ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

Angels at Work Defending Us

AS WE GATHER

As a point of interest, “angels” are mentioned 88 times in the hymns of our Lutheran Service Book. We sing a number of them in today’s service.

The reality of an all-encompassing cosmic angelic conflict is not a concept that may often cross our minds. Yet in both the Old and New Testaments, the battle between good and evil, between God and His forces, and Satan and his allies is a prominent theme. On the day of St. Michael and All Angels, we reflect on that mighty battle and its combatants. We become part of the action and realize anew how costly the victory has been for Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, who is worthy to receive our endless praise. The holy angels have been and continue to be God’s agents, surrounding us and ceaselessly working on our behalf!
PRELUDE  “Angels We Have Heard on High”  Michael Burkhardt

PASTORAL GREETING
TOLLING OF THE BELL
ANGEL SONG MEDLEY

LSB 367 Angels from the Realms of Glory
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, our living King.

LSB 549 All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name
All hail the pow’r of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all.

LSB 368 Angels We Have Heard on High
Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o’er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

LSB 457 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today
But the pains which He endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky He’s king, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Angels Watching Over Me

CHORUS: All night all day Angels watchin’ over me my Lord
All night all day Angels watchin' over me

Now I lay me down to sleep Angels watchin' over me my Lord
I pray the Lord my soul to keep Angels watchin' over me (Repeat Chorus)

LSB 686 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Oh, that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen, How I’ll sing Thy wondrous grace!
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry; Take my ransom’d soul away;
Send Thine angels soon to carry Me to realms of endless day.

LSB 525 Crown Him with Many Crowns
Crown Him the Lord of love. Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their wond’ring eyes At mysteries so bright.
INVOCATION
Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

Pastor: 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.”
People: May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in His works, I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. May my meditation be pleasing to Him, for I rejoice in the Lord.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION
Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God, our gracious Father.
People: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people, we humbly confess our sins to You. We are by nature sinful and unclean. We have not followed Your law in our thinking, speaking, or doing. We have followed our own ways and have not obeyed Your commands. We repent of our transgressions and ask Your forgiveness. Renew us by the power of Your Holy Spirit that we may cast aside the works of darkness and live as Your faithful people who walk in the light of Christ.
Pastor: In His mercy, God has promised to hear our confession and to respond with forgiveness and love. As a called and ordained servant of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Be at peace.
People: Amen.

HYMN “Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken” LSB 521
Verses 1-4, 6

PRAYER Luther’s Morning Prayer LSB, p. 327
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.

WORD

INTROIT  Psalm 103:20–22, antiphon: v. 1

People:  Bless the L ORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name!
Women:  Bless the L ORD, O you His angels, you mighty ones who do His word, obeying the voice of His word!
Men:  Bless the L ORD, all His hosts, His ministers, who do His will!
People:  Bless the L ORD, all His works, in all places of His dominion. Bless the L ORD, O my soul!

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 L ORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

Kyrie (spoken)

Pastor:  In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
People:  Lord, have mercy.
Pastor:  For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
People:  Lord, have mercy.
Pastor:  For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
People:  Lord, have mercy.
Pastor:  For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
People:  Lord, have mercy.
Pastor:  Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
People:  Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE  “Lord God, to Thee We Give All Praise”  LSB 522

Verses 1-2: ALL
Verse 3: WOMEN
Verses 4-5: ALL
Verse 6: MEN
Verse 7: SOLO
Verse 8: ALL
SALUTATION

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3
(The Book of Life contains the names of the faithful whom God will deliver.)

A hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees. He said, "Daniel, you who are highly esteemed, consider carefully the words I am about to speak to you, and stand up, for I have now been sent to you." And when he said this to me, I stood up trembling. Then he continued, "Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to them. But the prince of the Persian kingdom resisted me twenty-one days. Then Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, because I was detained there with the king of Persia. Now I have come to explain to you what will happen to your people in the future, for the vision concerns a time yet to come."

"At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered. Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 91
People: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”
Women: For He will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with His pinions, and under His wings you will find refuge; His faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

Men: You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.

People: A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. You will only look with your eyes and see the recompense of the wicked.

Women: Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—the Most High, who is my refuge—no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.

People: For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.

Men: You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

People: “Because he holds fast to Me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows My name. When he calls to Me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him My salvation.”

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.

HYMN OF RESPONSE

“On Eagles’ Wings”

Verses 1 & 4

EPISTLE: Revelation 12:7–12

(The great war in heaven is won by Michael and his angel army.)

And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say:

"Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down. They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death. Therefore rejoice, you heavens and you who dwell in them!
But woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you! He is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*Congregation, please rise for the Alleluia verse and the Holy Gospel.*

**VERSE**  *Revelation 12:11*

People: Alleluia. 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. Alleluia.

