

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity

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Sunday, September 29, 2024 Michael and All Angels

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.

GATHERING

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

Let us prepare for Worship.

GATHERING PRELUDE:

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

+ All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

All: Amen.

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

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

- P: Eternal God our creator,
- All: 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.
- P: 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.
- All: Amen.

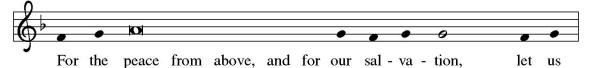


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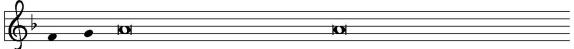
- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- All: And also with you.

KYRIE:





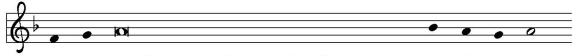




For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,







For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



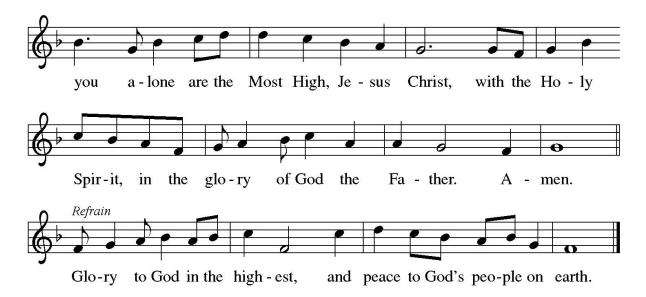


Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



HYMN OF PRAISE: Glory to God





PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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.

All: Amen.

Word

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.

¹⁰A hand touched me and roused me to my hands and knees. ¹¹He said to me, "Daniel, greatly beloved, pay attention to the words that I am going to speak to you. Stand on your feet, for I have now been sent to you." So while he was speaking this word to me, I stood up trembling. ¹²He said to me, "Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. ¹³But the prince of the kingdom of Persia opposed me twenty-one days. So Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, and I left him there with the prince of the kingdom of Persia, ¹⁴and have come to help you understand what is to happen to your people at the end of days. For there is a further vision for those days.

^{12:1}"At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ²Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

Psalm 103:1-5, 20-22 (Congregation sings the refrain and bold verses.)

Refrain:



Verse:



¹Bless the LORD, [|]O my soul,

and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

²Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits—

³who forgives | all your sins and heals all | your diseases;

⁴who redeems your life | from the grave and crowns you with steadfast | love and mercy;

⁵who satisfies your desires | with good things so that your youth is renewed | like an eagle's.

 $^{20}Bless$ the LORD, you angels, you mighty ones who † do God's bidding, who obey the voice † of God's word. R

²¹Bless the LORD, all you hosts of God, you servants who do God's will.

²²Bless the LORD, all you works of God, in all places | where God rules; bless the LORD, | O my soul. R

SECOND READING: Revelation 12:7-12

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.

⁷War broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, ⁸but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. ⁹The 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.

¹⁰Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming,

"Now have come the salvation and the power

and the kingdom of our God

and the authority of his Messiah,

for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.

¹¹But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony,

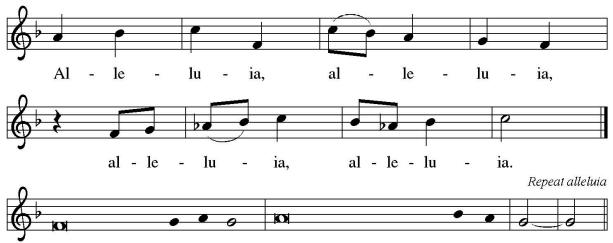
for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.

12Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them!
But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!"

L: Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia



Bless the | Lord, you angels,* you mighty ones who | do God's bidding.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 10th chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 10:17-20

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.

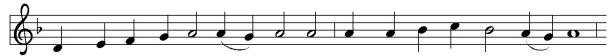
¹⁷The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" ¹⁸He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.



- Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and trem - bling stand;
- King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on earth he
- Rank on rank the host of heav-en spreads its van-guard on the way;
- his feet the six winged ser aph, cher u bim with sleep less eye,



pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in the bod - y and the blood, the realms of end - less day, the Light of light, de - scend-ing from veil their fac - es to the pres-ence, as with cease-less voice they cry:



Christ our God to earth de-scend - ing comes full hom-age to de - mand. will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heav'n-ly comes, the pow'rs of hell to van - quish, the dark-ness clears a - way. as Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!" "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le-lu ia!

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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

Please respond after each petition.

P: Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The presiding minister and the congregation greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

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

All: And also with you.

Thank you for your generous support of our ministry at Holy Trinity. Offering can be placed in the Offering Plates at the entrance to worship or in the narthex.

