

The Feast Day of Michael and All Angels
“Michaelmas”

September 29, 2024

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An Order for Holy Communion 8 am and 10:30 am
(Setting Two, *Lutheran Book of Worship*)

Please Note:

Hand sanitizer is available for your use. Offerings may be received by way of offering plates as you enter or leave.

Bold print indicates Congregation.

HYMNS ARE PRINTED IN THE BACK OF OUR BULLETIN AS WELL AS HYMNALS (LBW, Green Book; WOV, Blue Book)

****Please stand as you are able.***

INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S WORSHIP

The archangel Michael is pictured as a prince and a general of the heavenly army, defeating the dragon (the ancient serpent, the devil, Satan). It is important, though, to see in Revelation 12:11 that God's victory ultimately comes by Jesus' death and the testimony of his followers. The power of God's truth gives us confidence in the face of evil on earth, even in the face of our own death.

PRELUDE Chorale Prelude on “St. Cross” Ch. Hubert H. Parry (1848-1918)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCING THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for forgiveness.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

**The cravings at war within us
cause conflicts and disputes.**

**In our desire to be first
we make distinctions among ourselves.**

We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

**Draw near to us with grace in time of need,
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity
and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ,
the source of eternal healing,
your sins are forgiven.

Amen.

***HYMN Jesus Shall Reign**

LBW, “Green”, 530

***THE GREETING**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the
Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

*HYMN OF PRAISE



Ⓐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



Ⓑ Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Everlasting God, you have wonderfully established the ministries of angels and mortals. Mercifully grant that as Michael and the angels contend

against the cosmic forces of evil, so by your direction they may 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 whom we worship and praise with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, now and forever.

Amen.

THE FIRST READING.....Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3

¹⁰A hand touched me and roused me to my hands and knees. ¹¹He said to me, “Daniel, greatly beloved, pay attention to the words that I am going to speak to you. Stand on your feet, for I have now been sent to you.” So while he was speaking this word to me, I stood up trembling. ¹²He said to me, “Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. ¹³But the prince of the kingdom of Persia opposed me twenty-one days. So Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, and I left him there with the prince of the kingdom of Persia, ¹⁴and have come to help you understand what is to happen to your people at the end of days. For there is a further vision for those days.

^{12:1}“At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ²Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 103:1-5, 20-22

¹Bless the LORD, | O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God’s | holy name.

²**Bless the LORD, | O my soul,**
and forget not | all God’s benefits—

³who forgives | all your sins
and heals all | your diseases;

⁴**who redeems your life | from the grave**
and crowns you with steadfast | love and mercy;

5who satisfies your desires | with good things

so that your youth is renewed | like an eagle's.

20**Bless the LORD, you angels, you mighty ones who | do God's bidding,
who obey the voice | of God's word.**

21Bless the LORD, all you | hosts of God,
you servants who | do God's will.

22**Bless the LORD, all you works of God, in all places | where God rules;
bless the LORD, | O my soul.**

THE SECOND READING.....Revelation 12:7-12

7War broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, 8but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. 9The 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.

10Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming,
“Now have come the salvation and the power
and the kingdom of our God
and the authority of his Messiah,

for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down,
who accuses them day and night before our God.

11But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb
and by the word of their testimony,
for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.

12Rejoice then, you heavens
and those who dwell in them!

But woe to the earth and the sea,
for the devil has come down to you
with great wrath,

because he knows that his time is short!”

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

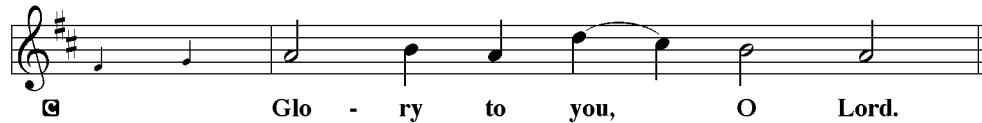
***THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

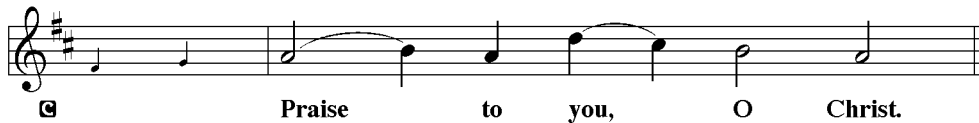
***THE GOSPEL.....Luke 10:17-20**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 10th chapter



17The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” 18He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. 19See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. 20Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



THE SERMON

***HYMN Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones LBW, “Green”, 175**

***THE NICENE CREED**

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,**

**of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen.

***THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:** *After each petition, “Hear us, O God/Your mercy is great”.*

***THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

All may greet one another with these or similar words and/or gestures of peace.

ANTHEM

8 am "Angel Voices, Ever Singing" Pott/Sullivan Chase Bower, soloist

10:30 am "Crossing the Bar" Tennyson/Arbo Choir

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Ⓟ The Lord be with you. ☒ And al - so with you.

Ⓟ Lift up your hearts. ☒ We lift them to the Lord.

