

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
The Feast of St. Michael & All Angels

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I Saw Satan Fall Like Lightning from Heaven



We welcome our members and guests to Christ Lutheran today, and pray God's richest blessings upon you during this time of worship!

All members and our guests are asked to complete the worship attendance pads which can be found on each pew.

Guests are also asked to sign the guest register found in the Narthex.

We are so glad to have you worshiping with us today!

LARGE PRINT worship folders are available at the usher stand at the back of the nave.

WELCOME:

"We who mystically represent the Cherubim and who sing to the Life-Giving Trinity the thrice-holy hymn, let us now lay aside all earthly cares that we may receive the King of all, escorted invisibly by the angelic orders."

—The Cherubikon

"As therefore angels ministered to Christ in the days of His flesh, so likewise are they deeply interested in all those who through faith are incorporated into Christ; as they ministered to the glorious Head, in the same manner shall they minister to the members of the body of Christ. They joyfully serve upon the earth those whom they shall have by and by as companions in heaven; nor refuse their holy ministries to those whose delightful fellowship they hope to enjoy."

—Johann Gerhard. Sacred Meditations

THE LORD'S SUPPER

In preparation for reception of the Lord's Supper (*Holy Communion*), it is important that we review and understand what the Bible teaches regarding this sacrament:

The Bible teaches that Jesus gives us His very body and blood along with bread and wine in Holy Communion¹, and that these are means by which He forgives our sins², and strengthens us for daily living, and draws us into closer fellowship with Him and other believers. The Bible also teaches us to examine ourselves prior to receiving the meal³. For those receiving Holy Communion, examine yourself with these questions:

Do I believe that I am a sinner and I am sorry for my sins?

Do I believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and my personal Savior?

Do I believe that Christ's true body and blood are present in this holy meal for my forgiveness?

Do I truly intend with the help of God to correct my sinful life?

According to Christ's Word in the Holy Scriptures, and in confession with the true Christian faith, at Christ Lutheran we observe the practice of closed communion. We believe that all who commune must confess the same holy faith, as Holy Scripture teaches. Since one's church affiliation indicates an individual's confession of faith, we ask that only those who have been instructed in the above teaching **and** are confirmed members of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod commune. If you have not been instructed in this teaching on Holy Communion, are in doubt, or hold a different confession of faith⁴, you are still welcome to come forward and cross your arms to indicate that you would like a blessing.

¹Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:14-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23

²Matthew 26:28; 1 John 1:7; 1 Peter 1:18-19

³1 Corinthians 11:28-32

⁴1 Corinthians 10:17; 1 Corinthians 11:26

DIVINE SERVICE III

PRESERVICE MUSIC

The congregation may use this time for prayer and meditation.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN Lord God, to Thee We Give All Praise #522, St. 1-3

The congregation stands to face the back of the church. As the processional cross passes, the congregation turns to face the cross.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command 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.
- C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

PSALM: QUI HABITAT

Psalm 91:7-13; Ant. Psalm 91:11



For he will command his angels con- cerning you* to guard you in all your ways.

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.

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

For he will command his angels con- | cerning you* to guard you in | all your ways.

On their hands they will | bear you up,*

lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.

You will tread on the lion and the | adder;*
the young lion and the serpent you will trample | underfoot.
"Because he holds fast to me in love, I will de- | liver 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.

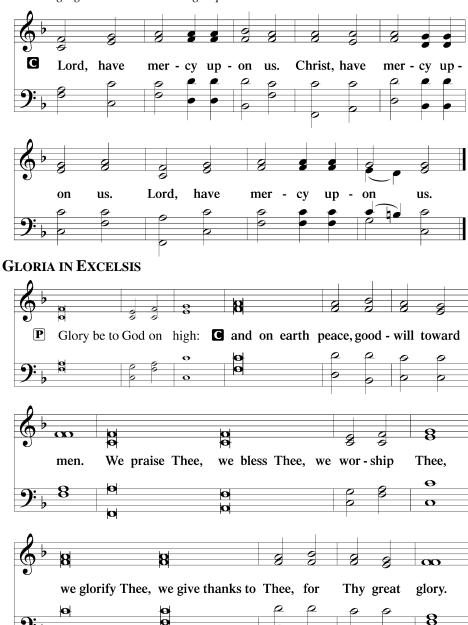
With long life I will sat- | isfy him* and show him my sal- | vation."

