

ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

St John Lutheran Church, Ponca Hills

He Will Give His Angels Charge of You

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AS WE GATHER

Just as we have turned Satan into a mythological being, so we have turned angels into cute but imaginary beings. In contrast to this, Scripture presents Satan as a real and present force of evil in this world and the angels as strong and mighty ones who do the bidding of God. We see this in the story of Satan's revolt and defeat in heaven, but we also see this in the work of St. Michael and all angels on our behalf. They are the mighty ones whom the Father has sent to serve Christ in His ministry and to serve those whom Christ has redeemed.

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

THE WELCOME

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

THE OPENING HYMN "Angels

From the Realms of Glory" *LSB 367*
Angels from the realms of glory
Wing your flight o'er all the earth
Ye who sang creation's story
Now proclaim Messiah's birth
Come and worship, come and worship
Worship Christ the newborn King.

Sages, leave your contemplations
Brighter visions beam afar
Seek the great Desire of nations
Ye have seen His natal star.
Come and...

Saints before the alter bending
Watching long in hope and fear
Suddenly the Lord, descending
In His temple shall appear.
Come and..

INVOCATION

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Matthew 22:37, 39; Philippians 1:6

Pastor: Let us pray.

O Merciful Lord whose love invites us, though our hearts and hands are unclean, cleanse and renew us by Your grace, for You are the God of our salvation and it is Your joy and gift to grant us forgiveness and new life: through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ said, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind" and "Love your neighbor as yourself." This is both what the Law demands and what our Christian lives seek. Consider now how your lives have reflected these commands.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Pastor: Holy and gracious God,
People: I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ, I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that my heart may know peace. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Peace be with you.

People: And also with you.

INTROIT *Psalm 103:20–22; antiphon:*

People: Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless His holy name!

Pastor: 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 dominion.

Bless the LORD, O my soul!
People: 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.

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

HYMN OF PRAISE “Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones” *LSB 670*

Ye watchers and ye holy ones
Bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones
Raise the glad strain; alleluia!
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers
Virtues, archangels, angels’ choirs
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O higher than the cherubim
More glorious than the seraphim
Lead their praises; alleluia
Thou bearer of the eternal Word
Most gracious, magnify the Lord
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O friends, in gladness let us sing
Supernal anthems echoing alleluia
To God the Father, God the Son
And God the Spirit, three in One
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.
God of power and might, St. Michael and all Your angels did Your bidding and won the heavenly battle until Your Son, Jesus Christ, ended the reign of Satan and gave victory to those whom He has redeemed with His blood. Guard us by the watchful care of Your holy angels now that we may be protected from the assault of the

evil one and defended by Your grace to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Daniel 10:10–14; 12:1–3* (The promise of God to send St. Michael the archangel to have charge over God's people)

Reader: 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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

EPISTLE *Revelation 12:7–12* ("Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come.")

Reader: 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!"

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN "On Eagles' Wings" *LSB 727*

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord

Who abide in His shadow for life

Say to the Lord: "My refuge

Me rock in whom I trust!"

And He will raise you up on eagles' wings

Bear you on the breath of dawn

Make you to shine like the sun
And hold you in the palm of His hand.

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
And He will raise...

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 10:17–20* (“I
saw Satan fall like lightning.”)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to
St. Luke, the tenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

The seventy-two returned with joy, saying,
“Lord, even the demons are subject to us in
your name!” And he said to them, “I saw
Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold,
I have given you authority to tread on
serpents and scorpions, and over all the
power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt
you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that
the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice
that your names are written in heaven.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY “The God of

Angel Armies” [Chris Tomlin](#)

You hear me when I call
You are my morning song
Though darkness fills the night
It cannot hide the light
Whom shall I fear
You crush the enemy
Underneath my feet
You are my sword and shield
Though troubles linger still
Whom shall I fear

