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Welcome

THANK YOU for joining us for worship today!
We pray that your spiritual life will be nourished through Word and Sacrament.

- † If you do not want to use a paper bulletin this morning, you can access the bulletin on our website – www.stpaulsplymouth.org. The entire worship service is printed out so that you do not need to use the hymnal.
- † Offering plates can be found at the entrances. After the sermon, the offering plates will be brought to the altar during the singing of a hymn. This is a reminder that giving offerings for gospel ministry is an act of worship.
- † May the Lord bless the time we spend together around His Word this morning! If you are looking for a church to call home, please contact Pastor Berger (pastorberger@gmail.com; call/text 402-239-4509) or Pastor Dauck (justin.dauck@gmail.com; call/text 402-806-9082) or stop by the church office. They would love to serve you with God's Word!
- † If you desire, there is a nursery in the back on the west side of the church, but please know that **your children are ALWAYS welcome** in our service no matter how much noise they make. We're happy to have them hear the Word and join us praising God with their voices!
- † Before you leave, please sign the **guest register**. It is located on the top of the stairs in the church entryway.
- † Please talk to one of the **Elders** (seated in the back of the church) if you have questions about the service or the congregation.
- † **Large print service folders** are available. Please speak to one of the Elders if this would be of assistance to you.
- † **Listening assist devices are available at St. Paul's. Please speak to one of the elders if you would like one for this morning's service.**
- † Our Sunday morning service can be heard on KWBE 1450AM (94.7FM) and viewed live and archived at www.stpaulsplymouth.org. Please share this information with those who are not able to attend.
- † **Prayers before Worship** can be found in *Christian Worship: Hymnal*, pp. 255-258.

Focus for Our Worship

After the time of the Reformation, those reformers retained certain “minor festivals” of the church year. September 29 is reserved for *The Festival of St. Michael and All Angels*. We observe this festival in our readings and some hymns this morning. It's said that as the days grew shorter and nights grew longer, ancient Christians were reminded of the struggle between good and evil – including between the angel armies of God and the demonic forces of Satan.

This festival does not praise, worship, or honor angels. That would be idolatry! This festival is meant to thank God for his gift of angels – much like we thank God for the harvest at Thanksgiving or thank God for another year of grace at the New Year. We live in dangerous times and so we thank God for the protection that his angels provide. In an age where angels are often misunderstood, it is good to hear what the Bible has to say about these ministering spirits who do his bidding!

The Service, Setting 1

(page 154 in *Christian Worship 21*)

Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken

CW499

Pastor Peter Prange wrote this hymn to convey the Scriptural truths of the Festival of St. Michael and All Angels. The hymn, like every festival of the church year, is properly and ultimately about Christ. Therefore, the hymn begins by telling the story of Christ—who conquered sin, death, and the devil—with the vivid description of how he “slams them in their steely cage” (stanza 1).



1 Christ, the Lord of hosts, un-shak - en by the dev - il's
2 Mi - chael fought the heav'n - ly bat - tle, god - ly an - gels
3 Long on earth the bat - tle ra - ges, since the ser - pent's
4 Je - sus came, this word ful - fill - ing, tram - pled Sa - tan,

Stanza 2 refers to a war in heaven as God's angels battle Satan (from our sermon text—Rev. 12:7-12).



seeth - ing rage, thwarts the plan of Sa - tan's min - ions,
by his side; warred a - gainst the an - cient ser - pent,
first de - ceit twist - ed God's com - mand to Ad - am,
death de - fied; bore the brunt of our temp - ta - tion,

Stanza 3 travels back to Eden and Genesis 3. The twisting of God's command began when the Devil asked, “Has God really said?” God's cursing of Satan is also the proclamation of the first Gospel to the world (Gen. 3:15).



wins the strife from age to age; con - quers sin and
foiled the beast, so full of pride, cast him earth - bound
made for - bid - den fruit look sweet. Then the curse of
on the wretch - ed tree he died. Yet to life was

Stanza 4 proclaims Jesus' work of fulfilling the promise and concludes with the declaration to Satan: “You'll lie crushed beneath his feet.”



death for - ev - er, slams them in their steel - y cage.
with his an - gels; now he prowls, un - sat - is - fied.
God was spo - ken: “You'll lie crushed be - neath his feet!”
raised vic - to - rious, by his life our life sup - plied.

Stanza 5 uses Jesus' own words when he says he “was watching Satan fall like lightning from heaven” (Lk. 10:18). The Devil's time is short.