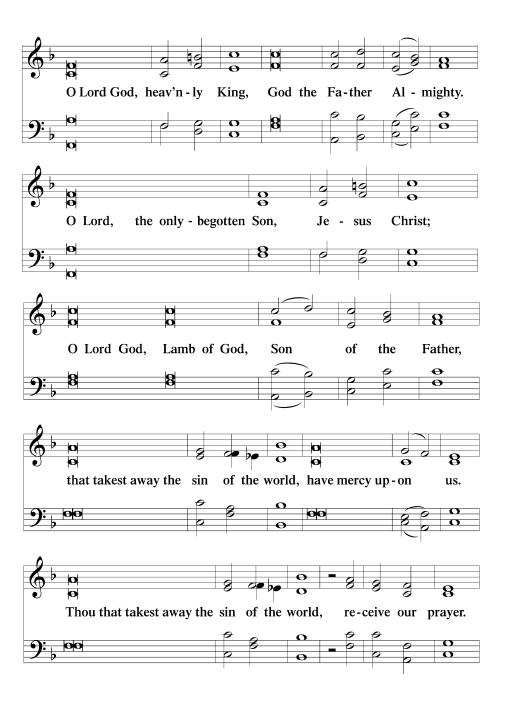
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

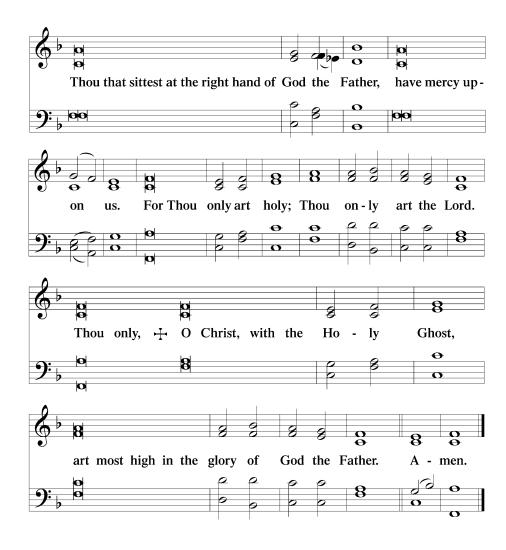
For he will command his angels con- cerning you* to guard you in all your ways.

KYRIE Mark 10:47

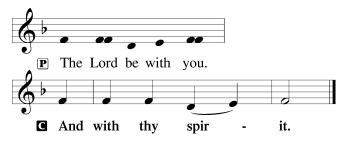
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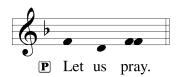






SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY





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.



Please be seated

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3

And behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees. And 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. Then 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. The 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, and 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."

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

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.



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!

EPISTLE READING Revelation 12:7-12

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. And 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. And 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. And 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. Therefore, 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!"

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand and face the cross

GOSPEL PROCESSION



Cantor: 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.



HOLY GOSPEL Luke 10:17-20

P The Holy

→ Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.



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."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated

