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St. Michael & All Angels' Day

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Lutheran Service Book - Divine Service, Setting IV

✠ Welcome in the name of Jesus! ✠

Today we observe the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels. On this day, the Church gives thanks to God for the service of angels, and especially for the service of the great archangel Michael. Angels, according to the Bible, are spiritual creatures that God created for our benefit, to serve us as His holy messengers and to protect us from evil. Today we recognize their continual help and joyously give thanks to God for them.

If you are a VISITOR here, offer you our warmest welcome! We pray that your experience among us is blessed, and that you depart filled with God's peace and life.

Also, toward the end of our service today we will be celebrating Holy Communion, in which we will eat and drink Jesus' body and blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins (Matthew 26:26-28). Therefore, we ask that you would please see the statement titled "On the Sacrament of Holy Communion," printed below, which describes our beliefs and practices regarding this sacred gift.

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter,
as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth,
I humbly pray that You would open my heart
to the preaching of Your Word so that I may
repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my
only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness.
Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

ON THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION: We believe that receiving Holy Communion together is a sacred expression of Christian unity, which includes unity in doctrine (1 Cor. 10:16-17; 1 Cor. 1:10; Eph. 4:5). We also believe that if we receive this sacrament in unbelief, we risk God's judgment (1 Cor. 11:27-30).

Therefore, communion at this altar is reserved for those who believe and confess with us the teachings of our church body, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Those who have not been formally instructed in our teachings should wait to commune until completing a course of instruction with us.

If you are a VISITOR and would like to commune with us today, please speak with the pastor before the service. If you will not be communing, you are welcome to kneel at the altar with your arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing, or you may simply remain in your pew.

Announcements

Sharing of the Peace

Those who wish may stand and share Christ's Peace with one another by offering a handshake and the words, "Christ's peace be with you."

Confession and Absolution

Stand

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.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Kneel/Stand

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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.

C Amen.

Stand

Cross Procession

*During the Procession, the ancient and laudable custom is to **bow your head** in reverence to Christ our King as the processional cross passes by your pew.*

Processional Hymn: 521 Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken



1 Christ, the Lord of hosts, un - shak - en By the dev - il's
2 Mi - chael fought the heav'n - ly bat - tle, God - ly an - gels
3 Long on earth the bat - tle ra - ges, Since the ser - pent's
4 Je - sus came, this word ful - fill - ing, Tram - pled Sa - tan,



seeth - ing rage, Thwarts the plan of Sa - tan's min - ions;
by his side; Warred a - gainst the an - cient ser - pent,
first de - ceit; Twist - ed God's com - mand to Ad - am,
death de - fied; Bore the brunt of our temp - ta - tion,



Wins the strife from age to age; Con - quers sin and
Foiled the beast, so full of pride, Cast him earth - bound
Made for - bid - den fruit look sweet. Then the curse of
On the wretch - ed tree He died. Yet to life was



death for - ev - er; Slams them in their steel - y cage.
with his an - gels; Now he prowls, un - sat - is - fied.
God was spo - ken: "You'll lie crushed be - neath His feet!"
raised vic - to - rious; By His life our life sup - plied.

- 5 Swift as lightning falls the tyrant
From his heav'nly perch on high,
As the word of Jesus' vict'ry
Floods the earth and fills the sky.
Wounded by a wound eternal
Now his judgment has drawn nigh!
- 6 Jesus, send Your angel legions
When the foe would us enslave.
Hold us fast when sin assaults us;
Come, then, Lord, Your people save.
Overthrow at last the dragon;
Send him to his fiery grave.

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Service of the Word

Introit (*spoken responsively*)

Psalm 103:20–22; antiphon: v. 1

- P** Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!
- P** Bless the LORD, O you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word!
- C** **Bless the LORD, all his hosts,
his ministers, who do his will!**
- P** Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion.
Bless the LORD, O my soul!

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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

Kyrie

Mark 10:47



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

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

Old Testament Reading

Daniel 10:10–14; 12:1–3

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

¹“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. ²And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³And 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 (*spoken responsively*)

Psalms 91:11; 103:1

P He will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.

C Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Second Reading

Rev. 12:7-12

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

Gospel Procession

Please stand and turn **in the direction of the Processional Cross and the reader** as they move into the center of the nave. The Gospel is read in the midst of the congregation to symbolize the risen Christ's abiding presence among us and to mark the high point of the Service of the Word.

Alleluia and Verse



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 10:17–20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁷The seventy-two returned [to Jesus] with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!” ¹⁸And he said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. ²⁰Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Gospel Recession

As the Gospel Procession returns to the chancel, **the congregation repeats the "Alleluia" above.**

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.**

Sit

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day: 522 Lord God, to Thee We Give All Praise



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.

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Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

- P** O God our Father, fill us with Your Spirit, that we might put away all pride, humble ourselves, turn and become like children before You. Give us hearts to trust and depend on You for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O God our Father, bless all pastors in Christ, that they would preach the pure Gospel of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who came to seek and save the lost. Grant that their proclamation would go forth with power to bring the salvation to all who hear and believe. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O God our Father, bless the members of this congregation, that they would love and care for one another, bear one another's burdens, and generously support Your ministry here at home and abroad. Bless also the saints of Peace Lutheran Church in Waterford, with whom we are exploring a merger. Give to them also love and faith, and bless our discussions for the good of Your kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O God our Father, we know that Satan and his minions long to assail Your children. As we await the day of our Lord's return, keep us steadfast in the faith and shield us with Your Word of truth, that we may withstand all their assaults. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O God our Father, You sent Your holy angels to comfort Your Son in Gethsemane, and You send them to Your children to guard us in all our ways. We thank You for this precious comfort, and we ask that You would continue to send them to us always for our defense, comfort and joy. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O God our Father, You have placed authorities over us for our peace and safety. Remember our president; legislators; judges; and all those who make, administer and judge our laws. Grant them wisdom and a desire to seek Your will. Guard all those who serve in our emergency services and armed forces. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O God our Father, remember in mercy all those who call upon You in their need [*especially* _____.] Let Your holy angels be with them, that the wicked foe would have no power over them. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

P O God our Father, Your Son has told us to receive His true body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. Grant that we would come to His holy altar in humility, receiving this blessed Sacrament with thanksgiving. Strengthen us through the same, as we return to our homes while we contend against the devil, the world and our own sinful flesh. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O God our Father, we give You thanks for all who have gone before us in the faith and now rest from their labors. Keep us in holy communion with them, that our ears would join theirs in listening to the heavenly choir of angels who will sing Your praises on the Last Day. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Offering

During the Offering, we ask that you please sign a black attendance book located in your pew.

Service of the Sacrament

Stand

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136

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 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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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 ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

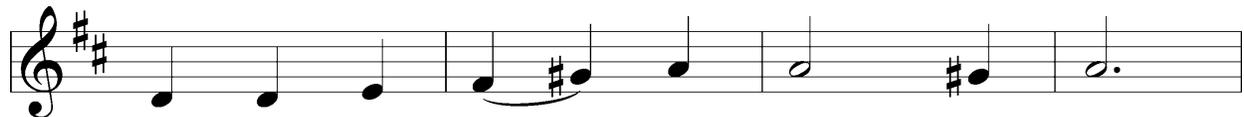
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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29



1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Sit

Distribution

Visitors – Please see note on the inside front of this service folder regarding our Holy Communion policy.

Distribution Voluntary

Joanne Wisti - Violin

Distribution Hymn: 670 Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones



1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, Bright
 2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, More
 3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, Ye
 Δ 4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, Su -



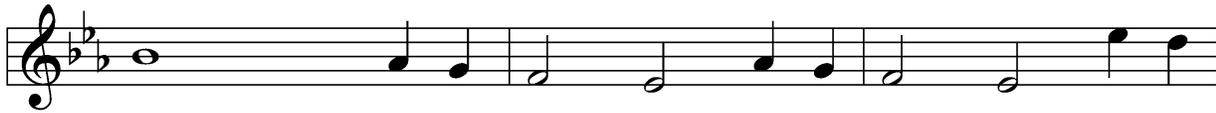
ser - apts, cher - u - bim, and thrones, Raise the glad strain:
 glo - rious than the ser - a - phim, Lead their prais - es:
 pa - tri - archs and proph - ets blest: "Al - le - lu - ia,
 per - nal an - thems ech - o - ing: "Al - le - lu - ia,



