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September 29, 2024 19th Sunday after Pentecost THE FESTIVAL OF ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS



Followers of Christ have Powerful Allies

Green Berets. Rangers. SEALs. Delta Force. These special forces groups are part of the United States military. They are elite: highly trained with unique skill sets. Many of their important missions are carried out in total secrecy.

Two weeks ago, we acknowledged that we are in the middle of a massive spiritual war. Today, we thank God that we fight this war with the protection of special forces. Since the fifth century, Christians have observed the Festival of St. Michael and All Angels. We commemorate that God has sent Michael, one of the great archangels described in Scripture, and countless of his fellow angels to protect and serve mankind. Let us rejoice that followers of Christ have powerful allies!



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M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. C: Amen.

BAPTISMAL CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION (Pg. 261)

M: Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded Baptism when he said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

All of us are born into this world with a deep need for Baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. He took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. In Baptism, he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. We recall what Baptism means for our daily lives:

C: Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death.

- It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.
- M: As baptized children of God, we confess our sins:
- C: Holy God, gracious Father,
 - I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

- I have not loved you with my whole heart;
- I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

- M: God saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit and united us to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Every day God forgives your sins, removes your guilt, and strengthens you to defeat Satan's power. His promise is for you and your children, and he will never forsake you. Your sins are forgiven. You are clothed with Christ. You are at peace with God now and forever.
- C: Amen.

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THE RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM (Pg. 262)

M: Christ's almighty Word gives Baptism its power to save. Jesus promises in the last chapter of Mark, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." The apostle Peter declares, "Baptism now saves you." Scripture also teaches that the power and promise of Baptism are intended for young and old alike. On the day of Pentecost, the apostle testified, "The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call." By water and the Spirit, we are born again and are united with Christ and his people as members of the Church.

Let us pray: We give you thanks, almighty God, for your acts of deliverance, your gift of salvation, and the power to live a new life through your Holy Spirit. Especially this day, we praise you for the waters of Holy Baptism, through which your children are buried with Christ into his death and share in his glorious resurrection.

Holding firmly to your command and promise, we ask that you would look with favor on *Marshall*. Through this water of Baptism, cleanse *him* from all sin and deliver *him* from death and the devil. Set *him* apart from the unbelieving world and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep *him* in the true Christian faith all the days of *his* life. Guide, strengthen, and protect *him* so that *he* may honor your holy name and at last receive, together with all your people, the promised inheritance of eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- C: Amen.
- M: In the Gospel of Mark, it is written:

Jesus said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." *Marshall Victor Laabs*, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Receive the sign of the cross from the head to the heart ${\scriptscriptstyle {\rm T}}$ to mark you as a redeemed child of Christ.

The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given you the new birth of water and the Spirit and has forgiven all your sins. May he strengthen you with his grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

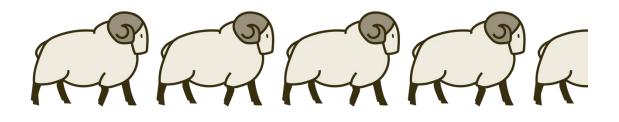
EXHORTATION

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Our Lord commands that we teach his precious truths to all who are baptized. Christian love therefore urges all of us, especially parents and sponsors, to assist in whatever manner possible so that *Marshall* may remain a child of God until death. If you are willing to carry out this responsibility, then answer: Yes, as God gives me strength.

C: Yes, as God gives me strength.

- M: Let us pray: We give thanks, most merciful Father, that you have received *Marshall* as your own child and made him a member of Christ's body, the church. Now, we pray, grant to him and to all your church on earth that, being dead to sin, we may live to righteousness and, being buried with Christ into his death, we may also share in his resurrection, so that, with all your saints, we may inherit eternal life; through Christ our Lord.
- C: Amen.



Sunday 8:00 am service continues here

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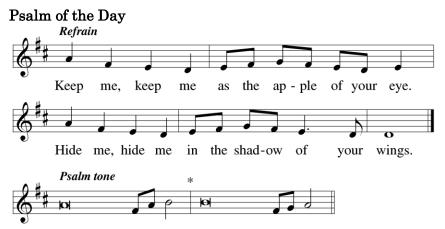


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He who dwells in the shelter of the <u>Most</u> High* will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say <u>of</u> the LORD,* "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in <u>whom</u> I trust."

Refrain

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,* the holy place where the Most <u>High</u> dwells.

You will not fear the terror <u>of</u> the night,* nor the arrow that <u>flies</u> by day.

If you make the Most High your <u>dwelling</u>,* then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come <u>near</u> your tent.

For he will command his angels con<u>cern</u>ing you* to guard you in <u>all</u> your ways;

they will lift you up <u>in</u> their hands,* so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the be<u>gin</u>ning,* is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

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Refrain

Psalm 91 CW93

Revelation 12:7–12

Epistle Lesson

When war broke out in heaven, Michael and his angels defeated Satan and his demons.

