

# Messiah Lutheran Church

## The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



# The Feast of St. Michael and All Angels (observed)

+The Rite of First Communion+

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Divine Service III

# Messiah Lutheran Church

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

**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** are found in the cover of the hymnals. Take some time before the service begins in quiet preparation and prayer. **Please turn off and put away all electronic devices during the service.**

**+SERVING TODAY+**

**Elder:** Tyler Nehls

**Ushers:** Artyom Varvil & Mark Bernhardt

**Greeters:** Dave & Connie Mickelsen

**Organist:** Monica Scholz

**Altar Guild:** Angela Pynaker & Diana Dissen

**Fellowship:** Cake and punch in celebration of George Peter's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

*Rise and face procession*

## **God Himself Is Present**

*LSB 907*

### **Confession and Absolution**

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#### **+SERVICE OF THE WORD+**

#### **Introit**

*Ps. 103:20–22; antiphon: Ps. 103:1*



Bless the LORD, | O my soul,\*  
and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!

**Bless the LORD, O you his | angels,\***  
**you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice | of his**  
**word!**

Bless the LORD, | all his hosts,\*  
his ministers, who | do his will!

**Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his do- | minion.\***  
**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 be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Bless the LORD, | O my soul,\*  
and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!

### **Kyrie**

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### **Gloria in Excelsis**

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### **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

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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.

*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.”

## 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!**

## Second Reading

*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!”

*Stand and face Gospel procession*

## Alleluia and Verse

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♩ Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Alle- | luia.\**

*They have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testi- | mony,*

*for they loved not their lives even | unto death.\**

*Alle- | luia.*



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## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 18:1–11*

<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.”

## Nicene Creed

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## Alleluia and Verse

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*Sit*

## Lord God, to Thee We Give All Praise

*LSB 522*

## Sermon

*Stand*

## Offertory

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*Sit*

## +FIRST COMMUNION PRIOR TO CONFIRMATION+

**P** Beloved in the Lord, in Holy Baptism these young men 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:

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 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 men. 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 men. 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**

*Sit*

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

*Stand*

**Preface** *p194*

**Sanctus** *p195*

**Lord's Prayer** *p196*

**The Words of Our Lord** *p197*

**Pax Domini**

**Agnus Dei** *p198*

*Sit*

Distribution

***Sing forth God's Glory*** *Choir*

**Stars of the Morning, So Gloriously Bright** *LSB 520*

**Holy, Holy, Holy** *LSB 507*

**Heavenly Hosts in Ceaseless Worship** *LSB 949*

**Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken** *LSB 521*

*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis** *p199*

**Thanksgiving** *p200*

**Salutation and Benedicamus** *p201*

**Benediction** *p202*

**Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones** *LSB 670*

# +VDMA+

**Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum**  
**The Word of the Lord endures forever**

## +PRAYER LIST+

- ✘ Those who serve in our armed forces: Rick Zuehls, Rianon Padro, Exavier Padro, and veterans.
- ✘ For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: Rylie Snodgrass, Ken Gundlach (uncle of Sarah Billings), John Funk (friend of Steve and Sarah Billings), Kathy Krause (niece of Jane Gundlach), and Vicky Basquez.

## +ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24<sup>th</sup>+

- ✘ **WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES:** Join us at 9:30 am for a study and discussion on the Hymn of the Day for next week: Seek Where You May to Find a Way (557). At 6:30 pm we will continue our study of 1 Corinthians and close with Compline.

## +CONTRIBUTIONS+

Lord's Work contributions budget YTD as of 9/22:	\$186,335
Lord's Work contributions received YTD as of 9/22:	\$167,718
Difference:	-18,617
Restricted contributions YTD as of 9/22:	\$28,910
Mortgage Balance as of 8/18:	\$31,371

**ATTENDANCE 9/17: 119**

### BIRTHDAYS

9/24 Gavin Sommer  
9/27 Henry Joslyn  
9/29 Pastor Roemke  
Jenny French  
9/30 Elyse Adams  
Tyler Nehls

### BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

9/24 Gavin Sommer  
9/29 Logan Nevius

### ANNIVERSARIES

9/29 Bob & Evone Hagerman (50 years)  
DuWayne & Bonnie Griepentrog (39 years)