5 Swift as lightning falls the tyrant
from his heav'nly perch on high,
as the word of Jesus' vict'ry
floods the earth and fills the sky.
Wounded by a wound eternal
now his judgment has drawn nigh!

6 Jesus, send your angel legions
when the foe would us enslave.
Hold us fast when sin assaults us;
come then, Lord, your people save.
Overthrow at last the dragon;
send him to his fiery grave.

The current work of God's angels is described in the final stanza. Jesus speaks of the angel legions at Gethsemane (Mt. 26:53). Satan's “fiery grave” is mentioned in Revelation 20:10.

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

1 John 1:8-9

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

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.

Absolution

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Be seated

First Song of Isaiah

St. Paul's Junior Choir

Refrain

Surely, it is God who saves me;

I will trust in Him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
and He will be my Savior.

- 1 Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing
from the springs of salvation
and on that day you shall say,
“Give thanks to the Lord
and call upon His name.” [Refrain]

2 Make His deeds known among the peoples;
see that they remember that His name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord,
for He has done great things
and this is known in all the world. [Refrain]

3 Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion;
ring out your joy,
for the great one in the midst of you
is the Holy One of Israel.
[*Congregation joins in the Final Refrain*]

Final Refrain (sung twice)



Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and
not be a - fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my
sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. 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.

Amen.

First Reading

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

Michael is noted as “the great prince who protects your people.” He will take part in the spiritual battle in the end times

¹⁰Then a hand touched me and pulled me up, trembling, to my hands and knees. ¹¹He said to me, “Daniel, you are a highly valued man. Understand the words that I am speaking to you. Stand up where you are, because now I have been sent to you.” When he spoke this word to me, I stood up, shaking.

¹²He said to me, “Do not be afraid, Daniel, because from the first day that you began to commit your heart to gaining understanding and to humbling yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come in response to your words. ¹³However, an officer of the kingdom of Persia was standing against me for twenty-one days. Yet Michael, one of the chief officers, came to help me, for I had been left there against the kings of Persia. ¹⁴I have come to explain to you what will happen to your people in the latter days, because the vision concerns days still to come.”

^{14:1}Then at that time, Michael, the great prince who stands over your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress that has not happened from the first time that there was a nation until that time.

At that time your people will be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ²Many who are sleeping in the dusty ground will awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame, to everlasting contempt. ³Those who have insight will shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who bring many to righteousness will shine like the stars forever and ever. ⁴Now you, Daniel, close up the words and seal the scroll until the time of the end. Many will continue running back and forth, and knowledge will increase.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Psalms 103:20



Refrain



Tone



Gospel

Luke 16:19–31

Jesus tells us a parable about two men, one whose confidence was in his wealth, another whose confidence was in his God. We also see the role of God's angels when Lazarus dies and is taken to heaven.

¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen, living in luxury every day. ²⁰A beggar named Lazarus had been laid at his gate. Lazarus was covered with sores and ²¹longed to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Besides this, the dogs also came and licked his sores. ²²Eventually the beggar died, and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In hell, where he was in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴He called out and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me! Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in misery in this flame.’

²⁵“But Abraham said, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus received bad things. But now he is comforted here, and you are in misery. ²⁶Besides all this, a great chasm has been set in place between us and you, so that those who want to cross from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’

²⁷“He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, send him to my father’s home, ²⁸because I have five brothers—to warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’

²⁹“Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets. Let them listen to them.’

³⁰“‘No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’

³¹“Abraham replied to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He

will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Church's One Foundation

CW 855



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth;
3 The Church shall nev - er per - ish. Her dear Lord, to de - fend,
4 Tho' with a scorn - ful won - der the world sees her op - pressed,
5 Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
to guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, is with her to the end.
by schisms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
One ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
Tho' there be those that hate her and strive to see her fail,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up, "How long?"
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es, with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
a - gainst both foe and trai - tor she ev - er shall pre - vail.
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900, abr., alt.
Tune: Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

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.”

“The True Angel Armies of God”



The offering is brought forward during the hymn.

CW 942

Create in Me

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

The Sacrament

Preface

The Lord be with you.

