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**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*During the Prayers of Intercession, you are invited to add your own prayer(s) either in speech or in silence as indicated by the line: "Other intercessions may be added here." You may wish to use this insert to write down your prayer(s) which you may then offer aloud during that time. If you wish to have your prayers added to the Prayer of the Church during the coming weeks, please remove and place this card in the offering plate.*

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ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS  
September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 ✚ 10:15 a.m.

*The archangel Michael is pictured as a prince and a general of the heavenly army, defeating the dragon (the ancient serpent, the devil, Satan). It is important, though, to see in Revelation 12:11 that God's victory ultimately comes by Jesus' death and the testimony of his followers. The power of God's truth gives us confidence in the face of evil on earth, even in the face of our own death.*

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**HOLY COMMUNION**

***EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP, SETTING FOUR, PAGES 147-155***

**\*GATHERING**

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*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**PRELUDE**

**\*WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

*based upon Psalm 8 and Genesis 1*

**“O Lord, our Lord, the majesty of your name fills the earth!  
Your glory is higher than the heavens.”**

**We gather to praise you!**

**“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth...”**

**“O Lord, our Lord, the majesty of your name fills the earth!  
Your glory is higher than the heavens.”**

**We gather to celebrate you!**

**“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth...  
And God saw that it was good...”**

**We gather to celebrate our God.**

**“O Lord, our Lord, the majesty of your name fills the earth!  
Your glory is higher than the heavens.”**

**We gather to worship you!**

**“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth...”**

And God saw that it was very good...”  
We gather to worship our God!  
**All praise, honor, majesty and power  
belongs to our Creating God! Amen**

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**\*ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Trusting God’s promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*

Let us pray.

**Eternal God our creator, in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God + forgives us all our sins. **Amen**

**\*GATHERING HYMN**

*Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven*

ELW 864

**\*GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Everlasting God, you have wonderfully established the ministries of angels and mortals. Mercifully grant that as Michael and the angels contend against the cosmic forces of evil, 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 whom we worship and praise with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, now and forever. **Amen**

## WORD

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*God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### FIRST READING

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

*Daniel trembles in the presence of an angel. That angel tells the prophet about the good and terrible future when the dead will be resurrected and the archangel Michael will usher in the deliverance of the nation.*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM

Psalms 103:1-5, 20-22

*Prayed in unison by the congregation.*

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name.**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and do not forget all his benefits—  
who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,  
who redeems your life from the Pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,  
who satisfies you with good as long as you live  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

**Bless the Lord, O you his angels,  
you mighty ones who do his bidding,  
obedient to his spoken word.**

**Bless the Lord, all his hosts,  
his ministers that do his will.**

**Bless the Lord, all his works,  
in all places of his dominion.**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul.**

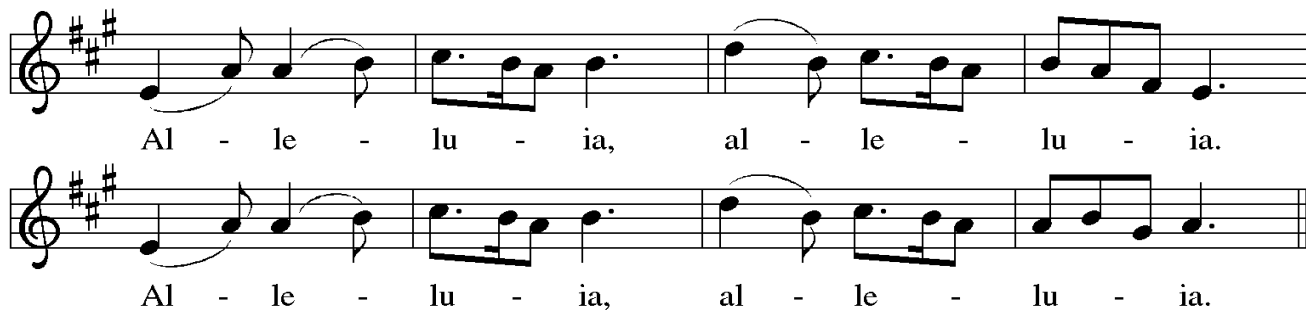
*Armed with the power of God, Michael and the angels of God fight those armed with the power of evil, the devil and the devil's angels. The "blood of the Lamb," our crucified Lord Jesus, gives Michael the power to force the devil from a place in heaven.*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Gospel Acclamation  
*Celtic Alleluia*



*Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.*

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## \*GOSPEL READING

Luke 10:17-20

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke...

