

CHRIST OUR REDEEMER

Pastor Mark Voss - October 1, 2017

The Festival of St. Michael and All Angels



Michael is one of two good angels that the Bible names for us. The other is the great messenger of God's grace, Gabriel. Gabriel's job was to announce the remarkable works of God's salvation to the waiting world. Michael's job is different.

Michael is called the archangel, that is, the leader of the angels. The Bible says that he is in charge of the great army of angels that God uses to protect and care for us. This is the day we remember God's great love in giving us these amazing protectors, the angels.

Today we're celebrating the Festival of St. Michael and All Angels. For 1500 years the Christian Church has celebrated this festival near the autumnal equinox, the day of 12 hours of sunlight and 12 hours of darkness. As Christians watched the autumn nights grow longer and the days grow shorter, they were reminded of the struggle between good and evil - between the forces of light and the forces of darkness - between the angel armies of God and the demonic forces of Satan. And so, every year as autumn darkened into winter, the Church celebrated the Feast of the Archangel, and remembered that Michael and All the Angels fought all their side.

You see, angels are one of God's answers to our fears. God wants to give us the proper perspective as we go through this life. No matter what sounds we hear, or dilemmas we face, or tragedies we endure . . . God's message for us. Don't be afraid, because we are not alone.

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

P: Praise the LORD from the heavens

C: Praise him in the heights above.

P: Praise him all his angels,

C: Praise him all his heavenly hosts.

P: Let them praise the name of the LORD,

C: For he commanded and they were created.

P: He set them in place forever and ever;

C: He gave a decree that will never pass away. Amen.

Dialogue of Praise

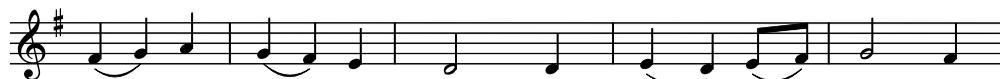
P: Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand time ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they sang: "Worthy is the lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" Revelation 5:11-12

Sing:

CW 198



A - round the throne of God a band Of glor - ious



an - gels ev - er stand; Bright things they see, sweet



harps they hold And on their heads are crowns of gold.

P: I sought the LORD and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame. The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them. Psalm 34:4-7

**Some wait around him, ready still
To sing his praise and do his will,
And some, when he commands them, go
To guard his servants here below.**

P: If you make the most high your dwelling – even the LORD, who is my refuge – then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone. Psalm 91:9-12

**Lord give your angels ev'ry day
Command to guide us on our way.
And bid them ev'ry evening keep
Their watch around us while we sleep**

P: When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. “Oh, my Lord (Elisha), what shall we do?” the servant asked. “Don’t be afraid,” the prophet answered. “Those who are with us are more than those who are with them.” And Elisha prayed. “O LORD, open his eyes so he may see.” Then the LORD opened the servant’s eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. 2 Kings 6:15-17

**Then shall no wicked thing draw near
To do us harm or cause us fear,
And we shall live, when life is past,
With angels round your throne at last.**

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray

Everlasting God, you have ordained and arranged 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 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, now and forever.

C: Amen

The Word of God

The Children's Lesson

Musical Selection - Junior Choir

"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

Words by Nancy Price & Don Besig. Music by Don Besig ©1988 Glory Sound

The First Lesson - Daniel 12:1-3 "At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people--everyone whose name is found written in the book--will be delivered. Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

The Psalm of the Day - Psalm 91

P: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High

C: Will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

P: I will say of the LORD,

C: He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.

P: You will not fear the terror of the night,

C: Nor the arrow that flies by day.

P: If you make the Most High your dwelling,

C: Then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent.

P: For he will command his angels concerning you

C: To guard you in all your ways.

P: They will lift you up in their hands,

C: So that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

The Verse of the Day

Psalm 103:20

P: Alleluia. Praise the Lord, you his angels, who obey his word. Alleluia.



Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! These words are



writ-ten that we may be-lieve that Je-sus is the Christ, the



Son of God. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

The Gospel Lesson – Luke 10:17-20 The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name." He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

The Hymn of the Day—"Lord God to You We All Give Praise" CW 196 vv 1-3

This hymn was written by Philip Melanchthon, one of the heroes of the Lutheran Reformation. Melanchthon was a child prodigy and graduated from the University of Hiedelberg at age 14. By age 21 he was appointed professor of Greek language and literature at the University of Wittenberg, where Dr. Martin Luther served as an Old Testament professor. Melanchthon was an extremely popular teacher – at times addressing 500 to 1500 students. Guided by Luther, he wrote the Augsburg Confession in 1530, a monumental contribution to Lutheranism. After his death, he was buried in the Castle Church in Wittenberg, opposite Luther's pulpit-side grave.

Sermon - The War is Won – But the Battle Rages On

⁷And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. ⁸But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. ⁹The great dragon was hurled down--that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

¹⁰Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say:

"Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down. ¹¹They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death. ¹²Therefore rejoice, you heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you! He is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short."

Revelation 12:7-12

The Apostles' Creed

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

I believe 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 is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there 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.

Thanksgiving

The Offering and Signing of Friendship Register

The Lord's Supper

We practice membership communion. We ask that only members of our church body, the Wisconsin Synod, partake of the Sacrament.

The Prayer of the Church

The 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

The Words of Institution

SING:

CW 309



Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord, And drink the ho - ly
Come for-ward, then, with faith-ful hearts sin - cere, And take the pledg-es



blood for you out - poured. Of-fered was he for great - est and for least,
of sal - va - tion here. Be - fore your al-tar, Lord, your ser-vants bow;



Him-self the vic-tim and him - self the priest.
In this your feast of love be with us now.

The Distribution and Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Blessing

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness. 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.

The Closing Hymn - "The God of Love"

CWS 725



The God of love, in heav'n a - bove, Has an - gels 'round his throne.
"Go" guard my sheep, their ways to keep, From dan - gers lurk - ing near.
At God's com-mand to ev - 'ry land On earth the an - gels come.
Dear chil - dren all, both great and small. our dear Lord loves us so.



Down from the sky, their home on high, He sends them to his
Pro - tect them all, that none may fall. And keep them free from
They do his will and guard us still so we are not a -
For ev - 'ry-where that we may fare, His an - gels al - so



own, He sends them to his own.
fear. And keep them free from fear."
- lone, So we are not a - lone.
go, His an - gels al - so go.

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FAMILY BIBLE STUDY: There is a new Family Bible Study open to all members and their families starting Saturday, October 7th, at 5:30p at church. We will start with a potluck dinner, followed by the Bible study. After the first Bible study we will be meeting at different homes on the first Saturday of each month. Hope to see you there!

OPEN FORUM: On Monday, October 2, at 6:30p you are invited to participate in an open forum here at COR on our school culture and vision planning. Whether you have a child in school here or not, please join us with your ideas and input – they are critical for us as we move forward.

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- A warm welcome to our visitors. May the Lord bless your worship with us today. We ask that you please sign the friendship register located at the end of the pew.
- Children – Activity bags are available in the coat room, off the narthex. During our 10:30a service a staffed nursery is located straight ahead and to your left as you exit the sanctuary. While we encourage young children to be in the service, families may like to use the nursery and are invited to do so.
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