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

A: Let us pray . . . Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

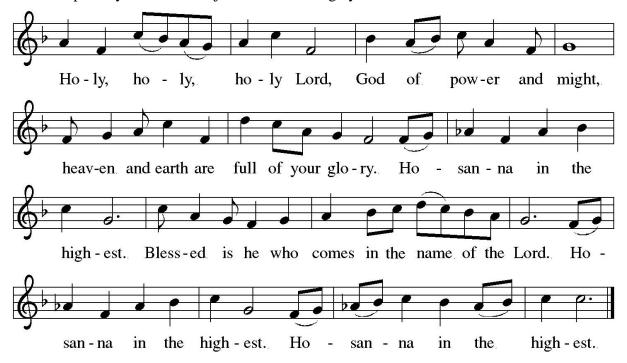
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.



PREFACE

P: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:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

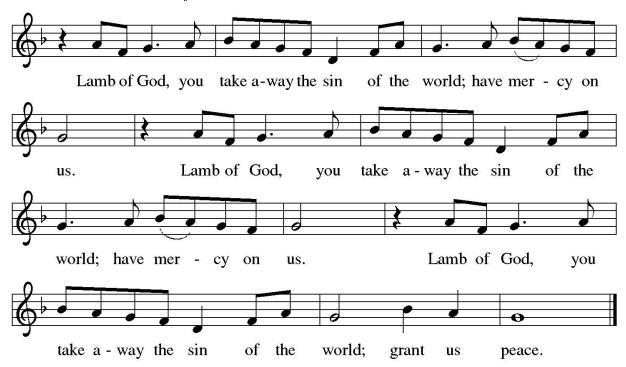
LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.

All: Amen.

COMMUNION SONG: Lamb of God



COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

All: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray . . . Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore.

All: Amen.

SENDING

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

BLESSING

P: May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

All: Amen.



DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERVING TODAY

| Reader: | Susan Bianchi |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| Assisting Minister: | JoEllen Myers |
| Communion Assistants: | • |
| Livestream: | |
| Acolytes: | 1 0 |



Dear Lord Jesus, When You walked upon this earth, You healed the sick, gave sight to the blind, caused the lame to walk, and raised the dead. Now we come to You in behalf of those who are in need today and pray that You would send them Your healing power. Hear our prayer for Your name's sake. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY

Bereaved: The Family of Bonnie Hess (friend of the Weavers)

Prayer Concerns: Susan Bianchi, Jack Bishop, Lou Bushman (friend of Linda Ott), Kinleigh Connelly (friend of the Eby family), Donna Dixon, Bill Fosnacht, Janice Geiling, Glenn Hoffa, Ava Lehman (friend of the Dunham's), Darrin Mineke (cousin of the Dunham's), Chip Murray, Sharon Murray, Wanda Oliver (friend of the Lechleitner's), Julia Padgett, Tony Primerano (friend of Steve Shuey), Tom Rieger, Chris Ruff, and Mike Welty.

DAILY PRAYERS

Roberta Anderson, Jim Bomberger (friend of Jim and Peg Huebner), Carole Bowman, Bruce Bunting (brother of Susan Bianchi), Alex Chubb, Elaine Chubb, Eric Chubb (brother-in-law of Susan Bianchi), Theo Epitropoulos, Virginia Frank, Mike Hamilton (friend of Kendra Ruhl and Steve Shuey), Drew Herdson (friend of the Dunham's), Dennis Lubold, Nancy Miller, Dona Pastuck, Ed Schaeffer, Georgie Sibert, Pete Stone, Irene Turzai, Bob Warden (friend of Mary Ann Kelly), Melissa West (friend of Susan Bianchi), Vwawa Congregation of the Konde Diocese in Tanzania and all of our Homebound members.

Members of Armed Forces and their families: Evan Briggs, Marshal Fox, Michael Kristian, Riley Litman, Patrick Stewart, Tory Young

We invite you to pray for all on our prayer list. Please contact the office by email at <a href="https://https



Thank you for joining us for worship today in-person and through livestreaming.

All are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We invite all people, as well as young children who are not yet receiving the Sacrament to come forward and receive a blessing. Please ask the Pastor if you need a gluten free option. At Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, the Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. Thus, we believe that the Body and Blood of Christ are truly present in the bread and wine. At his table Christ grants us forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. May your hearts be opened, and your lives made new by his gracious love. Please give your completed communion card to the usher during communion.

