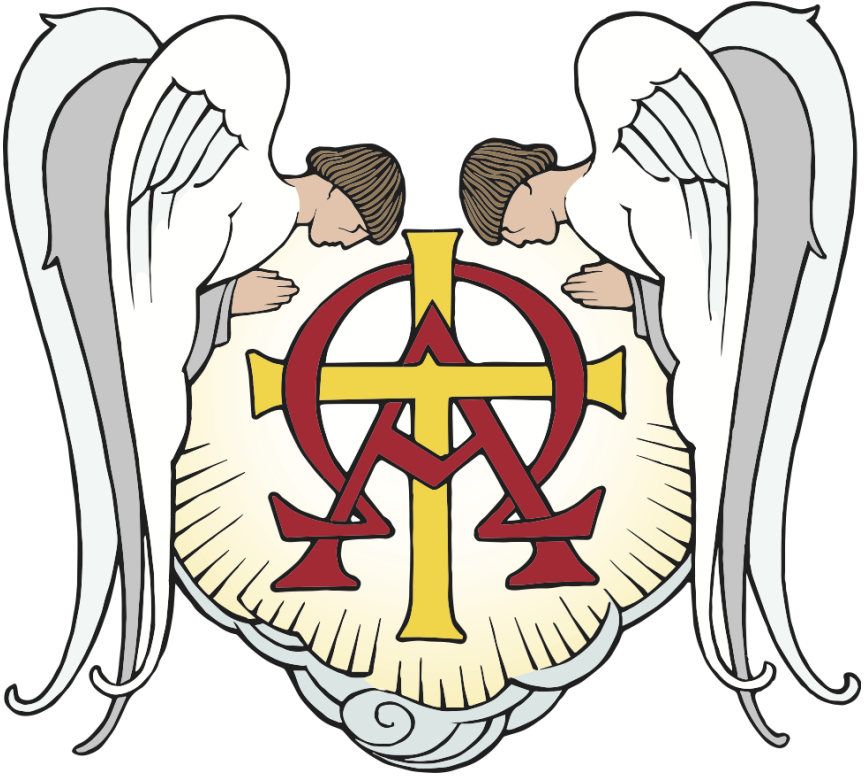


# Messiah Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



The Feast of St. Michael and

All Angels (observed)

+The Rite of First Communion+

Divine Service III

September 25, 2016

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**VISITORS WELCOME!** A special welcome to any visitors and guests who are with us today. Please introduce yourself to the pastor after the service, and we pray that the hearing and receiving of the Word of God in our midst will be filled with joy and thanksgiving!

**ATTENDANCE REGISTER:** During the offering we ask that you sign the attendance register located at the center aisle of each pew. **Please hand the filled in sheet to the usher as you exit at the end of the service. Let the usher know if you don't have a pad in your pew.**

**HOLY COMMUNION** is celebrated every Sunday and on Feast Days. Visiting communicant members of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod are invited to commune today. All other visitors are asked to speak with the pastor before coming to the altar. If there is time before the service, introduce yourself to the pastor or an elder. Other visitors are invited to use this time for prayer. If you desire information about attending communion, you are encouraged to visit with the pastor after the service today.

**PRAYERS OF PREPARATION** may be found in the opening cover of the hymnals in each pew. Take some time before the service begins in quiet preparation and prayer.

## +SERVING TODAY+

**Preacher/Celebrant:** Pr. Roemke

**Elder:** Brent Jiter

**Ushers:** Sam Braya & Tyler Nehls

**Greeter:** Liz Schultz

**Organist:** Evone Hagerman

**Altar Guild:** Bonnie Griepentrog & Kris Kochman

**Altar Flowers:** Today's altar flowers are provided by DuWayne & Bonnie Griepentrog.

**Cake:** Today's cake and juice is provided by the Roemkes and the Walthers in honor of Eva's and Elise's First Communion.

Please rise and face the processional cross.

## If God Himself Be for Me

LSB 724, v 1-5

Stand

### Invocation

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

#### +CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION+

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

#### +SERVICE OF THE WORD+

### Entrance Hymn-On Eagles' Wings

LSB 727

Choir:

- 1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
Who abide in His shadow for life,  
Say to the Lord: "My refuge,  
My rock in whom I trust!" **Refrain**
- 2 The snare of the fowler will never capture you,  
And famine will bring you no fear;  
Under His wings your refuge,  
His faithfulness your shield. **Refrain**
- 3 You need not fear the terror of the night,  
Nor the arrow that flies by day;  
Though thousands fall about you,  
Near you it shall not come. **Refrain**
- 4 For to His angels He's given a command  
To guard you in all of your ways;  
Upon their hands they will bear you up,  
Lest you dash your foot against a stone. **Refrain**

### Congregation:

*Refrain*



And He will raise you up on ea - gles' wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the  
sun, And hold you in the palm of His hand.

