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ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS DAY

September 26, 28, and 29, 2024

Since the fifth century, Christians have observed the Festival of St. Michael and All Angels. We commemorate that God has sent the archangel Michael and countless angels to protect and serve mankind. Let us rejoice that followers of Christ have powerful allies!



WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S – CONNECTION CARD

Thank you for joining us in worship. Please complete a Connection Card so we can provide God's people here at St. Paul's with the best spiritual care. You can also fill out the card online and find other resources by scanning the QR Code.

CHILDCARE EVERY SUNDAY 7:45 – 10:45 am in east wing of the church.

SUNDAY KIDS CLUB FOR 3K – GRADE 5 9:30 – 10:30 am at the school. Register online at stpaulmuskego.org/kidsclub.

ACCESSIBILITY A hearing loop system and large-print worship folders are available.

QUESTIONS OR NEED ASSISTANCE? Visit the Welcome Center in the lobby where a greeter will be happy to assist you.

BELLS AND WELCOME

OPENING HYMN BLUE 499, vv. 1-4

1 Christ, the Lord of hosts, unshaken

by the devil's seething rage,
thwarts the plan of Satan's minions,
wins the strife from age to age;
conquers sin and death forever,
slams them in their steely cage.

3 Long on earth the battle rages,

since the serpent's first deceit
twisted God's command to Adam,
made forbidden fruit look sweet.

Then the curse of God was spoken:

"You'll lie crushed beneath his feet!"

Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken

2 Michael fought the heav'nly battle,

godly angels by his side;
warred against the ancient serpent,
foiled the beast, so full of pride,
cast him earthbound with his angels;
now he prowls, unsatisfied.

4 Jesus came, this word fulfilling,

trampled Satan, death defied;
bore the brunt of our temptation,
on the wretched tree he died.

Yet to life was raised victorious,
by his life our life supplied.

HOLY BAPTISM RATIFICATION (Sunday 8:00 am)

Ava Louise Strutz

Daughter of Randall and Christel (nee Frey) Strutz, born September 17, 2024

M In the name of the Father and of the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

M Dear friends, how great is the love the Father has lavished on us that we should be called children of God.

C **And that is what we are!**

M The Apostle John calls us to love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. We do not love like God love us. As we come before our God today, let us, therefore, confess our lack of love for others and the many sins that flow from our love of self.

All **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.**

For faithless worrying and selfish pride,

For sins of habit and sins of choice,

For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,

You should cast me away from your presence forever.

O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

M Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you**

M Let us pray.

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted in wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals

C **Mercifully grant that, as your holy angels always serve and worship you in heaven, so by your direction they may help and defend us here on earth.**

M We pray through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with your and the Holy Spirit, one God, now

C **and forever. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Revelation 12:7-12, Bible page 1245

Jesus gave the Apostle John a vision of the victory that is ours. The Archangel Michael and God's angels defeat Satan and his evil angels. We celebrate this victory when, in one of the pre-communion liturgies, we hear the voice from heaven declare: "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Messiah." Satan is defeated when God's people receive forgiveness in the body and blood of Christ.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M Alleluia. Praise the Lord, you his angels, who obey his word. Alleluia. (Psalm 103:20 NIV).

GOSPEL

Luke 10:17-20, Bible page 1040

Satan was defeated by the gospel preaching of the apostles. May the Spirit open our eyes to see the same spiritual reality that Jesus saw: Satan is overcome by gospel preaching to this day.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. 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, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian 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.

HYMN OF THE DAY BLUE 500, vv. 1-4, 7

**1 Lord God, to you we give all praise,
with grateful hearts our voices raise
that angel hosts you did create
around your glorious throne to wait.**

**3 They never rest nor sleep as we;
their whole delight is but to be
with you, Lord Jesus, and to keep
your little flock, your lambs and sheep.**

Lord God, to You We Give All Praise

**2 They shine with light and heav'nly grace
and constantly behold your face.
They heed your voice, they know it well;
in godly wisdom they excel.**

**4 The ancient dragon is their foe;
his envy and his wrath they know.
It always is his aim and pride
your Christian people to divide.**

