St. Michael and All Angels (Observed)

+ September 25, 2022 +

Divine Service Setting 1

LSB 151

Stand and face the processional cross when the processional hymn begins.

Processional Hymn	"Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken"	LSB 521
Confession and Absolution		LSB 151

- \blacksquare In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.
- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- **C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P 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.
- **C** Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 103:20–22; antiphon: v. 1









P Let us pray.

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

Daniel 10:10–14; 12:1–3

¹⁰And behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees. ¹¹And 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. ¹²Then 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. ¹³The 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, ¹⁴and 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...."

¹"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. ²And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³And 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."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual (sung by the choir)

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

Psalm 91:11: 103:1

⁷Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, ⁸but he was defeated and

there was no longer any place for them in heaven. ⁹And 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. ¹⁰And 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. ¹¹And 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. ¹²Therefore, 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!"

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand and face the processional cross as it is carried to the center of the nave for the Gospel reading.

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 952; Revelation 12:11

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!



Choir: 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. **Congregation:**



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



Holy Gospel

¹At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" ²And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

⁵"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶but 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.

⁷"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! ⁸And 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. ⁹And 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.

¹⁰"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. ¹¹For the Son of Man came to save the lost."



Turn to face the processional cross as it is carried back to its place.

Nicene Creed

LSB 158

C 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 H of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Hymn of the Day "Lord God, to Thee We Give All Praise" LSB 522

Rev. Dr. Todd Peperkorn

Stand

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Sit

Hymn

"Jesus, Brightness of the Father"



Offerings may be placed in the plate located near the reception desk in the narthex.

Stand

Service of the Sacrament

Preface P The Lord be with you. C And al - so with you. P Lift up your hearts. LSB 160



 It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God ... with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

C 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

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."





Sit

If you are a visitor, please see our communion policy on the inside cover of the bulletin.

Distribution	"Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"	LSB 670
	"I Walk in Danger All the Way"	LSB 716
	"Baptismal Waters, Cover Me"	LSB 616
	"O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe"	LSB 666





Post-Communion Collect

LSB 166

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benediction





Closing Hymn "We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God" LSB 941

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Today we observe the feast day of Saint Michael and All Angels. The Revelation to St. John says, "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." What a blessing to know that St. Michael and the angels of God were the ones attacking the dragon, meaning the devil, rather than waiting for him to attack. They threw him out of heaven.

Now the devil roams around the earth, like a roaring lion, seeking to devour us. He desires to have our life and our soul. On our own we succumb and we fail. However, we are not alone. Saint Michael and all God's angels fight for us. They fight not with sword and might, but overcome the dragon by the blood of the Lamb and the Word of the Gospel. We may rest assured that Saint Michael and all the messengers of God fight for us by proclaiming publicly that all sins are forgiven in the blood of Jesus and the good news of the resurrection means life for all who are in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

News and Announcements

Thank you to Pastor Peperkorn for preaching for us today! Rev. Dr. Todd A. Peperkorn is the Assistant Professor of Pastoral Ministry and Missions and Director of Vicarage and Internships at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana (CTSFW). He is a 1996 (MDiv) and 1999 (STM) graduate of CTSFW. He earned his BA in History in the pre-seminary program at Concordia University Nebraska (CUNE) in 1992. He recently completed his DMin in preaching at The Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis. He most recently served as Senior Pastor at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Rocklin, California, where he served for ten years. Prior to that, he served as pastor of Messiah Lutheran Church in Kenosha, Wisconsin for twelve years, and for three years as an admission counselor at CTSFW. The author of several books and articles in the areas of mental illness, preaching, and American church history, he also brings decades of parish experience to bear on forming pastors. His wife, Kathryn neé Brandt, (CUNE '93, Ball State MM, 1999), is a Lutheran music teacher and singer. Renata (21) is a senior and Isabella (19) is a sophomore at Concordia University Nebraska. Richard (16) is a junior and Beata (14) is a freshman at Concordia Lutheran High School, Fort Wayne, IN.

Laser Tag for K-6th Grades: Zion's younger students are invited to join their friends for an afternoon of laser tag on Sunday, October 9 after the late service! Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. More information will be sent out to those signed up to go as we get closer to the date.

Our new Saturday schedule begins this Saturday, October 1. Join us for the Corporate Confession and Absolution service at 9:00 AM, followed by Bible class in the Family Center at 9:30 AM. We will begin with a study of Dietrich Bonhoeffer's book, "Life Together." Reading the book is strongly encouraged, but you will still benefit from the class even if you aren't able to read the book first. A few copies are available at the church. Please see Lynea Sander or Allison Hull to get a copy. It is also available on Amazon and at other book retailers.

The October birthdays, anniversaries, and church calendar are available in the narthex.

Garage Sale: On October 6, 7, and 8 Zion's Ladies Guild will be holding a Garage Sale. We have clothes for the whole family, furniture, household items, books, art, and many collectable, vintage and antique items. Doors open 8am - 5pm on Thursday and Friday, Saturday 8am - 12pm. Come see our new location in the Family Center, shop and help support our missions.

Meal Train Freezer: Ladies Guild has designated one of the freezers in the Family Center kitchen as a meal train freezer for our members. Members can donate meals to the freezer, and also pull meals from the freezer when needed. There will be a sign up sheet on the freezer. Please put your meals in disposable containers with the date, and add them to the sheet. If you take a meal, please just check it off the sheet. :) We hope this is a blessing for our congregation in times of need!

Voters Meeting: Our next Voters Meeting will be held **October 23rd at 12:30pm** in the Family Center. All communicant members of the congregation over the age of 18 are eligible to vote after they have attended at least one regular business meeting within the last 12 months. Now is the time to get involved in the work that God has given us to do here at Zion.

Candidates for Office: Ever thought of how you can make a difference in the life of Zion? Do you have great leadership qualities to share? We are looking for candidates to fill positions on both Church Council and the Board of Elders. The available positions are Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chairman of the Board of Parish Education, Chairman of the Board of Stewardship, Chairman of the Board of Youth, three (3) Elders, Chairman of the Board of Trustees and Chairman of the Board of Evangelism.

This is a unique opportunity to serve God by serving the congregation of Zion in a leadership role. If you have an interest in serving or know of someone who will, please contact Mike Stall at m_stall@comcast.net or (713) 828-3184 for more information or to add your name to the list.

Thank you from the Theiss family (Debbie, Lynea Sander, Rebekah Stuckwisch, and Hanna) to everyone at Zion for all of the love, hugs, cards, calls, meals, gifts, and most especially your prayers as we have walked through the valley of the shadow of death these past 9 months of Tim's cancer journey and his falling asleep in Jesus. The love of Christ has shined through y'all and your support has meant the world to us. We thank God for you!

