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**+ ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS (OBSERVED) +
Service of Prayer & Preaching
October 1, 2023**

As We Gather: Our Father in Heaven Protects His Children by Giving His Holy Angels Charge Over Them

We live in “a time of trouble” (Dan. 12:1), in the midst of great tribulation. Satan and his wicked angels have been thrown out of heaven and have come down to earth “in great wrath,” with woeful “temptations to sin” and with constant accusations (Rev. 12:8–12; Matt. 18:7). Even so, we are encouraged by the presence and protection of St. Michael and the holy angels, whom God sends to help us in the strife (Dan. 10:11–13). By “the authority of his Christ,” His holy angels guard and keep us in body and soul. These heavenly servants of God preserve His human messengers on earth, the ministers of “the blood of the Lamb,” against all the power of the enemy, for by “the word of their testimony,” the Church is saved and the devil is defeated (Rev. 12:10–11; Luke 10:18–19). By their preaching and Baptism of repentance, the old Adam and the old evil foe are “drowned in the depth of the sea” (Matt. 18:6). As God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, so are His people delivered and raised from the dust of the earth through the forgiveness of their sins (Dan. 12:1–3).

Hymn ‘Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing’

LSB 686



1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -
 4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy



sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,
 help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,
 strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter
 love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,



Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less
 Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
 Bind my wan-d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I
 How I'll sing Thy won-drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er



glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me
 strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to
 feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my
 tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine



ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.
 res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
 heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.
 an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–90, alt.

Tune: Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813, Harrisburg

Text and tune: Public domain

Opening Versicles: Common

LSB 260

L This is the day which the Lord has made;

C let us rejoice and be glad in it.

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

L Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

C I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

L Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

C Teach me Your paths.

L Sanctify us in Your truth.

C Your Word is truth.

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

C 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.

Old Testament Canticle

LSB 261

Refrain

■ The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.
With joy will you draw wa - ter from the
wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that
day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,
make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -



claim that His name is ex - alt - ed.”

Refrain
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done

glo - rious - ly; let this be made known in all the

earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -

hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the

Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

Refrain
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son

and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will

be for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

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.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Introit

Psalm 103:20–22; antiphon: v. 1



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

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!

**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!

Reading

Revelation 12:7–12

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

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Reading

Matthew 18:1–11

1At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” 2And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them 3and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. 4Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

5“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, 6but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

7“Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! 8And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. 9And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

10“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. 11For the Son of Man came to save the lost.”

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Responsory: Common

LSB 263

L Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

L Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

Ten Commandments

C You shall have no other gods.
You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
Honor your father and your mother.
You shall not murder.
You shall not commit adultery.
You shall not steal.
You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant
or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to
your neighbor.

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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.

Sermon "Comforting Victory both in the Battle and from It"
Revelation 12:7-12

Hymn 'Lord God, We All to Thee Give Praise'

TLH 254

1 Lord God, we all to Thee give praise, Thanks-giv - ings
 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

meet to Thee we 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. A - men.

5 As he of old deceived the world
 And into sin and death has hurled,
 So now he subtly lies in wait
 To ruin school and Church and State.

7 But watchful is the angel band
 That follows Christ on every hand
 To guard His people where they go
 And break the counsel of the Foe.

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 power.

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.

Heb. 1: 14
 Dicimus grates tibi, summo rerum
 Philipp Melancthon, 1545, cento
 Tr., Paul Eber, 1854
 English tr., Emanuel Cronewett, 1880, alt.

L. M.

Old Hundredth
 "Genevan Psalter," 1551

Prayer

L In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For . . . [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here] . . . let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

L 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.

Collect for the Word

L Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Morning Prayer

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Hymn 'God's Word Is Our Great Heritage'

LSB 582

God's Word is our great her - i - tage And shall be ours for -
ev - er; To spread its light from age to age Shall be our
chief en - deav - or. Through life it guides our way, In death it
is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds en - dure, We keep its
teach - ings pure Through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

Text: Nikolai Fredrik Severin Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Ole G. Belsheim, 1861–1925, alt.