**5 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.**

SERMON

2 Kings 6:8-24, Bible page 368

Pastor Pete Panitzke

After the sermon, the congregation sings:

**O Lord, awaken songs of praise
for angel hosts that guard our days;
teach us to serve you and adore
as angels do forevermore.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M Lord of hosts, eternal, immortal, and invisible King, we praise and thank you for protecting your people through your holy angels, who always behold your face and worship your majesty. Open our eyes to see that your angels are here with us, joining us in praise, and delivering us from every evil of body and soul. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

M Lord of hosts, we will see all your angel armies on the last day when you come to bring judgment on all who reject you. Use us as messengers of your gospel to overcome the power of Satan in the hearts of many. Bring them to faith and eternal life in Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

M Direct your holy angels to serve all who are in want, trouble, pain, sorrow, disappointment, anxiety, or any other trouble. Comfort them with your power and grace. [Especially bless... *here name the person and the cause of the petition.*] Grant that your presence may brighten our homes, that children may learn of your tender love, and that all parents may walk in the counsel of your Son. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

M Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer.

M At the end of our lives may your holy angels carry us to your side as they carried poor Lazarus. May we there experience the eternal joys of paradise. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

DISMISSAL OF ONLINE WORSHIPERS (*Sunday 9:30 am*)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

M The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M Let us give thanks to the Lord.

C **It is good and right so to do.**

M It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has called us to be his own so that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

O holy, holy, holy
Lord God of pow'r and might,
Your glory, earth and heaven
In countless ways recite.
Hosanna! Come and save us,
Lord God of hosts on high,
And in your grace and mercy
Receive our fervent cry.

Hosanna in the highest!
How truly blest is he
Who in God's name is coming
To set his people free!
He comes to bring salvation
And with his blood outpoured,
Deliver us from bondage—
Hosanna, mighty Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.
By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.
By his innocent death, he overcame hell.
By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C **Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Musical score for "O Christ, Lamb of God" in 4/4 time, featuring six staves of music with lyrics. The score begins in B-flat major and changes to B major in the third staff. The lyrics are: "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 your peace. A - men."

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

Communion Practice

The Lord's Supper is a fellowship meal. In this meal Jesus expresses his fellowship with us by giving us his body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. In this meal we also express our fellowship with each other, that is, that we are united in a common confession of faith. We at St. Paul's want everyone to enjoy this fellowship meal. However, we cannot ask someone to express agreement with us until we give that person an opportunity to discover what we teach. That is why we schedule frequent membership classes to provide an overview of our teachings. If you are not a member of our Lutheran denomination, please speak with one of the pastors before joining us at the altar. Thank you.

Non-alcoholic wine (light-colored wine in tray) and gluten-free wafers (at Communion rail) are available.

I walk in danger all the way; The thought shall never leave me
 That Satan, who has marked his prey, Is plotting to deceive me.
 This foe with hidden snares May seize me unawares
 If e'er I fail to watch and pray; I walk in danger all the way.

I pass through trials all the way, With sin and ills contending;
 In patience I must bear each day The cross of God's own sending.
 Oft in adversity I know not where to flee
 When storms of woe my soul dismay; I pass through trials all the way.

Grim death pursues me all the way; Nowhere I rest securely.
 He comes by night, he comes by day, And takes his prey most surely.
 A failing breath, and I In death's strong grasp may lie
 To face eternity today. Grim death pursues me all the way.

I walk with angels all the way; They shield me and befriend me.
 All Satan's pow'r is held at bay When heav'nly hosts attend me.
 They are my sure defense; All fear and sorrow, hence!
 Unharmed by foes, do what they may, I walk with angels all the way.

I walk with Jesus all the way; His guidance never fails me.
 He takes my ev'ry fear away When Satan's pow'r assails me,
 And, by his footsteps led, My path I safely tread.
 In spite of ills that threaten may, I walk with Jesus all the way.

My walk is heav'nward all the way; Await, my soul, the morrow,
 When you farewell can gladly say To all your sin and sorrow.
 All worldly pomp, begone! To heav'n I now press on.
 For all the world I would not stay; My walk is heav'nward all the way.

CLOSING PRAYER

M We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BLESSING

M The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.

C Amen.