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The missionary church ("the seventy-two") is given magnificent power. Greater than this gift of power over the enemy, however, is the gift of salvation: their names are written in heaven.*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

## \*HYMN OF THE DAY

*Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones*

ELW 424

## \*CREED

God has made us his people through our baptism into Christ, living together in trust and hope we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

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

## \*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need. *A brief silence is observed.*

We pray for the church and its ministry. Bless the newly baptized and encourage them in their journey of faith. Sustain all members of the body of Christ in lives of prayer, service, and worship. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for natural wonders of your creation. Restore damaged forests, waterways and natural habitats and lead us to be good stewards of what you have provided. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in authority. Give them wise minds and compassionate hearts. Strengthen in them a desire to protect the vulnerable and care for those underserved. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are struggling with cancer, dementia, or any other disease, especially... Provide them with peace and resilience for the days ahead. Sustain caregivers with energy and patience. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the worship leaders of this congregation: assisting ministers, musicians, readers, and ushers. Bless us through their ministry and grant them the passion to continue in their service. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered in speech and silence.*

We give thanks for all your saints, those we have loved and known and those from every time and place. Continue to guide us by their example and reassure us of your promised salvation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**\*PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**



**MEAL**

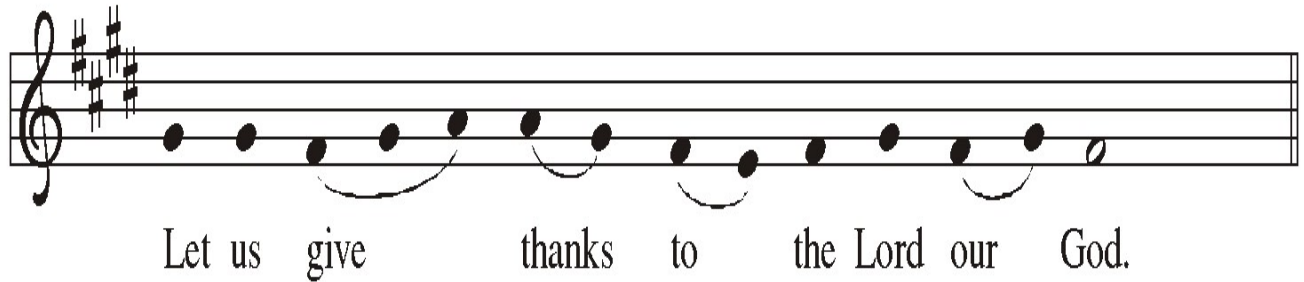
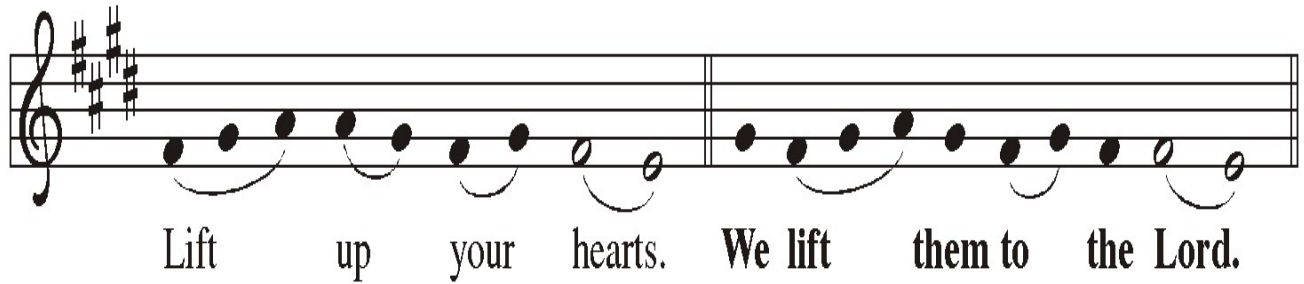
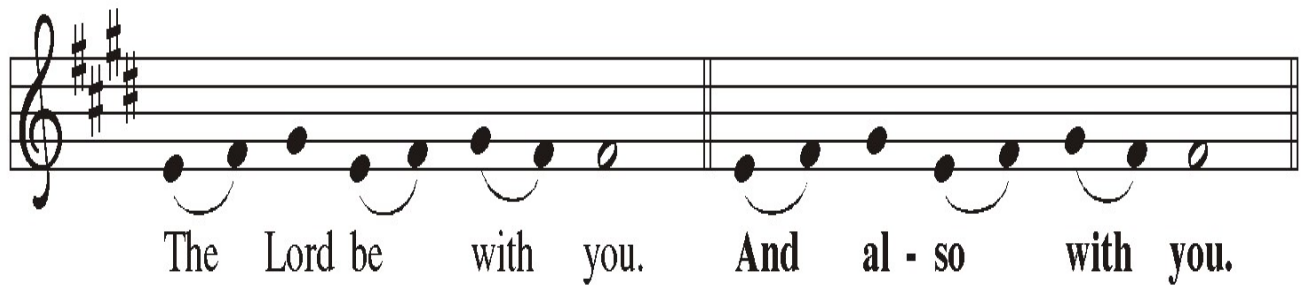
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*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