"Al - le - lu - ia!" Cry out, do - min - ions, prince - doms,
 "Al - le - lu - ia!" Thou bear - er of the e - ter - nal
 al - le - lu - ia!" Ye ho - ly Twelve, ye mar - tyrs
 al - le - lu - ia!" To God the Fa - ther, God the



pow'rs, Vir - tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels'
 Word, Most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the
 strong, All saints tri - um - phant, raise the
 Son, And God the Spir - it, Three in



choirs: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 Lord: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 song: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 One: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"

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Distribution Hymn: 822 Alleluia! Let Praises Ring



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! To God the Fa -
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! Un - to the Lamb
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! Un - to the Ho -
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! Un - to our tri -



ther let us bring Our songs of ad - o - ra - tion.
 of God we sing, In whom we are e - lect - ed.
 ly Ghost we sing, For our re - gen - er - a - tion.
 une God we sing; Blest be His name for - ev - er!



To Him through ev - er - last - ing days Be wor - ship, hon -
 He bought His Church with His own blood, He cleansed her in
 The sav - ing faith in us He wrought And us un - to
 With an - gel hosts let us a - dore And sing His prais -



or, pow'r, and praise, Whose hand sus - tains cre - a - tion.
 that bless - ed flood, And as His bride se - lect - ed.
 the Bride - groom brought, Made us His cho - sen na - tion.
 es ev - er - more For all His grace and fa - vor!



Sing - ing, ring - ing: Ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly;
 Ho - ly, ho - ly Is our u - nion And com - mu - nion.
 Glo - ry! Glo - ry! Joy e - ter - nal, Bliss su - per - nal;
 Sing - ing, ring - ing: Ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly;



Spread the sto - ry Of our God, the Lord of glo - ry.
 His be - friend - ing Gives us joy and peace un - end - ing.
 There is man - na And an end - less, glad ho - san - na.
 Spread the sto - ry Of our God, the Lord of glo - ry!

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Stand
Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29–32

C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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 Amen.

Cross Recession

*During the Recession, the ancient and laudable custom is to **bow your head** in reverence to Christ our King as the processional cross passes by your pew.*

Closing Hymn: 659 Lord of Our Life



1 Lord of our life and God of our sal - va - tion, Star of our
2 See round Your ark the hun - gry bil - lows curl - ing; See how Your
3 Lord, be our light when world - ly dark - ness veils us; Lord, be our
4 Peace in our hearts, where sin - ful thoughts are rag - ing, Peace in Your



night and hope of ev - 'ry na - tion: Hear and re - ceive Your
foes their ban - ners are un - furl - ing And with great spite their
shield when earth - ly ar - mor fails us; And in the day when
Church, our trou - bled souls as - suag - ing, Peace when the world its



Church's sup - pli - ca - tion, Lord God Al - might - y.
fi - ery darts are hurl - ing, O Lord, pre - serve us.
hell it - self as - sails us, Grant us Your peace, Lord:
end - less war is wag - ing, Peace in Your heav - en.

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THIS WEEK'S CHURCH CALENDAR

- Sun. 9/29** **St. Michael & All Angels' Day**
- **Divine Service** 9:30 a.m.
 - **Adult Bible Class** 10:45 a.m., Fellowship Hall
 - **Sunday School** 10:45 a.m., Library
- Mon. 9/30** **Pastor's Day Off**
Secretary Debbie Off
- Tue. 10/1** **Pastor out of office in p.m.**
Board of Elders' Meeting 7 p.m., Library
- Wed. 10/2** **Confirmation Class A** 4 p.m., Library
The Gate 7:00 p.m.
- Fri. 10/4** **Confirmation Class B** 4 p.m., Library
- Sat. 10/5** **LWML Zone Board Meeting** 9 a.m.
- Sun. 10/6** **Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**
LWML Sunday
- **Divine Service** 9:30 a.m.
 - **Sunday School** 10:45 a.m., Library
 - **Fall Clean-Up** 10:45 a.m.