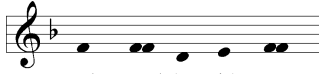
# Kyrie

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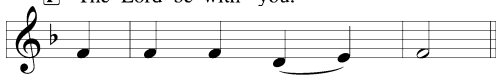
## Gloria in Excelsis

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### Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Let us pray.

**P** 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** A - men.

Sit

### Old Testament Reading

*Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3*

<sup>10</sup>And behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees. <sup>11</sup>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.

<sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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, <sup>14</sup>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. . . ."

<sup>12:1</sup>"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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>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."

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Gradual

*Ps. 91:11; 103:1*



**He will command his angels con- | cerning you\***  
**to guard you in | all your ways.**  
**Bless the LORD, | O my soul,\***  
**and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!**

### Epistle

*Revelation 12:7–12*

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

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand for gospel procession.*

### Alleluia-II

*MLC Choir*

### Holy Gospel

*Matthew 18:1–11*

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



**G** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

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

<sup>4</sup>Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>5</sup>“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, <sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>“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!

<sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>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.

<sup>10</sup>“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. <sup>11</sup>For the Son of Man came to save the lost.”



**P** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Alleluia-II

*MLC Choir*

## Nicene Creed

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*Sit*

## Lord God, to Thee We Give All Praise

*LSB 522*

## Sermon

*Stand*

## Offertory

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*Sit*

## Offering

*Candidates for First Communion, their parents, and sponsors, please come forward.*

### +FIRST COMMUNION PRIOR TO CONFIRMATION+

**P** Beloved in the Lord, in Holy Baptism these young people were born again as God's children and received into His Church. As a further gift of His love for us, our Lord Jesus Christ has given His Church the Sacrament of the Altar and invites His children to receive this Sacrament in faith for the forgiveness of their sins. The apostle Paul reminds us, "Let a person examine himself and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup," and "as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes." These candidates have received instruction and have been examined by the pastor regarding their sin and their understanding of the Sacrament of the Altar.

**P** You are about to be admitted to the Lord's Table. Holy Scripture describes the life of the Church and every baptized Christian with these words: "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." You are invited by our Lord to come regularly to hear His Word and receive His Sacrament. You will continue to be instructed and nurtured in the Christian faith and life. You are invited to confess your sins and receive the comfort of Holy Absolution. All this will help you live as the child of God you have been made through Holy Baptism.

In testimony of this faith and confession, I now ask you:

**P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, and in the Holy Spirit?

**R** *Yes, I believe.*

**P** Do you believe that Jesus Christ, true God and true man, is your Lord?

**R** *Yes, I believe.*

**P** Do you believe that you are a sinner?

**R** *Yes, I believe.*

**P** Do you believe that Jesus Christ died for you and shed His blood for you on the cross for the forgiveness of all your sins?

**R** *Yes, I believe.*

**P** Do you believe that in the Lord's Supper He gives you His true body and blood for the forgiveness of all your sins and to strengthen your faith in Him and your love toward others?

**R** *Yes, I believe.*

**P** Do you intend to continue to hear and receive the instruction of your

Lord, confess your sins, and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully throughout your life?

**R** *Yes, with the help of God.*

**P** I therefore invite you to the Lord's Supper to receive Christ's precious body and blood for the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Parents, sponsors, and members of the congregation, the whole Church shares with you the responsibility and concern for the ongoing instruction and spiritual care of these young people. I now ask you, will you intercede for them in prayer and, as much as you are able, give them your counsel and aid that, in communion with the Church, they may grow up to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Jesus Christ? Then answer: We will, with the help of God.

**C** **We will, with the help of God.**

*Stand*

**P** Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, whose Son Jesus Christ loved the young and called them to Himself, we ask You to bless these young people. Strengthen them in the faith through the Sacrament of Christ's body and blood so that they may grow spiritually and bring forth the fruits of faith in a life of love toward others to the praise and honor of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** We rejoice with thankful hearts in your confession of faith. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His holy Supper, He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. Peace ✠ be with you.