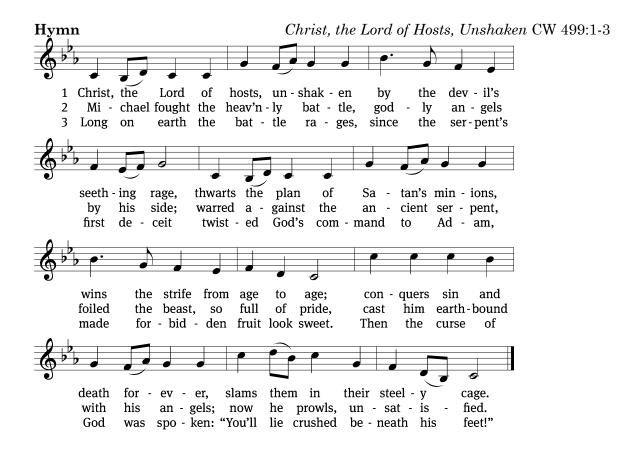
⁷Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. ⁸But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. ⁹The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

¹⁰Then 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 Messiah. For the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down. ¹¹They triumphed over 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. ¹²Therefore 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." (NIV)

Seasonal Response

M: Alleluia. Praise the Lord, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding. Alleluia. (Psalm 103:20)



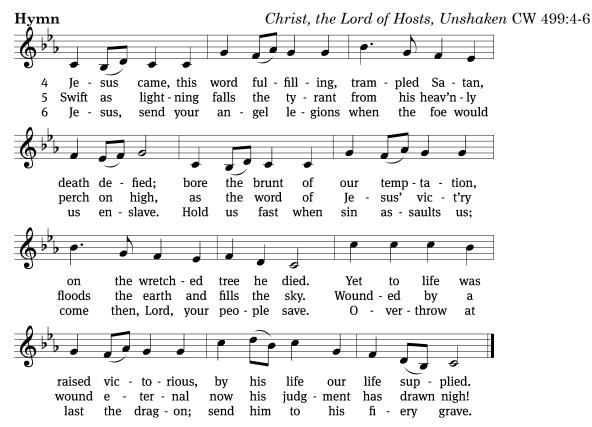
Gospel Lesson

Luke 10:17-20

We rejoice that Christ enables us to overcome the work of demons. We rejoice even more that our names are written in heaven.

¹⁷The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name."

¹⁸He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. ²⁰However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." (NIV)



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Sermon - Old Testament Lesson

2 Kings 6:8-17

As Elisha fulfilled his mission to proclaim the word and will of God, the angels fulfilled their mission by providing Elisha with protection.

⁸Now the king of Aram was at war with Israel. After conferring with his officers, he said, "I will set up my camp in such and such a place."

⁹The man of God sent word to the king of Israel: "Beware of passing that place, because the Arameans are going down there." ¹⁰So the king of Israel checked on the place indicated by the man of God. Time and again Elisha warned the king, so that he was on his guard in such places.

¹¹This enraged the king of Aram. He summoned his officers and demanded of them, "Tell me! Which of us is on the side of the king of Israel?"

¹²"None of us, my lord the king," said one of his officers, "but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the very words you speak in your bedroom."

¹³"Go, find out where he is," the king ordered, "so I can send men and capture him." The report came back: "He is in Dothan." ¹⁴Then he sent horses and chariots and a strong force there. They went by night and surrounded the city.

¹⁵When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. "Oh no, my lord! What shall we do?" the servant asked.

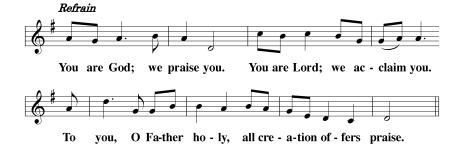
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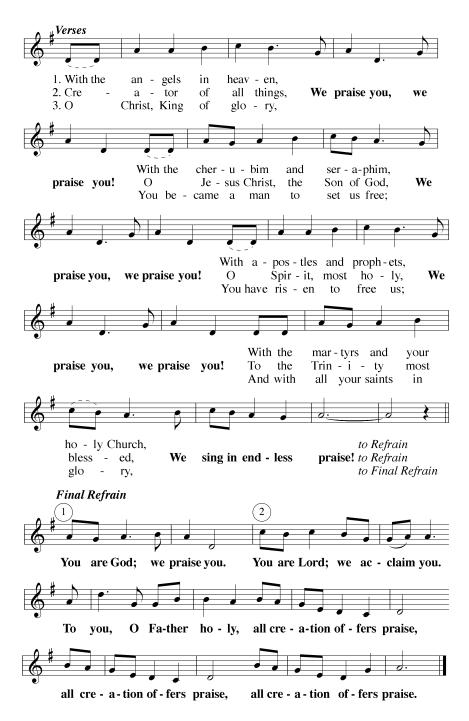
¹⁷And Elisha prayed, "Open his eyes, Lord, so that he may see." Then the Lord opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha

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You Are God; We Praise You Te Deum

Pastor will sing the verses. The congregation will sing the refrain.





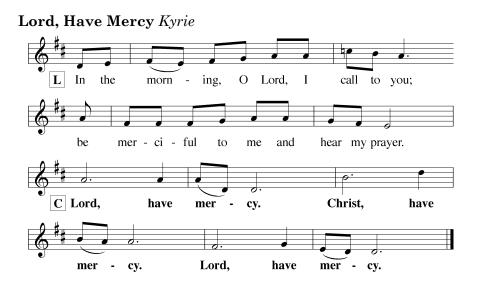
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Offering

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Please sign the friendship register located in your pew.

Guests please don't feel a necessity to give an offering today. "*Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver*" (2 Corinthians 9:7).



Lord's Prayer

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.

Prayer of the Day

- M: Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals. Mercifully grant that as your holy angels always serve and worship you in heaven, 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, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

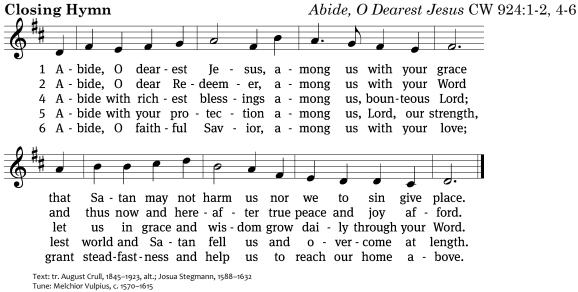
Prayer for Grace

M: Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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