ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS September 29, 2024

"The Lord's Victory for Us"

THE WELCOME



(please stand)

THE INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ★ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Let us confess our sins to God, our merciful Father.

(silence for individual reflection and prayer)

- P: Almighty God,
- C: we confess our thoughtlessness, our lovelessness, and our sinfulness. We have not lived at all times as Your holy people. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for these our sins. Have mercy on us, kind Father, because of the obedience of our Savior, Jesus Christ, Your Son. Forgive us all our sins and renew us by the power of the Holy Spirit. This we confidently ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C: Amen.

THE INTROIT Psalm 103:20-22; antiphon; Psalm 103:1 (ESV)

- P: Bless the Lord, O my soul,
- C: and all that is within me, bless His holy name!
- P: Bless the Lord, O you His angels,
- C: you mighty ones who do His Word, obeying the voice of His Word!
- P: Bless the Lord, all His hosts,
- C: His servants, who do His will!
- P: Bless the Lord, all His works, in all places of His dominion.
- C: 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 beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

(please be seated)



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P: Let us pray. Everlasting God, in Your wisdom You have designed and created in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals. Mercifully grant that, as Your holy angels always serve and worship You in heaven, so by Your appointment they may serve 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.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING Daniel 10:10-14, 12:1-3 (ESV)

And behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees. And 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. Then 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. The 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, and 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." . . . "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. And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And 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.

THE EPISTLE Revelation 12:7-12 (ESV)

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

(please stand)

THE VERSE (tune: A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing) O friends in glad-ness let us sing, Heav-en-ly an-thems ech-o-ing: "Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!" To God the Father, God the Son, And God the Spirit, three in One: "Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!"

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 18:1-11 (ESV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" And calling to Him a child, He put him in the midst of them and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever receives one such child in My name receives Me, but 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. 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! And 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. And 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. 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."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE 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.

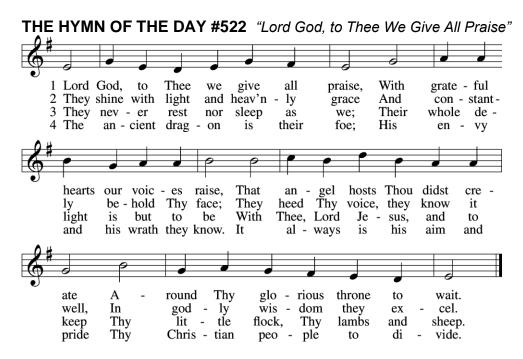
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

(please be seated)

THE MEMORY VERSE How Can Water Do Such Great Things? From Luther's Small Catechism

Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God's word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three: "He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying."

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



- 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.

THE SERMON *"The Lord's Victory for Us"* Text: Revelation 12:7-12 *(please stand)*

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS #578 "Thy Strong Word" (verse 6)

God the Father, light-creator, To Thee laud and honor be.

To Thee, Light of Light begotten, Praise be sung eternally.

Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to Thee.

Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity!

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THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER (printed inside the back cover of the hymnal)

LUTHER'S 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.

THE BENEDICTION

- P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord lift up His countenance on you and ♥ give you peace.
- C: Amen.

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