**HOLY GOSPEL:**  *Matthew 18:1–11*  
("Their angels always see the face of My Father.")

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.
People: Glory to You, O Lord.

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"
He called a little child and had him stand among them. And he said: "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.
"And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me. But if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.
"Woe to the world because of the things that cause people to sin! Such things must come, but woe to the man through whom they come! 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 maimed or crippled than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell.
"See that you do not look down on one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to You, O Christ.
Holy Angels Constantly Surround Us

1 Holy angels constantly surround us, bringing peace and blessing to each day. Sent by messages from heaven's throne: Mighty God to help and to direct us, They promised words of hope to all addressing. Telling God's test and guard us on life's way. Blest are us on earth we're not alone. Be st are Savior's birth—new life for all. Ho ly

2 Holy angels do God's gracious bidding, bringing tears they wept at our deep fall. Holy God to help and to direct us, They promised words of hope to all addressing. Telling God's test and guard us on life's way. Blest are us on earth we're not alone. Be st are Savior's birth—new life for all. Ho ly

3 Holy angels sang at the creation, Then with we to know God's tender caring. And His love are brought on angels' wings. For this us by God's own Word made sure. Ev'ry Lord, His victory over death. For these grace, that all our days we're sharing. Thankful day we walk our ways attended; Ev'ry angels and for our salvation. We give ly each heart His praises sings. Night our resting is secure, thanks to Christ with all our breath.
“Force Against Force”

Pastor John Larson

TEXT: Revelation 12:7-12

CREEDAL SONG

In God We Believe

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord of all creation, we thank You for the ministry of the blessed angels, who are called to do Your work among us. Help us realize as we deal with people in our daily lives that sometimes we are entertaining angels unawares, and help us to seek to be healers and bringers of joy as Your angels are among us. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord of time and eternity, we ask that the protection of Your holy angels be with those whose labor is challenging or dangerous and with those who are
bringing the good news of salvation in Jesus to the far corners of the world.

Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord of mercy and care, we pray for those with special needs and concerns this day, especially the hospitalized, the grieving, the unemployed, the shut-ins, and all others for whom our petitions are desired, [including . . .]. Enable us to encourage, uphold, and strengthen those around us in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer**

Pastor: . . . *Additional intercessions may be added here* . . . Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer**

Pastor: As we bring our petitions, Lord, we remember all who have departed this life and now with angels and archangels are rejoicing in the glory of Your promised heavenly kingdom. Direct our ways on earth that we complete this life in faith and at last rejoice together with them in Your presence.

Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

People: **Amen.**

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

People: **And also with you.**
OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Ten Thousand Angels Cried”

David Patillo/LeAnn Rimes

Michael Zehnder, soloist

HOLY COMMUNION AT ASCENSION

The Lord, our Host, invites to his Supper those who are baptized into the Christian faith, confess him as Savior, have been instructed and have examined themselves, truly repent of sins, believe the Risen Lord is present in the sacrament with his true body and blood, and resolve to live faithfully and obediently. For those with an intolerance to alcohol, the center ring of the tray contains grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available to those with wheat allergies. Children who have not been instructed, yet desire a blessing, are invited to come forward with arms crossed. When receiving the bread and wine, the communicant may respond with “Amen!”, a word of affirmation and belief.

“SHED FOR YOU...”
PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
2 Timothy 4:22
People: And also with you.
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.  
[Colossians 3:1]
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
[Psalm 136]
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 them we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus (Divine Service, Setting Four)

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sab-a-oth adored;
Heav’n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hos-an-na in the high-est, sing hos-an-na to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!
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.”

**LORD’S PRAYER**  
*Matthew 6:9–13*  
*Text found in the back of the Hymnal.*

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**Agnus Dei (Divine Service, Setting Four)**

1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,

2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,

You take the sin of the world away;

You take the sin of the world away;

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,

Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,

Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.
GENERAL COMMUNION BLESSING

BENEDICTION

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. *Numbers 6:24–26*

People: Amen.

HYMN

“Up Through Endless Ranks of Angels” LSB 491

Verses 1 & 4

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Song of the Angels” (Glory to God in the Highest)

Giovanni Battista Pergolesi
Serving in Worship

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LECTOR
Dennis Lord
8:00
Mike Reimnitz
10:30

ACOLYTE
Chrissy Coon
8:00
Erik Schwerin
10:30

USHERS
Art Gordon, Members of the Congregation
8:00
Jason Dierking, Members of the Congregation
10:30

SERVER
Denise Lucero
10:30

ALTAR GUILD
Sally Atchison, Gloria Gaudreault, Cathy Utecht

FLOWERS
Bill and Vicki Redden, in joyful celebration of their 14th wedding anniversary.

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