Holy Communion distribution today: The usher will guide you down the center aisle. Prepackaged Communion elements with grape juice are available on the small table. If your preference is regular wine or non-alcoholic wine, take a cup from the silver trays. Proceed to the Pastor to receive a wafer or have the prepackaged elements blessed. Proceed to the rail where there will be an assistant on either side with regular wine. There will also be one assistant with non-alcoholic wine. Stand or kneel as you are able and remain at the rail for as long as you desire.

Consecrated Communion Elements are available for "Live Stream" worship at home. Please contact the church office at 717-533-2467 or by email at <a href="https://https

<u>Office Hours</u> The office will be open this week, Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. The office will be closed on Friday. To contact the church: Phone Number: 717-533-2467, Email Address: <a href="https://h

Please welcome **Pastor Larry Hummer** as he leads us in worship today. Thank you, Pastor Hummer!

Pastor Brommer will be on vacation through September 30th. In case of emergency please call the church office. After normal business hours, please follow the voice mail prompts for emergency contact information.

<u>Sunday School Information:</u> All classes meet from 9:00am-9:45am. Children's Sunday School will meet in the Sunday School room (connected to the Fellowship Hall). Confirmation Sunday School for Grades 6-8 meets in the youth room. Sunday School for Grades 9-12 meets downstairs next to the Youth Room. Adult Discussion will meet in room #16. All are welcome!

HELP NEEDED Our rental property at 216 Cocoa Avenue is undergoing renovations!! We are installing a new heating/cooling system, refinishing the wood floors and updating fixtures in the bathrooms and kitchen. In addition, we are rehabbing and painting all the walls – a formidable task. It is this particular task that we are looking for volunteers to help with, in an effort to keep within our budget. We have begun work on this but are woefully understaffed. We could use volunteers to help prep walls (sanding and washing) and also people to paint. If you are interested in helping please contact Jim Huebner (717-919-2311) or Karen Kline (717-443-1130). Thank you!

The Second HTY Night is NEXT Sunday, October 6th from 5 - 7:30pm!! HTY is for anyone in grades 6 - 12. At HTY, is all about faith, fun, and fellowship. Meet at the church for wacky games, group building activities, pizza together, an interactive lesson, and much more. Please bring a snack to share! Please bring a friend or two! Snacks are always needed, and friends are always welcome. As usual, dinner WILL be provided. Spread the word, invite those friends, see you at HTY!! Remember: Bring your \$10 to get your HTY T-shirt!! Please bring exact cash. Rep HTY wherever you go. When they are gone, they are gone. Get yours today!! Nuff Said...

Calling HTL Youth who play Musical Instruments! Youth in 5th grade and above, interested in performing during church services, are invited to bring your instruments to church on Sunday, October 6. Immediately after the service on October 6, Alan Hair (Director of Music Ministries/Organist) will meet with you to get a sense of what sort of instrumental support might be feasible during church services. If you have any questions, please contact Izanne Leonard-Haak at Chocbird2@comcast.net.

Blood Pressure screenings will be offered next Sunday, October 6th! Holy Trinity will offer blood pressure screenings the first Sunday of every month in the front of the sanctuary after the worship service.

Bible Art Journaling will be offered on Sunday, October 13th at 6-7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

Many thanks for your generous donations! We continuously express our thanks to all for your faithfulness and generosity in giving which allows us to continue to operate valuable ministries and pay for the ongoing bills at Holy Trinity. The Simply Giving program offers automatic withdrawals from your bank account or charges to a credit card; donated through our website (htluth.org) by clicking on the 'Give Now" button; donated by downloading the Mobile App "GivePlus Church" (be sure to select Ev. Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity) or by taking a picture of the QR code. Please contact the church if you have any questions about any of these methods.



Altar flowers are a beautiful way to support our weekly worship service. Please contact the church office for more information if you'd like to sponsor the altar flowers this fall. You can also sponsor half or all of the weekly **bulletin.** Please check out the sign-up sheet on the Hospitality desk for available dates.

Please send articles and announcements for the Newsletter to Anita Housman, our Communications/IT Specialist. Please send articles to her at aahousman2@gmail.com. She is always gathering announcements and articles for the monthly newsletter. Just a reminder – submit articles for the newsletter by the 15th of the month.

Readers, Greeters and Flower Deliverers for October and November are needed to greet people as they come into church and deliver flowers after the service on Sunday. Readers are needed to read the 1st and 2nd reading and the Psalm. The lists are available on the bulletin board. Please sign up today or contact the church office if you would like to volunteer.

Devotionals for Fall- Devotionals for October, November and December are available in the Narthex. The Word in Season is scattered around the Narthex. Christ in Our Home is a large print devotional located on the hospitality desk inside the front door. Spark family for kids is on the Little Lutheran table. Please help yourselves.

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