And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, at whose bidding the holy angels carry out your good and gracious will as they are sent forth to serve those who will inherit salvation. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Isaiah 6:1-4



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na, ho -



san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he,



bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Words of Institution

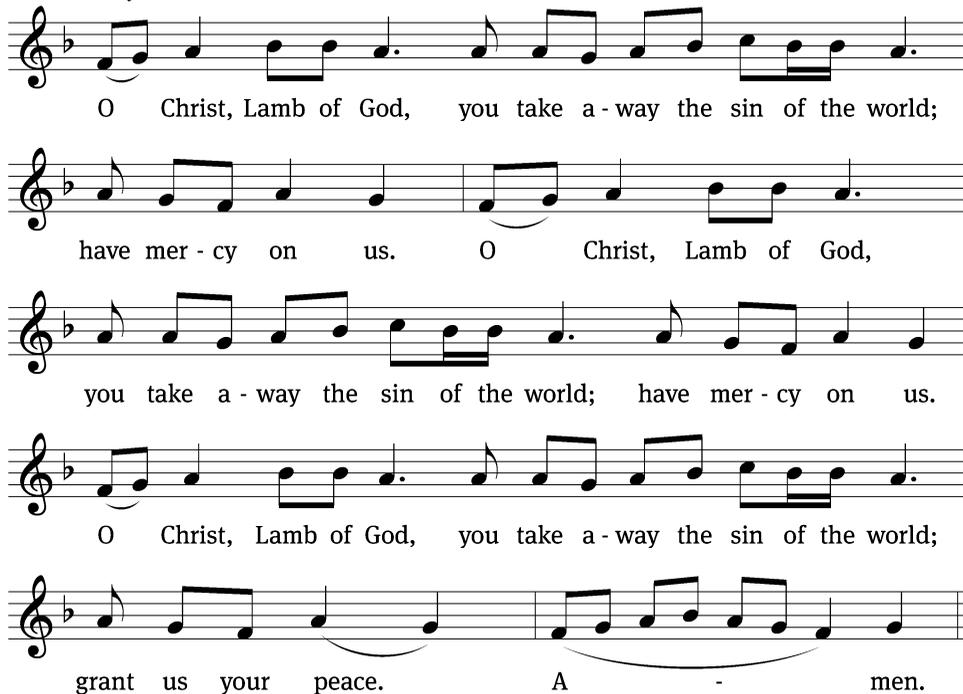
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

John 1:29



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

Pre-Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus, you have invited me to come and receive your holy Sacrament. I believe that in the bread and wine you give me your true body and blood to eat and drink. Forgive my sins and nourish my faith through this precious meal. I long for the comfort that comes with your promises; I yearn for the assurance of your faithful love. Bless me now as I receive you by faith.

Distribution

Close Communion *We ask that only those who have previously spoken to one of our pastors or are members in good standing of this or another WELS or ELS congregation come to Holy Communion today. Our practice of Close Communion (which has been the practice of the Christian Church throughout the ages) is in no way trying to judge anyone's faith. What we are trying to do is follow the Bible's clear teaching (I Corinthians 11) to first study God's Word together. As we do so, we can share with/review with you what the Lord's Supper is all about. You, then, also have an opportunity to examine what we believe and teach before you come to the Lord's Supper here at St. Paul's/Christ Lutheran and make a public profession that you agree with what we teach.*

If you have any questions about this or would like to commune at St. Paul's/Christ Lutheran in the future, please talk to Pastor Berger or Pastor Dauck after worship this morning. They would love to sit down with you on your timetable and at your convenience and talk about these important matters.

I Walk in Danger All the Way

CW 836



1 I walk in dan - ger all the way; the thought shall nev - er
2 I pass through tri - als all the way, with sin and ills con -
3 Grim death pur - sues me all the way, no - where I rest se -
4 I walk with an - gels all the way, they shield me and be -



leave me that Sa - tan, who has marked his prey, is
tend - ing; in pa - tience I must bear each day the
cure - ly; he comes by night, he comes by day, he
friend me; all Sa - tan's pow'r is held at bay when



plot - ting to de - ceive me. This foe with hid - den snares
cross of God's own send - ing. Oft in ad - ver - si - ty
takes his prey most sure - ly. A fail - ing breath, and I
heav'n - ly hosts at - tend me. They are my sure de - fense;



may seize me un - a - wares if e'er I fail to
I know not where to flee, when storms of woe my
in death's strong grasp may lie to face e - ter - ni -
all fear and sor - row, hence! Un - harmed by foes, do



watch and pray; I walk in dan - ger all the way.
soul dis - may; I pass through tri - als all the way.
ty to - day; grim death pur - sues me all the way.
what they may, I walk with an - gels all the way.