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR THIS MORNING were placed to the glory of God Cindy Parks to help beautify the altar area, and by Larry & Lori Whitehead in honor of their 9th wedding anniversary on September 25. We thank Cindy and the Whiteheads for these floral tributes.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - All kids age Preschool through 5th Grade are welcome and encouraged to attend our weekly Sunday School class held after the Divine Service **each Sunday in the Library at 10:45 a.m.** We are using a brand new curriculum published by Concordia Publishing House called "Enduring Faith." Written for several different age levels, this curriculum supports kids at whatever stage of life they are currently in so that it can help sustain faith that endures for a lifetime. As students progress through the program, they learn all about their Savior Jesus Christ, what their Savior means for them, how to defend their faith, and how to teach the faith to others. Age-appropriate activities build skills to strengthen Bible learning. We look forward to seeing your child(ren) at Sunday School each week!

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS - During the month of October, we will continue studying the book of Joshua in our **Sunday morning** Adult Bible Class that begins at **10:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall**. The book of Joshua is the sixth book of the Old Testament and picks up after the death of Moses, when the people of Israel have at last come to the border of the Promised Land after forty years of wandering in the wilderness. The book recounts the various battles of the people of God, beginning with the fall of Jericho, as they conquer the land of Canaan, in fulfillment of God's gracious promise to Abraham that His offspring would inherit the land.

THE GATE WILL CONCLUDE IN OCTOBER - In October, we will be concluding our midweek Bible Study called "The Gate." Throughout the summer, we've been going through the book of Revelation and in October we will be bringing that study to a close (our last session will be October 30). We expect to resume The Gate again after Easter with a new study. Please join us, if even just for these final weeks! The Gate meets on **Wednesdays at 7 p.m.** There will be snacks afterwards. We look forward to seeing you there!

WE ARE SEEKING VIDEO TECHNICIANS – We definitely need a few more video technicians to record Pastor's sermons on Sunday mornings during the Divine Service. These videos are then uploaded to St. Mark's Facebook page. You don't need any video recording knowledge for this job as it is super easy to do, and it only requires that you sit in the choir loft for about 20 minutes during the sermon. PLEASE consider helping out on our video team! We really need you! If interested, please let Pastor Vergin know.

LWML SUNDAY – On **Sunday, October 6**, during the Divine Service, we will be celebrating Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Sunday. It is traditionally observed on the first Sunday in October. "Faith Like a Mustard Seed" is the theme based on Jesus' words in Luke 17:6 that faith as small as a mustard seed can move a mulberry tree. The ladies of St. Mark's Missionary League, who are members of the LWML, will serve as ushers during the Divine Service on this day, and our colorful bulletin covers from the LWML will represent "Faith Like a Mustard Seed." Also, be aware that all ladies of St. Mark's are welcome and encouraged to attend the LWML's Fall Zone Rally on **Saturday, October 26** at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Oxford. This will be a great opportunity to gather with other faithful women of the Multi-Lakes Zone to worship the Lord, study His Word, and enjoy a time of fellowship. The Rally will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 1 p.m. Lunch will be served to participants.

ST. MARK'S FALL CLEAN-UP - Many hands will be needed next **Sunday, October 6**, following the Divine Service for our Fall Clean-up event. Unfortunately, during severe storms with high winds last month, 5 or 6 trees on our property came down. We are currently working with our insurance company to see if the cost of their removal is covered (it probably won't be, we're told), but even if it is, we'll still need guys with chainsaws during the clean-up to help cut up the smaller limbs, and also people to feed them into a chipper and then spread the chips beneath our bushes and flower gardens. Additional chores will include installing the storm windows in the sanctuary pulling weeds in the flower gardens, etc. If you're able to help on this day, please come! Lunch will be served to participants around Noon.