Tune: Friedrich O. Reuter, 1863–1924

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Blessing

Benedicamus

LSB 267

L Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 267

L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.
C Amen.

Hymn 'Behold a Host, Arrayed in White'

LSB 676



1 Be - hold a host, ar - rayed in white, Like thou - sand
2 De - spised and scorned, they so - journed here; But now, how
3 O bless - ed saints in bright ar - ray Now safe - ly



snow - clad moun - tains bright! With palms they stand; Who
glo - rious they ap - pear! Those mar - tyrs stand, A
home in end - less day, Ex - tol the Lord, Who



is this band Be - fore the throne of light? These are the
priest - ly band, God's throne for - ev - er near. On earth they
with His Word Sus - tained you on the way. The steep and



saints of glo - rious fame, Who from the great af -
wept through bit - ter years; Now God has wiped a -
nar - row path you trod; You toiled and sowed the



flic - tion came And in the flood Of Je - sus' blood
way their tears, Trans - formed their strife To heav'n - ly life,
Word a - broad; Re - joice and bring Your fruits and sing

Are cleansed from guilt and shame. They now serve God both
 And freed them from their fears. They now en - joy the
 Be - fore the throne of God. The myr - iad an - gels

day and night; They sing their songs in end - less light. Their
 Sab - bath rest, The heav'n - ly ban - quet of the blest; The
 raise their song; O saints, sing with that hap - py throng! Lift

an - thems ring As they all sing With an - gels shin - ing bright.
 Lamb, their Lord, At fes - tive board Him - self is host and guest.
 up one voice; Let heav'n re - joice In our Re - deem - er's song!

*Text: Hans Adolf Brorson, 1694–1764; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Readings for Next Sunday: Isaiah 55:1-9, Ephesians 5:15-21, and Matthew 22:1-14.

Stewardship: Luke 14:11 – “For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.” The kingdom of God is always upside down and backwards like this. We must die in order to live. We must be humbled so we can be exalted. It’s like this with giving as well. When we give away, then we receive much more than we bargained for: peace of mind, contentment, joy.

Sunday School: In today’s lesson, “The Unlikely Ally,” the Israelites prepare to enter the Promised Land. Joshua sends two spies to explore Jericho. Rahab, a prostitute, first hides the spies from the authorities, and later she helps them escape out her window in the city wall. Because of her faithfulness, the spies promise to spare Rahab and her family when the Israelites come to occupy the city.

October calendars and newsletters are on the entryway table.

Council Meeting next Sunday, Oct. 8th at 8:00am. Please arrange to have at least 1 member from your board in attendance.

Building Healthy Families for Oct. 1st: Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit...therefore honor God with your body. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20) Guess what? This instruction isn’t just for young people! How are we - young and old people alike – doing at taking care of our physical bodies where God’s Spirit dwells? No matter your age, do something this week that will make your body stronger and healthier. Choose a healthy snack, drink less, or go for a walk and invite a friend or neighbor to join you. Shared activity makes it more fun and creates an open door for conversation about wellness, including spiritual wellness. This week, honor God with your body...no matter how many years it’s been around! ~ **www.LutheranFamilyService.org.**

Life Quote for Oct. 1st: “The science is conclusive: Human life starts at fertilization. The Bible is conclusive: Life is from God, it begins at fertilization, and God’s commandment of ‘You shall not murder’ (Exodus 20:13) certainly applies to the slaying of an innocent child in the womb. Because that little baby in the womb IS a human being.” Pastor Paul Clark, President of Lutherans For Life of Michigan ~ **A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransfor-life.org**

Lutheran Hour Ministries for Oct 8th: Hear “Whatever and Wherever, Thank You, Lord!” based on Psalm 23 by guest speaker Pastor Keith Haberstock. “The Lord is my Shepherd...” That’s how the 23rd Psalm begins. It goes on to describe the ways in which our Good Shepherd leads, comforts, and protects the sheep of His flock. Every line gives us a reason to be thankful. ~ **Listen next Sunday on 600 WMT at 6:30 a.m., 1190 KFJB at 8:30 a.m., WHO-1040 at 7:30 a.m., & 1410 KGRN at 7:30 a.m.**

Life Thoughts in the Church Year: Remaining silent about the sanctity of life enslaves us to selfishness just like abortion does. But God’s grace and forgiveness in Christ Jesus free us from looking out only for ourselves. We get to speak His truth and show His love to every one of our neighbors—not out of “selfish ambition or conceit,” but in service to “the interests of others” (Philippians 2:3-4).