I know who goes before me
I know who stands behind
The God of angel armies
Is always by my side
The one who reigns forever
He is a friend of mine
The God of angel armies
Is always by my side
My strength is in Your name
For You alone can save
You will deliver me
Yours is the victory
Whom shall I fear (whom shall I fear)
Whom shall I fear
I know who goes before me
I know who stands behind
The God of angel armies
Is always by my side
The one who reigns forever
He is a friend of mine
The God of angel armies
Is always by my side
And nothing formed against me shall stand
You hold the whole world in Your hands
I'm holding on to Your promises
You are faithful, You are faithful
Nothing formed against me shall stand
You hold the whole world in Your hands
I'm holding on to Your promises
You are faithful, You are faithful
You are faithful
I know who goes before me
I know who stands behind
The God of angel armies
Is always by my side
The one who reigns forever
He is a friend of mine
The God of angel armies
Is always by my side
I know who goes before me
I know who stands behind
The God of angel armies
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SERMON

CREED

Nicene Creed

People: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and Earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: God of power and might, as You sent Your angels under Michael's command to banish Satan from heaven, so now through Your holy angels protect us from the devil and all his works and all his ways. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Deliver Your people, O Lord, from their fears, and give them courage in time of threat, boldness to give witness to Christ, and peace amid all troubles. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Guard and guide Your church, O Lord, established by the blood of Christ and kept by Your promise, that there may be ministers who speak Your name and teach Your Word and willing ears and hearts to receive this instruction. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Confound and foil the purposes of evil in our world and give to those who lead us wisdom and discernment from Your Word and Spirit that they may govern according to Your will and for our best interest. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Give aid and comfort to those afflicted in any way that they may have healing according to Your will and patience to endure the day of trouble, [*especially* . . .]. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: To the grieving, give Your peace that those who grieve may not sorrow as a people without hope but with the comfort of Your promise as their consolation, [*especially* . . .]. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Deliver us from the days of our trouble, keep us in perfect peace, and grant us strength to endure to the day of Christ's coming, when at last we shall be one people before our one God, and the enemies of Christ and of His people shall trouble us no more. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Remembering Your grace and having confidence in Your mercy, we plead the merits and mercies of Christ alone and pray You to teach our hearts to be content with the answer Your fatherly wisdom will grant us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

OFFERING

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Him Your majesty is praised by all the holy angels and celebrated with one accord by the heavens

and all the powers therein. The cherubim and seraphim sing Your praise, and with patriarch and prophet, apostle and evangelist, and with the faithful who have gone before us trusting in Christ, we join our unending hymn with St. Michael and the archangels, with cherubim and seraphim, with angels and the whole company of heaven, praising Your goodness and bowing before Your eternal majesty. Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9-13*

People: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and

the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✕ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✕ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” *LSB 621*
Let all mortal flesh keep silence
And with fear and trembling stand
Ponder nothing earthly minded
For with blessing in His hand
Christ our God to earth descending
Comes our homage to demand.

King of kings yet born of Mary
As of old on earth He stood
Lord of lords in human vesture
In the body and the blood
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way
As the Light of light, descending
From the realms of endless day
Comes the power of hell to vanquish
As the darkness clears away.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: 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.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, in Your steadfast love and mercy You have granted us the gift of Your Son that by His victory on the cross, we may belong to You forever. We give You thanks for also surrounding us with St. Michael and all angels, that we may not be alone in the face of temptation and trial but, by Your grace, endure to the end and be saved, enjoying the ministrations of Your messengers until we rest in Your eternal presence; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✕ give you peace.

People: Amen.

HYMN "Because He Lives"

God sent His son, they called Him, Jesus;
He came to love, heal and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior
lives!

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because He lives!

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
And feel the pride and joy he brings;
But greater still the calm assurance:
This child can face uncertain days because
He Lives!

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because He lives!

And then one day, I'll cross the river,
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then, as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He
lives!

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because He lives!

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the
Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

OUR MISSION:

We are St John Lutheran Church, forgiven
and united through faith in Jesus Christ. We
seek to grow in our relationship with Him
through worship, Bible study and Prayer and
reaching out with His love and message to
our neighbors.

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We begin looking at a few select psalms
today in Bible study.