OUR COMMUNITY TRUNK-OR-TREAT EVENT IS AROUND THE CORNER! Come and enjoy an autumn afternoon of family-friendly fun at our annual Community Trunk-or-Treat, to be held on **Saturday, October 19!** There will be many games for children to enjoy, as well as delicious snacks. At the end of this event, children will walk from car to car in our parking lot to Trick-or-Treat in a safe environment and get all kinds of candy! No registration is necessary. Be sure to have your kids come in costume! Open to all children age 3-10. The event will be held rain or shine and will begin at 2 p.m., with the trick-or-treating scheduled for 3:30 p.m. We are also looking for event volunteers, as well as people to decorate their cars to hand out candy! We encourage all volunteers to dress in costume. Please contact the church office with any questions and/or let Mandy Vergin know if you can assist with this event.

REFORMATION DAY & FALL HARVEST POTLUCK - We invite everyone to join us on **Sunday, October 27** as we celebrate the Reformation during the Divine Service at 9:30 a.m. We'll be singing some of your favorite Reformation hymns, and also *invite you to wear red that morning* in honor of this special day. Following the service, we will meet in the basement Fellowship Hall to enjoy delicious food during our Fall Harvest Potluck. Watch for a sign-up sheet to appear in the church entryway soon where you can list the dish you'd like to bring and number of people you'll be bringing.

SEEKING CRAFTERS FOR NOVEMBER'S CRAFT SHOW - This year, St. Mark's Craft Show will take place on **Saturday, November 2** from 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. We are seeking crafters of all ages who would like to sell their wares. We will provide a 6' table for \$30, as well as free morning coffee and a donut. We'll also need volunteers to help set up for the event on Friday, November 1, and clean up after the show around 4 p.m. For an application, visit St. Mark's website at: www.stmarkwb.org. Hover over the top tab titled "Contact/Registration" and you will see the link to the application. Also, if you can help with set-up or clean-up, and/or help work the concessions in the kitchen that day, please let Gail Hardy know.

ACCEPTING 2020 BOARD NOMINATIONS - We are now accepting nominations for open board and officer positions for 2020. Watch future bulletins for details on which positions will be open as of January 1, 2020. If you would be interested in serving on a board, or as a church officer, please let Pastor Vergin know.

TOILETRY/HYGIENE DONATIONS FOR THE OPEN DOOR OUTREACH CENTER – We will continue to receive hygiene & toiletry products year around for the Open Door Outreach Center in Waterford. There are two bins located on the shelves at the bottom of the sanctuary stairs where you can place product donations. The Open Door is a non-profit organization that assists needy families in the Lakes Area. They are ALWAYS in need of toiletry and hygiene items, so **if you can provide any of these throughout the year, it would be appreciated.**

ST. MARK'S "WELCOME BASKET" OUTREACH PROGRAM – Our Board of Gospel Outreach has expanded their Welcome Basket program to include not only the neighborhood behind church, but also the Golf Manor Subdivision as well. Anyone who would like to help offset the cost of these baskets can place their donation in a pink envelope (found in the pew racks), write "Welcome Baskets" on the front, and place the envelope into our offering plates. An example of a filled basket is now located on the shelf at the bottom of the sanctuary stairs.

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EYEGLOSS AND POSTAGE STAMP DONATIONS – The small, plastic bins used to collect eyeglasses for M.O.S.T. Ministries, and postage stamps for Wycliffe Bible Translators, are located on the bookshelves at the bottom of the sanctuary stairs. M.O.S.T. Ministries (Mission Opportunities Short Term) provides recycled eyeglasses to people living in the developing nations around the world. Wycliffe Bible Translators provide Bibles that are written in peoples' native languages so that they can fully understand God's Word and, hopefully, come to faith in Christ. Used postage stamps should be cut out with ¼" of space around them and placed into the donation bin so they can be mailed to Wycliffe once a year and sold on auction websites. The proceeds are used to help with Bible translation projects.



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Presiding Minister

Rev. Aaron Vergin

Altar Guild

Karen Kaufman

Acolyte

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Elder on Duty

Jim O'Brien

Greeter(s)

Rudy & Ellen Rentola

Offering Counters

Mary Lockwood & Nancy Salo

Organist

Rob Wheeler

Trumpeter

Chris Gerard

Ushers

Scott Miller & Rudy Rentola

Video Technician

TBD