OFFICE HYMN

Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken

#521

SERMON

The Great War

Please stand

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C I believe in one God, (Rom 10:10; Deut 6:4)
        the Father Almightv, (Mt 6:9; Ex 6:3)
        maker of heaven and earth (Gen 1:1: Jn 1:1)
        and of all things visible and invisible. (Col 1:16)
   And in one Lord Jesus Christ, (Rom 10:9)
        the only-begotten Son of God, (Jn 3:16; Mt 16:16)
        begotten of His Father before all worlds, (Jn 1:2)
        God of God, Light of Light, (Jn 17:22; Jn 8:12; Jn 1:1)
        very God of very God, (Col 2:9) begotten, not made, (Jn 1:2)
        being of one substance with the Father, (Jn 10:30)
        by whom all things were made; (Heb 1:2; Jn 1:3)
        who for us men and for our salvation (1 Tim 2:4: Rom 3:23)
        came down from heaven (Jn 6:41: Lk 15:20)
        and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary (Lk 1:34-35)
        and was made man; (Jn 1:14)
        and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. (Mk 15:25; Jn 19:16-18)
        He suffered and was buried. (Jn 19:1-3; Lk 23:53)
        And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures (1 Cor 15:4; Lk 24:6)
        and ascended into heaven (Acts 1:9)
        and sits at the right hand of the Father. (Acts 7:55)
        And He will come again with glory (Mt 26:64)
        to judge both the living and the dead, (Acts 10:42; Mt 3:12)
        whose kingdom will have no end. (2 Pt 1:11)
    And I believe in the Holy Spirit, (Jn 14:26; Gen 1:2; Acts 2:38)
        the Lord and giver of life, (Gen 1:2; Jn 3:6)
        who proceeds from the Father and the Son, (Jn 15:26)
        who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, (Mt 3:16-17)
        who spoke by the prophets. (Eze 11:5)
        And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, (1 Pt 2:5; Eph 2:19-22)
        I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, (Eph 4:5)
        and I look for the resurrection of the dead (1 Cor 15:35-49; 1 Thess 4:13-18)
        and the life + of the world to come. (Mk 10:29-30: Mt 10:40-42)
    Amen. (Ps 106:48)
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Us men means all people. Christian: the ancient text reads "catholic," meaning the whole Church as it confesses the wholeness of Christian doctrine

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition of the prayer:

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

For comfort, health and recovery: Landry Bagley, Lisa Bagley, Lesley Dickens, Jana Entrekin, Benjamin Goudy, Sharon Holleman, Arlene Kleinschmidt, Sam McGaugh, Donald Ochs, Kami Roberson, Celia Weidner;

For those who mourn: The family and friends of Lindberg Moore;

For those who are ill or distressed: Stan Acey, Jenalee Adams, Layne Bagley, Rose Bagley, Shirley Bagley, W.L. Bagley, Sarah Bowman, Mimi Bradley, Richard Bradley, Deloris Brent, Martha Brown, Nathan Brown, Tina Burke, Wayne Burke, Paula Burkhalter, Bobby Carroll, Arthur Collins, James E. Cookston, Joan Cowards, Belinda Cowards-Gonzales, Robert (Andy) Evers, Michele Rae Fowler, Randy Fowler, Parker Haines, Dan Hansen, Paul Hansen, Tim Hansen, Valerie Henderson, Sharon Holleman, Beth Jarratt, Elaine Johnson, Joslyn Jones, Steve Kennedy, Arlene Kleinschmidt, John Koster, Sandra Landers, Katelyn Lawing, Peggy Lucky, Paul McCullough, Jerry McIntyre, Jerry McMahan, Edlia Miller, Elaine Monaghan, Lindberg Moore, Don Ochs, Mildred Odom, Deborah-Annette Ried, Jon Sandberg, Noah Schultz, Johnnie Pearl Smiley, Bob Smith, Sherri Smith, Deborah Springer, Leonard Watson, Dana Weaver, Cynthia Widlitze, Carol Wright, Jimmy Wright, Marshall Wright, Barbara Zeigler;

For college and graduate students: Sara Fields, Jonathan Kettler, Roselynn Nelson, Will Nelson;

For military servants and their families: Greg Adams, Gabriel Escude, James (Glen) Hansford, Holden Hathcock, Christopher Martin, William Nelson, Steven Tatum, John Weidner Jr.;

For foreign missionaries: especially those serving in Spain;

This week's prayer family: **Keith & Anita Martin** and their loved ones.

Please be seated

OFFERING

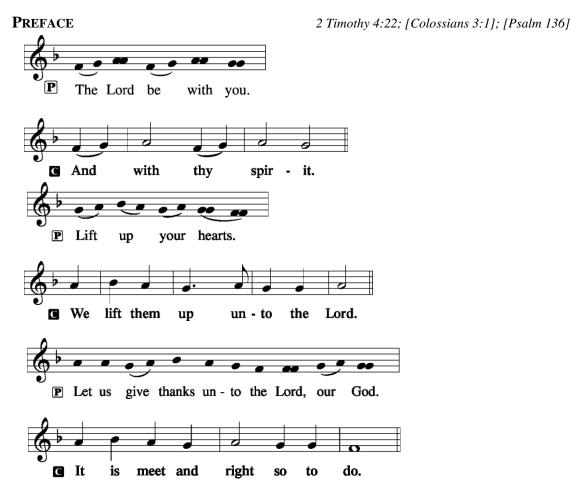
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OFFERTORY Psalm 51:10-12