**\*DIALOGUE**



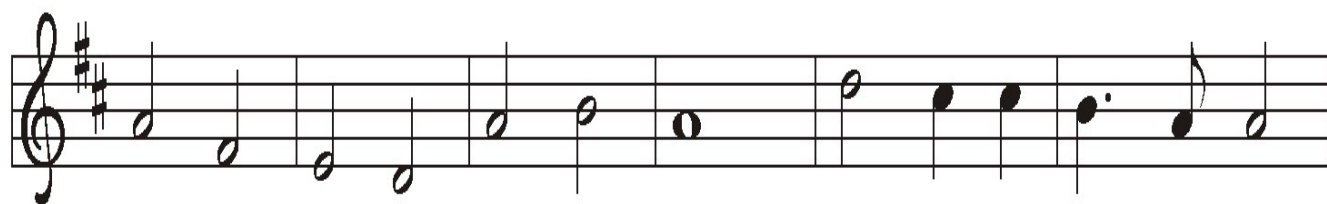
**\*PREFACE FOR SUNDAYS AFTER PENTECOST**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

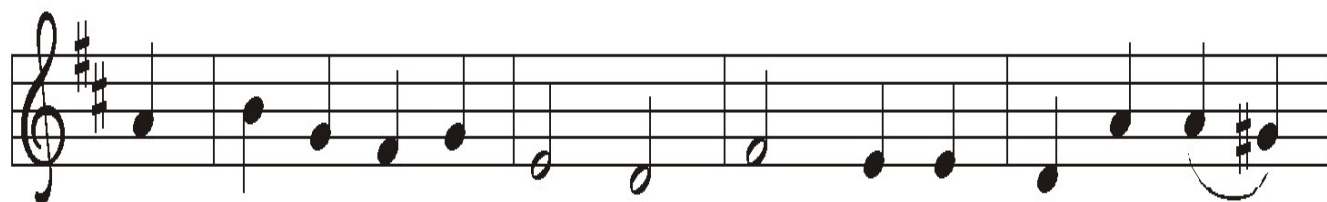
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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

## \*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:  
Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.  
You have filled all creation with light and life;  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:  
the promise to Israel,  
the rescue from Egypt,  
the gift of the promised land,  
the words of the prophets;  
and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son,  
who proclaimed the good news in word and deed  
and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup  
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.  
And, believing the witness of his resurrection,  
we await his coming in power  
to share with us the great and promised feast.  
**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,  
that we who share in Christ's body and blood  
may live to the praise of your glory  
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.  
**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Join our prayers with those of your servants  
of every time and every place,  
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest  
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

**Through him, with him, in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,  
now and forever. Amen**

#### **\*LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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**

#### **\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

The risen Christ invites us to this table. Come, eat and be satisfied.