5 I walk with Jesus all the way,
 his guidance never fails me;
 within his wounds I find a stay
 when Satan's pow'r assails me;
 and by his footsteps led,
 my path I safely tread.
 No evil leads my soul astray;
 I walk with Jesus all the way.

6 My walk is heav'nward all the way;
 await, my soul, the morrow,
 when you at last with joy can say
 farewell to sin and sorrow.
 All worldly pomp, begone!
 To heav'n I now press on.
 For all the world I would not stay;
 my walk is heav'nward all the way.

Text: tr. Ditlef G. Ristad, 1863–1938, alt.; Hans A. Brorson, 1694–1764. Tune: Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch, Halle, 1708, ed. Johann A. Freylinghausen

God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

CW 679



1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap-tized
 2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap-tized
 3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap-tized
 4 Death, you can - not end my glad-ness: I am bap-tized
 5 There is noth - ing worth com - par - ing to this life - long



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it, gave my
 in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong - er: Je - sus'
 in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion, I am
 in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness to in -
 com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing: e - ven



full re - demp-tion price. Do I need earth's trea - sures man - y?
 cleans-ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y con-science seize me
 not so soon en-ticed. Now that to the font I've trav - eled,
 her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in dust and ash - es
 there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a - waits its rais - ing,



I have one worth more than an - y that brought me sal -
 since my bap - tism did re - lease me in a dear for -
 all your might has come un - rav - eled, and, a - gainst your
 faith's as - sur - ance bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the
 still my soul con - tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized



va - tion free, last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!
 giv - ing flood, sprink - ling me with Je - sus' blood?
 tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!
 strength di - vine to make life im - mor - tal mine.
 in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

Text: tr. Robert E. Voelker, b. 1957; Erdmann Neumeister, 1671–1756. Tune: Johann Caspar Bachofen, 1695–1755, alt.
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Lord God, to You We Give All Praise

CW 500



1 Lord God, to you we give all praise, with grate - ful
 2 They shine with light and heav'n - ly grace and con - stant -
 3 They nev - er rest nor sleep as we; their whole de -
 4 The an - cient drag - on is their foe; his en - vy



hearts our voic - es raise that an - gel hosts you did cre -
 ly be - hold your face. They heed your voice, they know it
 light is but to be with you, Lord Je - sus, and to
 and his wrath they know. It al - ways is his aim and



ate a - round your glo - rious throne to wait.
 well; in god - ly wis - dom they ex - cel.
 keep your lit - tle flock, your lambs and sheep.
 pride your Chris - tian peo - ple to di - vide.

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| <p>5 As he of old deceived the world
and into sin and death has hurled,
so now he subtly lies in wait
to undermine both Church and state.</p> <p>6 A roaring lion, round he goes,
no halt nor rest he ever knows;
he seeks the Christians to devour
and slay them by his dreadful pow'r.</p> | <p>7 But watchful is the angel band
that follows Christ on ev'ry hand
to guard his people where they go
and break the counsel of the foe.</p> <p>8 O Lord, awaken songs of praise
for angel hosts that guard our days;
teach us to serve you and adore
as angels do forevermore.</p> |
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Text: tr. Emanuel Cronenwett, 1841–1931, alt.; German version, Paul Eber, 1511–1569; Philipp Melancthon, 1497–1560, abr.
 Tune: Geistliche Lieder zu Wittenberg, Wittenberg, 1543, ed. Joseph Klug

Post-Communion Prayer

Thank you, dear Savior, for nourishing my faith with the Sacrament of your body and blood. Lift my heart with your forgiveness, renew my confidence in your grace, empower my love for others, and lead me to long for the eternal banquet of heaven.

Stand

Song of Simeon (*Nunc Dimittis*)

CW 951

Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles
and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Text: The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, rev. Tune: The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, rev. James E. Engel, 1925-1989

Thanksgiving

Psalm 118:1; 1 Corinthians 11:26

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

Amen.

Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

CW 817, st.3

3 Lord, let at last thine an - gels come, to A-br'ham's
bos - om bear me home that I may die un - fear - ing;
and in its nar - row cham - ber keep my bod - y
safe in peace - ful sleep un - til thy re - ap - pear - ing.
And then from death a - wak - en me that these mine eyes with
joy may see, O Son of God, thy glo - rious face, my Sav - ior
and my fount of grace. Lord Je - sus Christ, my prayer at -
tend, my prayer at - tend, and I will praise thee with - out end.