A LUTHERAN VIEW OF DEPRESSION... You can listen to the new audiobook, “I Trust When Dark My Road: A Lutheran View of Depression” by Pastor Todd Peperkorn. Go to issuesetc.org, enter your email address, and you’ll receive a link to “I Trust When Dark My Road.” This new audiobook is produced by Lutheran Public Radio based in Collinsville, IL. LPR produces radio talk shows, podcasts, and 24/7 sacred music and talk stations.

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Cleaning: Household(s) responsible for the week of 10/1--10/7 is **Stanek**. Household(s) responsible for the week of 10/8--10/14 is **Wyatt**. If you cannot clean the week you have been assigned, it is your responsibility to trade with others on the list. If it is your week to clean church and you have other obligations or you prefer to write a check rather than cleaning, a substitute is available for **\$75.00**. Please contact Amber at immanuelutheran@iowatelecom.net. Make payment to Amber Carnine and leave payment under her office door, in her box at church, or you can mail payment to the church. We do ask that you let Amber know ASAP but the deadline is by Thursday of the week before it is your week to clean. **Beginning January 1, 2023, the cost of cleaning sub is raising from \$50.00 to \$75.00.**

Confirmation Memory Work for Oct. 4th:

5th/6th Grades:

Baptism: Which are these words and promises of God?

7th/8th Grades:

*Confession: What is confession? What sins should we confess?
Which are these?*

Join us via Zoom on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of every month at 9am for a Young Women's Bible Study! While these Bible Studies will be focused toward teens and young adults, we welcome all to participate! Some weeks we will dive into a CPH Bible Studies while others will be a special topic session led by a pastor within the Iowa East. Email hmraebel@gmail.com for more information and join us on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month!

Birthdays

*Tuesday...Finn McDonough
Wednesday...Pam Haase*

Baptismal Birthdays

*Thursday...Steve Haase
Friday...Tanner Sittig*

Anniversaries

*Today...David & Sandy Koch
Wednesday...Joseph & Lindsay Wyckoff*

We pray God's blessings upon you in the coming year.

Voters' Assembly Sunday, Oct. 15th after the service

If you are not a member and desire to become one:

4.3.1 Definition: Voting members are communicants who have reached the age of 18 years and who have been received by the Voters' Assembly.

4.3.2 Reception: Applicants for voting membership shall have received a copy of the constitution and be given time to review it. They shall be received as voting members by presenting themselves at a meeting of the Voters' Assembly and signing the constitution.

4.3.3 Duties: Voting members shall attend the meetings of the Voters' Assembly regularly, participate in the work of the congregation, and willingly accept responsibility according to their ability.

POWESHIEK COUNTY CHRISTMAS SHARE SIGN-UP!

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23 THROUGH
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2023

10:00 AM - 12:00 NOON Mon-Fri
DRAKE COMMUNITY LIBRARY
930 PARK STREET, GRINNELL, IA

Required Documents for Sign-Up:

1. Photo ID
2. Utility Bill (proof of residency)
3. One of the following:
Subsidized Rent Receipt
LIHEAP Approval/Appointment
Current SNAP OR DHS Notice of Decision
4. If signing up children, a birth certificate is required.
5. Proof of residency is required for anyone over 18.

REQUIRED
DOCUMENTATION
FOR SIGN-UP

To avoid long lines and extended wait times, we suggest you
sign up using the schedule below. Use first letter of last name:

Monday, October 23 - Last Names A-G
Tuesday, October 24 - Last Names H-M
Wednesday, October 25 - Last Names N-Q
Thursday, October 26 - Last Names R-T
Friday, October 27 - Last Names U-Z

Questions can be directed to Christmas Share at (641) 325-2059.