#### **DISTRIBUTION**

#### **\*BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his  
grace. **Amen**

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray. Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the Real Presence of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

**SENDING**

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*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**\*BENEDICTION**

The blessing of the living God,  
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,  
surround and sustain you,  
keep you from harm,  
and fill you with courage. **Amen**

**\*SENDING HYMN**

*Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

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**\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

## SERVING IN THE LITURGY

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PREACHING AND PRESIDING MINISTER

Dennis Lauritsen, pastor

ASSISTING MINISTER

Beverly Tarbox

MUSIC MINISTER

David Richards

LECTOR

Fred Kuzel

GREETERS

Betty Harden and Staci Harden

USHER

George Valek

LIVE STREAM

Paul Watkiss

ALTAR CARE AND SACRISTAN

Edward and Joanne Sefara



## IN THE PRAYERS

**Members of the Congregation:** Elaine Haase, Bettye Harden, Luddy Kovalsky, Rev. James Kuemmerle, Mildred Mendel and Mary Sasuta. **Friends and Relatives of the Congregation:** Betty Bartel, Kurt Behrendt, Wally Bisping, Dan and Mary Costello, Eric Dennison, Marilyn Dunne, Tom Duran, Barbara Dykes, Denise Fricano, Walid Jabbar, Ron Kelly, Nicole Kisiel, Lenyce Lawrenson, Darlene Loughlin, Michele Mason, Julie Mroz, Donald Neal, Gail Purcell, Tim Richard, Becky Rosas, Mary Lee Rosland, Sandy Rossella, Stevie Singer, Peter Spilotro, Kathy Stenson and Janie Tarbox.

# UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

*Michael and All Angels*  
*Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>*

Michael the archangel, captain of the heavenly hosts, is remembered on this day along with the other angels and archangels. The word "angel" means messenger, and in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, these beings have a fully spiritual nature and no physical body.

*Jerome, translator, teacher, died 420*  
*Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup>*

Jerome was a biblical scholar and translator, but rather than translating the original Hebrew and Greek scriptures into classical Latin, he worked in the commonly-spoken Latin of the day, creating a version called the Vulgate.

*Francis of Assisi, renewer of the church, died 1226*  
*Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>*

Born into the family of a wealthy merchant, Francis gave up his inheritance to serve poor people. He formed the Order of Friars Minor (called Franciscans), who took on poverty and the task of preaching "using words if necessary." Francis had a spirit of gratitude for all of God's creation.

*Theodor Fliedner, renewer of society, died 1864*  
*Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>*

Fliedner helped to bring about a revival of the ministry of deaconesses among Lutherans. He was influenced in this by Moravian deaconesses he had met. The motherhouse he founded in Kaiserswerth, Germany, inspired many around the world to take up this ministry.

**Current, Benevolence and Freewill Offering**  
**September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024**

<i>Weekly Budgeted Offering for 2025:</i>	\$2,615.00
<i>Offering Received for the Above Categories:</i>	\$ .00
<i>Shortage:</i>	\$ .00

## VICTORY IS HOPE

It is easy to be caught up in the drama of these readings: war breaking out in heaven, a time of great anguish on earth, Michael and the angels battling with Satan. Even Jesus' disciples—foolish though they may sometimes be—are given authority over demons in the name of Christ. Yet the significance of these readings lies not in the events described but in the power behind them: the death and resurrection of Jesus. The angels are victorious “by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony” (Rev. 12:11), and in Daniel’s vision “those who lead many to righteousness” shine “like the stars forever and ever” (Dan. 12:3). Jesus says it best, however, when he warns the seventy not to rejoice in their power over evil but in the certainty of their salvation.