Ⓟ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☒ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the witness and ministry of saints and angels you show us the hope of our calling, and strengthen us to run the race that is set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory. And so with Michael, all angels and the hosts of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

☒ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In your great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
who on the cross opened his arms to all,
and by his resurrection brought eternal life.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread,
gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
saying: "Take and eat;
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."
Again after supper, he took the cup,
gave thanks,
and gave it to all to drink
saying: "This cup
is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering, therefore,
his death, resurrection and ascension
we await his coming in glory.
Pour out upon us
the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills
of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood
of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom with you
and the Holy Spirit
be all honor and glory,

now and forever.

Amen.

***OUR LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

***LAMB OF GOD**



☩ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

***INVITATION**

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all! Come! **Amen.**

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PRAYER LIST

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OUR STEWARDSHIP September 22, 2024



Regular Offering	\$3,516.00
Plate Offering	5.00
Bulletin Sponsor-Sarah Young	10.00
Capital Fund	10.00
Synod Benevolence	10.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$3,551.00

ALTAR FLOWERS



Today (Sunday, September 29, 2024) are given in loving memory of my husband, George Bjornstad, on his birthday, by Sally Bjornstad and in loving memory of Ralph Zeigler, Sr., on his birthday, by his family.

WORSHIP LEADERS September 29, 2024

Lector	8:00 AM	Brian Jackson
	10:30AM	Deb Buckman
Communion Assistants	8:00 AM	Brian Jackson
	10:30AM	Ralph and LouAnn Zeigler
Ushers	8:00 AM	Herb Poff, Richard Miller
	10:30AM	Tim Maggs, Captain

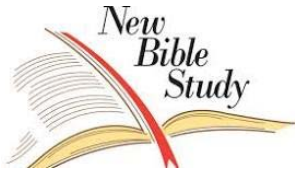
Organist
Altar Guild

September

Carl Hieber, Charles Kuntz
Sam Robinson
Leah Haussmann, Deb Buckman

MUSIC NOTES

Edward Elgar and Charles Hubert Parry were pivotal figures in the development of British classical music. Elgar's compositions, such as Enigma Variations and Pomp and Circumstance, brought a renewed sense of national pride and international acclaim to English music. Parry, known for Jerusalem, Blest Pair of Sirens, and his influential chorale preludes for organ, fostered a revival of English choral and organ traditions, inspiring a generation of composers and shaping the musical landscape of the late Victorian and Edwardian eras.



October Bible Study

Please join us Wednesdays in October as we take time to learn and grow in our faith. Pastor Vasey will lead us in a study based on the New Testament book of Galatians. Study guides will be available for use.

You are invited to bring a brown bag lunch to munch as we meet from 12:10-12:45 in Fellowship Hall. We are excited for this opportunity, and look forward to sharing this time of study and fellowship.

Lutheran World Relief



Blanket Sunday is fast approaching. It is Sunday, October 6, 2024. Blankets need to be 60" x 80" or twin size. They do not have to be new, just in good condition. Material should be cotton, cotton/polyester blend or light weight wool. Kits will be accepted next week also. An update on how many of each kit will be given next week. For those who are available, we will pack up the kits on Monday, September 30 at 1 pm and Saturday, October 5 at 11 am.

Stewardship

Stewardship Sunday will be held on All Saints Day, November 3, 2024. Please begin thinking about your commitment to the financial well being of our church. Right now there is a repair of the organ and replacement of the dossal. Next year, one of the roofs will have to be replaced plus there are the everyday expenses such as salaries, utilities, etc. Please think about being generous with your pledge.

Evangelism and Fellowship

The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee cannot thank the congregation enough for their very generous support of our September collections. Check out these stats.

- Cereal Sunday saw a grand total of 318 boxes of assorted cereals donated to the United Churches Food Pantry.
- Redeemer Lutheran's community dinner received 126 servings of Tastykake cupcakes for their September 12th dinner.
- Our Mini Food Drive, lasting only two weeks, saw 319 non-perishable food items donated to the United Churches Food Pantry.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We could not reach out to the community without your support. God bless you all.

Budget Time

Budget time - all committee heads need to see me about budget paperwork.

Thanks – Deb Buckman, Treasurer



Our Community's annual walk to fight hunger, CROP Hunger Walk, will be held **Sunday, October 13th** at 1:00 PM, on the River Walk in Williamsport. The walk begins here at St. Mark's and you can walk 3, 6 or 9 miles (most of us walk 3 miles).

Join the **St. Mark's Lutheran Church Lions** team to walk or donate. Our goal is \$1,000 (last year we raised \$940)! Hungry people in developing countries can walk as many as six miles a day for food and water. We walk because they walk. By walking on a fall afternoon, you create awareness to these issues, raise funds and have

fellowship with members of the St. Mark's congregation as well as other congregations.

25% of the funds we raise support local hunger agencies and the other 75% is distributed by Church World Service nationally and internationally. In partnership CROP walks support self-help programs, assist after disasters and help address root causes of poverty by providing water systems and tools to grow the food they need.