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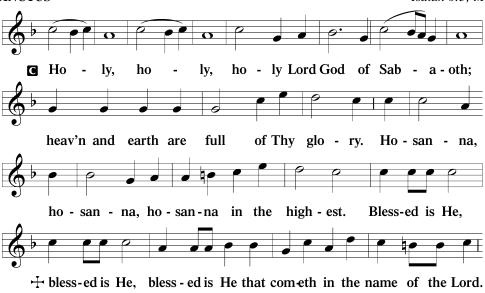


SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT



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, 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 Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13

P *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.



P 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."

PAX DOMINI John 20:19

P The peace

→ of the Lord be with you always.



AGNUS DEI John 1:29

The congregation is invited to sing in parts.





Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

All who are members in good standing of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and have introduced themselves to the pastor are welcome to partake of the Holy Communion at Christ Lutheran. If you have not spoken to the pastor, but would like to receive the Lord's blessing, you may still come to the rail and kneel, crossing one arm over the other in the shape of an 'X'. This symbolizes that one is marked by the cross and Triune name of Almighty God.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Wide Open Stand the Gates	#639
Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones	#670
Stars of the Morning, So Gloriously Bright	#520

Please stand following distribution of communion

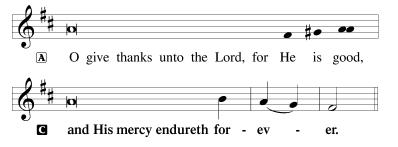
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Luke 2:29-32





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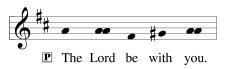


POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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 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.



SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS





And with thy spir - it.



A Bless we the Lord.



BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26





His face shine upon you and be gra-cious un - to you



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN

Lord, God to Thee We Give All Praise

#522, St. 4-8

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Serving Today:

Celebrant: Rev. George Fields

Torchbearers: Nathan Burkhalter & William Held

Crucifer: Keith Martin

Interpreter: Greg Goldman

Elder: Eric Held

Organist: Sr. Sara Fields

Cantor: Chris Burkhalter

Greeters: Rush & Allison Agent

Koinonia Tonight: Join us for a night of food and fellowship at the Held Home tonight at 5:00 p.m. We will continue our book *Saving Leonardo* by Nancy Pearcy, chapter three. See you there!

Ladies' Night Out: *Mangiate!* It's time for an excursion to Italy! Join us for Ladies' Night Out this month at Amerigo's Italian Restaurant in Flowood. Mark your calendars for this **Wednesday**, **September 29**, at 6:00 p.m., and please sign up in the Fellowship Hall or RSVP to MariLynn Fuhrer (marestuff517@yahoo.com). See you there!

Gemutlichkeit Next Sunday: Gemutlichkeiters, get ready for more merry-making next Sunday, October 3, at the Goodlett Home! We shall continue the discussion of our book, *Jesus of Nazareth: The Infancy Narratives*, with chapter 3. See you there!

Support our Sister! Good Shepherd Lutheran is hosting its annual Oktoberfest fundraiser on Saturday, October 30th. Check out their Facebook page to order your brats and German chocolate cake **by October 11!** All proceeds go to benefit Good Shepherd Lutheran School.

CLC Oktoberfest: Oktoberfest is on the horizon—don your lederhosen and break out the brats as we celebrate together! Join us on **Saturday, October 16th**, at the Goodlett Home (4:00-6:30 p.m.) for an old-fashioned, German good time!

Readings for next Sunday, October 3rd, the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Introit Ps. 127:3-5; Psalm 128; Genesis 2:18-25; Hebrews 2:1-18; Mark 10:2-16.

This week at Christ Lutheran Church: September 27 – October 3

Monday
 Tuesday
 3:30 p.m. Lindberg Moore Visitation (Lakeover Funeral Home)
 11 a.m. Lindberg Moore Committal (Autumn Woods Memorial Gardens)

Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Ladies' Night Out

Thursday 9:30 a.m. LifeLight: Galatians, Philippians, Colossians

Friday 6:30 a.m. Bible & Breaky

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages

10:30 a.m. Divine Service - Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

5:00 p.m. Gemutlichkeit



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