**C** **Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Church**

### **+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+**

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**Agnus Dei**

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*Sit*

**Distribution**

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

*LSB 621*

*Shepherd of Tender Youth*

*LSB 864*

*Stars of the Morning, So Gloriously Bright*

*LSB 520*

*Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones*

*LSB 670*

*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis**

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**Thanksgiving**

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**Salutation and Benedicamus**

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**Benediction**

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*If God Himself Be for Me*

*LSB 724 sts. 6–10, Doxological Verse*

**With angels and archangels  
The heavenly host above,  
We sing to God the Father,  
Son, Spirit, perfect Love.  
With all the host of heaven,  
Our alleluias ring.  
Till we shall be united  
Around the Lamb, our King. Amen.**

## +PRAYER LIST+

- ✘ Those who serve in our nation's armed forces: DuWayne Griepentrog, Exor Padro, Rev. Lynn Christensen, Andy Warren, Evan Smith, Austin Nehls, and for veterans.
- ✘ Shut-ins: Lillian Sciortino, Myrtle Meier, Ernie Kapellusch, Wally and Gloria Pipkorn.
- ✘ For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: Karin Zuehls (Jeff's aunt), Richard Schneider (Kathleen Judson's father), Carol Vescova, Carol Hernandez, Ron Hulke, Jason Stephans, Gail Kulbacki, Richard Cleereman, Kate Tobalsky (recovering from surgery), and Mike Ricchio (nephew of Kathy Shafer).

## +ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPT. 25, 2016+

- ✘ **NEW SHIELD:** The Shield for St. Michael and All Angels is a beautiful reminder of our lives in Christ and what is happening in the Divine Service. In the center of our life in Christ and the sole focus of the Divine Liturgy is the Lamb on His throne. That throne is the chalice, filled with the saving blood of Christ. Saints from all times and places hold up their palms of victory to the Lamb, by which they conquered sin, death and the devil. Angels and archangels worship and adore this Lamb, by whose blood they cast Satan out of heaven. And so we are reminded on the liturgy every week that the Divine Service unites us with "angels and archangels and all the company of heaven." This shield is commissioned by Ted and Monica Scholz.
- ✘ **HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY:** The High Schoolers will be having topical Bible studies this year. So far the topics include: Transgenderism, The Vocation of Citizen, Marriage, Addictions, Life Issues, Christian Persecution, Stem Cells, Comparative Denominations, Communion Issues, and How to Stay a Christian in College. All high school students are welcome and encouraged to join us.
- ✘ **OKTOBERFEST:** This year's Oktoberfest fundraiser will be on Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. Brats and schnitzel will be served. New this year is a live polka band, a keg of Sprecher's root beer, and a group theme category for the costume contest. A sign-up sheet is posted in the hallway by the kitchen for help with food donations and volunteering. This year's proceeds will benefit Lutheran Public Radio, producer of Issues, Etc. Please see Lesa if you would like to help or if you have any questions.
- ✘ **A FRIENDLY REMINDER:** Please take a moment before you leave your pew to make sure things are in order. If you see bulletins, tissues, water bottles, pencils, crayons, etc. please pick them up and dispose of

them properly. Also, take a moment to put hymnals back in the racks. Thanks!

- ✘ **CHILDREN IN CHURCH** are blessed to hear the Word of God and are encouraged to participate fully in the Divine Liturgy. Parents and adults, please encourage the children of our congregation to join us if you see them outside of the sanctuary during the Divine Service! We are all blessed by their participation!
- ✘ **HISTORIC, AUTHENTIC CHRISTIAN RADIO**...You can listen to expert guests discuss topics like: St. Michael & All Angels, Defending the Christian Faith in the Classroom, The Prophet Gideon, Translator of Scripture Jerome, Liturgical Colors and more. Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen to what you want when you want at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) and on the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

**+CONTRIBUTIONS+**

Budgeted Lord's Work Needed Weekly:	\$3,584
Lord's Work Received 9/11-9/24:	\$7,477
Difference Received vs. Needed:	+309
Difference Received vs. Needed YTD:	+10,282

**ATTENDANCE** 9/18: 159

Communed: 124

**+UPCOMING EVENTS AT MESSIAH+**

Saturday	Oct. 1	9:00 am	Altar Guild Meeting
Saturday	Oct. 8	9:30 am	Lutheran Confessions Study
Friday	Oct. 14	5:30 pm	Oktoberfest
Thursday	Oct. 20	6:00 pm	Parish Planning Meeting
		7:15 pm	Spiritual Life Council Meeting

**BIRTHDAYS**

9/26	Kyli Lanhardt
	Aaron Ratzburg
9/29	Pastor Roemke
9/30	Paige Lauer
	Tyler Nehls

**BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS**

9/27	Ruth Mallmann
10/1	Kevin Brothers
	Cheryl Piel
	Tyler Nehls

**ANNIVERSARIES**

9/29	Bob & Evone Hagerman (43)
	DuWayne & Bonnie Griepentrog (32)

# Oktoberfest

Friday, October 14, 2016

5:30-7:00pm



## Live Polka Band!

- Brats
- Schnitzel
- German Potato Salad
- Sauerkraut

\$8 Brat Plate (\$4 - Children)  
\$10 Schnitzel Plate (\$5 Children)  
\$25 per Family

## Halloween Costume Contest

Kids of all ages  
Back this year: Group theme competition!!  
Prizes

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Proceeds to benefit Lutheran Public Radio