To register to walk or donate to our team, you can speak with Brenda Gair (text 570-220-8859) or on-line; <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/team/st-marks-lutheran-church-lions>

Click the orange “Donate Now”

Checks can be made payable to “CWS/CROP”

Special Request from Little Lambs

The new owner of Little Lambs has a special request of the members of our congregation and any others needing to access the second floor of the Parish House during Little Lambs regular business hours. You are asked to come to the Little Lambs entrance on the second floor and ring the bell in order to gain admission via a staff member. This is for the safety and security of the children whom they serve in their program. Your cooperation is most appreciated, and your prayers for peace, safety and blessing are requested for the children and staff as they begin a new academic year.



Monday, September 30, -
Sunday, October 6, 2024

Sunday, September 29

Holy Communion 8 and 10:30 am

Sunday School, 9:15 am

Monday, September 30

Office Hours, 9 am – 1 pm

Tuesday, October 1

Evangelism & Fellowship, 5:30 pm ML

Wednesday, October 2

Fire Extinguisher Inspection, 9 am

Bible Study (Galatians), 12:10 pm FH

Pastor Appointment, 3:30 pm

Thursday, October 3

Office Hours, 9 am – 1 pm

Friday, October 4

Office Hours, 9 am – 1 pm

Pastor's day off

Saturday, October 5

Church Office Closed

Sunday, October 6

Holy Communion, 8 and 10:30 am

Sunday School, 9:15 am

Please remember to let the administrative assistant know when committee meetings are scheduled, or changed, so it can be included in the bulletin.

If there is anything you would like to include in the "This Week at Our Church", please email jbaur@stmarkswilliamsport.org



When you or a family member are ill, have a crisis of faith, or have a personal concern of which you wish to make the pastor aware, please contact him directly by church office telephone (570-323-4619) 272-788-0161 (cell) or email

(bvasey@stmarkswilliamsport.org). Do not assume the pastor will know of your need any other way.



When you or a loved one has a change of address, telephone number or email, please contact the church office at 570-323-4619 or stmarks@stmarkswilliamsport.org. Please direct your intentions whether or not to share this

information with our church family.

COMMEMORATIONS

Jerome, translator, teacher, died 420

Monday, September 30, 2024

Jerome was a biblical scholar and translator, but rather than translating the original Hebrew and Greek scriptures into classical Latin, he worked in the commonly-spoken Latin of the day, creating a version called the Vulgate.



Francis of Assisi, renewer of the church, died 1226

Friday, October 4, 2024

Born into the family of a wealthy merchant, Francis gave up his inheritance to serve poor people. He formed the Order of Friars Minor (called Franciscans), who took on poverty and the task of preaching "using words if necessary." Francis had a spirit of gratitude for all of God's creation.



Theodor Fliedner, renewer of society, died 1864

Friday, October 4, 2024

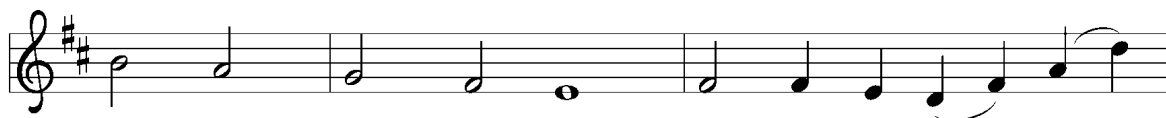
Fliedner helped to bring about a revival of the ministry of deaconesses among Lutherans. He was influenced in this by Moravian deaconesses he had met. The motherhouse he founded in Kaiserswerth, Germany, inspired many around the world to take up this ministry.



Jesus Shall Reign



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

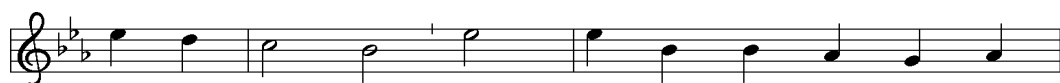
Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones



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
 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, arch - an - gels, vir - tues, an - gel choirs:
 Word, most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the Lord:
 strong, all saints tri - um - phant, raise the song:
 Son, and God the Spir - it, Three in One:



"Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!" Al - le -



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

Text: J. Athelstan Riley, 1858–1945

Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623

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Praise the Lord! O Heavens



- 1 Praise the Lord! O heav'ns, a - dore him; praise him, an - gels, in the height;
- 2 Praise the Lord, for he is gra - cious; nev - er shall his prom - ise fail.



sun and moon, re - joice be - fore him; praise him, gleam - ing stars and light.
God has made his saints vic - to - rious; sin and death shall not pre - vail.



Praise the Lord, for he has spo - ken; worlds his might - y voice o - beyed;
Praise the God of our sal - va - tion; hosts on high, his pow'r pro - claim;



laws which nev - er shall be bro - ken for their guid - ance he has made.
heav'n and earth, and all cre - a - tion, laud and mag - ni - fy his name!

Text: *Foundling Hospital Collection*, London, 1796
Music: AUSTRIA, Franz Joseph Haydn, 1732–1809