Text: tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.; Martin M. Schalling, 1532-1608
Tune: Zwey Bücher . . . Tablatur, Strassburg, 1577

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St. Paul's Church Family

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Today – Peggy Brooks **Tuesday** – Beckie Bekemeyer, Mark Benash, Don Wurm
Thursday – Karen Bergmeier, M/M Jack Pollock **Friday** – Dawn Meyer
Saturday – Dani Meyer **Sunday** – Avery Scheiding

SEPTEMBER 18th OFFERINGS

“We Give Thee but Thine Own!”

Fund	Gifts Received	Fund	Gifts Received
Home Fund	\$5,645.50	NELHS Operating	\$305.00
Missions	\$490.25	NELHS Debt	\$160.00
Building Fund	\$110.00	Cemetery Fund	\$30.00

LET US ENOURAGE ONE ANOTHER (HEBREWS 10:25)

241 were present to receive God's grace in worship last week

171 were present to learn God's Word in Bible Study last week: Sunday Morning Bible Class-96;
Sunday School-43; Homestead House-18; Ladies Aid-14

Christ Lutheran's Church Family

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Today – Isaac Bruna **Tuesday** – Beth Jungbluth, Robin Cooper
Saturday – M/M Mike Corter, M/M Mike Bruna

Organist: Janice Pieper

SEPTEMBER 18th OFFERINGS

“We Give Thee but Thine Own!”

Fund	Gifts Received	Fund	Gifts Received
Home Fund	\$592.00	NELHS Operating	\$45.00
Missions	\$60.00	NELHS Debt	\$15.00
Ed. Fund	\$5.00		

LET US ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER (HEBREWS 10:25)

45 were present to receive God’s grace in worship last Sunday.

11 were present to learn God’s Word in Bible Study last week: Sunday Morning Bible Class-6;
Sunday School-5

THIS WEEK, BY GOD’S GRACE (Sept. 25th – Oct. 2nd)

Today	Worship with Communion at Beatrice Sunday School and Bible Class Worship with Communion at Plymouth St. Paul’s Golf Outing (Registration 12:30pm)	8:00am 9:00am 10:00am 1:00pm
Monday	Faculty Meeting VB Practice at the Community Center (A & B Teams) BIC Class at Stone Hollow Brewery Monday Night Worship with Communion	7:15am 3:30-5:30pm 7:00-8:00pm 7:30pm
Tuesday	Faculty Devotion School Chapel LES Catechism Class	7:15am 8:30am 9:00am
Wednesday	Circuit Meeting at St. Mark’s, Lincoln Homestead House Bible Study VB Practice at Community Center (A Team Only) PSI Class	9:30am 10:30am 3:30-5:30pm 6:00-7:30pm
Thursday	Faculty Devotion LES Catechism Away VB Games at Emm-Faith, York (A & B) Plymouth Church Council	7:15am 8:30am 4:30/5:15pm 8:00pm
Friday	Men’s Bible Study Breakfast	6:45am
Sunday	Worship at Beatrice Sunday School, Bible Class Worship at Plymouth (St. Paul’s School Choir - Gr. 2-8 Sing) (Greeters: Cari Schroeder, Vickie Christ) (Childcare: Deb Weichel, Annie Hummel) NELHS Auction/Fall Festival NELHS Fall Concert/Association Meeting	8:00am 9:00am 10:00am 1:00-4:00pm 4:00/5:00pm

In Our Prayers

- † **The Family of Aletha Kleine (Tonja Higel’s mother)** – Aletha, was called home to heaven this past Tuesday.
- † **The Family of Larry Schachenmeyer (Jennifer Jung’s father)** – Larry was called home to heaven this past Tuesday.
- † **Dustin & Miranda Mammen** – Dustin & Miranda were united in marriage this past Saturday.

Cemetery Regulations – If you put any type of ornaments or decorations out at St. Paul’s Cemetery, please note the following information as listed in the St. Paul’s Cemetery Regulations: *“No plants, shrubs, or trees shall be planted on this cemetery by any person other than the cemetery committee. All living plants, artificial flowers, vases, ornaments, and decorations shall be removed from the graves from June 10 to November 1. Exceptions will be made to all vases permanently attached to monuments. No glass jars or vases are permitted on cemetery grounds. Flowers may be left on new graves for thirty days.”* If you left decorations and/or ornaments on a grave after June 10th this year (please see picture), contact Forrest Freese. His cell number is 402-239-9886.



