfaction for his sins; for such humility certainly would earn grace before God.

20 Here, too, there was no faith nor Christ, and the virtue of the absolution was not declared to him, but upon his enumeration of sins and his self-abasement depended his consolation. What torture, rascality, and idolatry such confession has produced is more than can be related.

21 As to satisfaction, this is by far the most involved [perplexing] part of all. For no man could know how much to render for a single sin, not to say how much for all. Here they have resorted to the device of imposing a small satisfaction, which could indeed be rendered, as five Paternosters, a day's fast, etc.; for the rest [that was lacking] of the [in their] repentance they were directed to purgatory.

22 Here, too, there was nothing but anguish and [extreme] misery. [For] some thought that they would never get out of purgatory, because, according to the old canons, seven years' repentance is required for a single mortal sin. 23 Nevertheless, confidence was placed upon our work of satisfaction, and if the satisfaction could have been perfect, confidence would have been placed in it entirely, and neither faith nor Christ would have been of use. But this confidence was impossible. For, although any one had done penance in that way for a hundred years, he would still not have known whether he had finished his penance. That meant forever to do penance and never to come to repentance.

(Source: <https://bookofconcord.org/smalcald-articles/i/the-work-of-salvation/>)
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