

and Preschool

Saint Michael the Archangel

Divine Service Setting Three

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Holy Communion *The Lord welcomes to his table all who repent of sin and trust in Jesus Christ as Savior. In this meal the Lord is present by a mystery in his body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. As the Lord's Supper is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar and lest any eat and drink unworthily, those who are not yet instructed as members or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Lord's Supper, are asked to first speak to the pastor. Those who are not communing but wishing to receive a blessing are also invited to come forward. Simply bow your head to indicate that a blessing is desired.*

As we prepare for worship together please remember to set your phone to silent mode. Thank You!

Mission Statement: Growing a Christian Community rooted in Faith, Fellowship, and Service

Cover: *Archangel Michael defeats Satan*, Guido Reni, Santa Maria della Concezione, Rome, 1636.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Antiphon

Kyrie - *Lord Have Mercy* p. 186

Hymn Of Praise: *Gloria in Excelsis* p. 187

Salutation and Collect of the Day (Sung)

First Reading: *Daniel 12: 1-3*

In those days: "Michael shall stand up, the great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people; and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation, even to that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered, every one who is found written in the book. And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever."

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

In those days: War broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death. Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them!"

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gradual: *Psalm 91: 11, 103: 1*

A: 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!

Alleluia

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Holy Gospel: *Matthew 18: 1-11*

P: The Lord be with You.

C: And with your Spirit.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18th chapter.

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" Then Jesus called a

little child to Him, set him in the midst of them, and said, “Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me. But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea. Woe to the world because of offenses! For offenses must come, but woe to that man by whom the offense comes! If your hand or foot causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life lame or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet, to be cast into the everlasting fire. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire. Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven. For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

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Hymn of the Day *Jesus Shall Reign*

832 (1-3)

Sermon

Offertory Music *Create in Me a Clean Heart- (Sunday)*
A. Sherman
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Prayer of the Church

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Communion Prayers During the time before, during and after Communion you may wish to pray while kneeling or sitting in your pew. Prayers are provided for the time of Communion inside the front covers of the hymnals under "Prayers for Worship."

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Salutation and Benedicamus p. 201

Benediction p. 202

Closing Hymn *Glorious Things of You Are Spoken* 648

(*silent prayer*)

Postlude *Nachspiel – F. Mendelssohn*

¹ *The Prayer of Thanksgiving III – adapted from Apostolic Tradition, Worship Supplement, CPH 1969*

Church Attendance

Saturday.....15
Sunday.....48

Offerings for God The offering box is available in the narthex for our giving.

Welcome Guests! Please take a moment to fill out the form in the red Record of Fellowship pads at the end of your pew. This will help us to get to know you as you share worship among us!

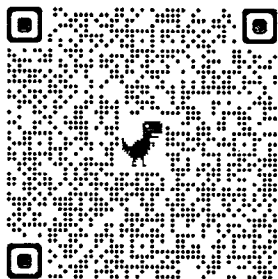
Assisting with our services: Assistant: Bob Dreschler (Sat), Carl Vensel (Sun); Lead Deacon: Gary Poulin (Sat), Faith Twining (Sun); Readers: Cathy Poulin (Sat), Lucy Plyley (Sun); Altar Guild: Donna Dlugos (Sat), Kathryn Chester (Sun).

St. Michael, the Archangel: We will observe the day of *Saint Michael, the Archangel* on the weekend of *September 28th and 29th*. This historic commemoration with special readings and hymns has as its theme the spiritual battle of God's angelic messenger engage in and their mission to protect God's people!

Voters Meeting: A special voters meeting will be held in the lounge following worship on October 6th to discuss the property on Bee St.

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Support Our Preschool: The preschool has set up a wishlist for supplies and other teaching items on Amazon. Use your cell phone's app to scan this QR code to link directly to the wishlist. You can order and have items shipped directly to the preschool. Thank you for your support.



Joyful Response: Joyful Response is a program we offer here at Saint John Lutheran Church where you can make your contributions to the Lord through online banking if you wish. If you're interested, a form has been included on our website detailing all the information we need from you! When you've completed it, please leave it in the mailbox outside the office door.

The Passion at Saint John: Join the Choir, along with Matthew, as they present *The Passion at Saint John*, a collection of Lenten music from the season, including songs from Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. The concert will be held on October 20th at 3 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This is a free concert!

News at Saint John

Wednesday Worship: During this season we will explore mid-week Trinity themed readings. We will worship in the Saint John Chapel each Wednesday evening for the Divine Service at 7pm. Join us in God's presence!

Divine Service Setting 3: We celebrate the return to Divine Service Setting 3! With Divine Service Setting 3 St. John recovers its roots! This service is the old "Common Service" which was the prevailing English Liturgy in use since 1888 by Lutheran Congregations across America. It seems that St. John began to use this setting back in 1919 and continued its use with the Lutheran Hymnal (TLH) which was produced in 1941. St. John continued to worship with this setting for the majority of its history as did the majority of American Lutheran Churches over the years. May the Lord bless us as we regularly share the Divine Service among us!

We Welcome Our New Members: Chris Dougan, Carlene and Kyle Fox, *with Aidan and Olivia*, Crystal Walsh and Brennen Gurtowski, Ralph Mingoello, *with Madison*, Nathan and Kimberly Moran

Pancake Breakfast: We will be having the Pancake Breakfast on October 12th from 8-10 am in our Fellowship Hall for a \$5 donation! Call the office for tickets, or they can also be purchased at the door! There will be pancakes, eggs, sausage, and coffee. Apple Fritters will also be available to purchase!

*Our Father in Heaven Protects His Children by
Giving His Holy Angels Charge Over Them*

We live in “a time of trouble” (Dan. 12:1), in the midst of great tribulation. Satan and his wicked angels have been thrown out of heaven and have come down to earth “in great wrath,” with woeful “temptations to sin” and with constant accusations (Rev. 12:8–12; Matt. 18:7). Even so, we are encouraged by the presence and protection of St. Michael and the holy angels, whom God sends to help us in the strife (Dan. 10:11–13). By “the authority of his Christ,” His holy angels guard and keep us in body and soul. These heavenly servants of God preserve His human messengers on earth, the ministers of “the blood of the Lamb,” against all the power of the enemy, for by “the word of their testimony,” the Church is saved and the devil is defeated (Rev. 12:10–11; Luke 10:18–19). By their preaching and Baptism of repentance, the old Adam and the old evil foe are “drowned in the depth of the sea” (Matt. 18:6). As God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, so are His people delivered and raised from the dust of the earth through the forgiveness of their sins (Dan. 12:1–3). Lcms.org/worship