Fall Youth Group Schedule

- October 1 - Paintball at CJ's near Lincoln
- October 31 - We will host a trunk at Plymouth Trunk or Treat.
- November 19 - Community Youth Raking - 9AM-NOON
- November 20 - Regional Youth Rally
- December 17 - Christmas Caroling 6PM

Fun and Fellowship Tour Highlights



What About Angels?

What does the word “angel” mean?

The word “angel” comes from a Greek word that means “messenger.” Angels are God’s messengers. Elsewhere in the Bible, angels are described as spirits (cf. Acts 23:9; Heb. 1:14). The word “angel” is actually a description of what they do.

What are angels?

Angels are spirits. They are beings who do not have a physical body. Jesus himself said, “a spirit does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have” (Luke 24:39). Evil angels too are described as not having “flesh and blood” (Eph. 6:12). In the Scriptures, when angels do appear in human form, this is only a momentary appearance for those who need to see them. Angels are not gods. They are God’s creation and serve his holy and perfect will. The good angels are said to be “ministering spirits” (Heb. 1:14), sent by God to serve us, his people.

Are angels human?

Human beings are the crown of God’s creation. Only of human beings, and no other creature, did God say, “Let us make man in our own image” (Gen. 1:26). Furthermore, the Scriptures reveal that only into human beings did God breathe the breath of life (Gen. 2:7). Also, God did not give angels rule over his creation. This privilege He gave only to mankind (Gen. 1:26-28). Angels are not human beings. They exist as spirits who serve God and his people.

Do human beings become angels when they die?

No, human beings do not become angels when they die. The Scriptures are clear on this point. Until the last day, the souls of the dead are before the Lord, enjoying peace and rest in his presence, awaiting the final day when they will receive glorified bodies for all eternity (see 1 Cor. 15; 1 Thess. 5:17; Rev. 7).

How powerful are angels?

Angels are extremely powerful beings. They are described as “mighty ones” (Ps. 103:20; 2 Thess. 1:7). The good angels guard and protect God’s children (Ps. 91:11-13). The power of the angels is never unlimited, but is always subject to the will and authority of God. Evil angels too are powerful beings. The Bible tells us that they hold captive all unbelievers (Luke 11:21-22; Eph. 2:2). Believers in Christ are able to withstand the temptation of evil angels through the power of God (Eph. 6:10-17).

How many angels are there?

The Bible does not give us an exact number, but does clearly teach that there are incredibly large numbers of angels who serve God. Scripture speaks of “ten thousand times ten thousand angels” (Dan. 7:10). Elsewhere Scripture speaks of “a great company of the heavenly host” (Luke 2:13).

From every indication in the Bible, there are an unimaginably large number of angels, of whom we are totally unaware most of the time. There is a fixed and limited number of angels, never increasing or decreasing. Unlike human beings, angels do not marry and have children (Mark 12:25). They are immortal.



ST. PAUL'S PLYMOUTH

FALL FEST

FREE FISH FRY AND BRISKET
BRING A SIDE DISH & BEVERAGE

OCTOBER 15, 2022
4-7 PM

Yard Games for All Ages!!

North half of Ash Avenue in Plymouth
by Dallas and Vickie's Shed

- *Everyone is invited to an afternoon/early evening of fun and fellowship*
- *If you plan to attend:*
- *Please RSVP to Dallas for planning purposes (402)520-1022*
- *Bring a dish to share (dinnerware, tea and lemonade, fish and brisket provided)*



Pursuing Excellence
 UNDER THE CROSS

Our St. Paul's Lutheran School students chose to support this effort with their school mission offerings at chapel this semester. You can support our future called workers as well!

at MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE

As family in Christ, MLC pursues excellence under the cross in preparing called workers for our synod and its mission fields around the world.

How can you help?

PRAY for God's continued grace to increase the number of future teachers, pastors, and staff ministers.

SPREAD THE ENCOURAGING WORD about your WELS College of Ministry encourage any women and men you know who have gifts for ministry.

FINANCIALLY SUPPORT STUDENTS

Financial Aid: Give a gift in any amount to help us make the 10% boost!

Scholarships: Establish a named scholarship to assist students based on merit or need.

- **\$1,000 minimum:** Annual named scholarship fund to support at least one student each year. This scholarship needs to be renewed annually.
- **\$25,000 minimum:** Endowed scholarship to support at least one student per year for many years.

Campus Facilities: Gifts will be directed to campus enhancement priorities.

- **\$5,800:** Refurbish one room in a residence hall.
- **\$30,000:** Renovate small gathering spaces in Augustana Hall.
- **\$62,000:** Renovate a large gathering space and small gym in Centennial Hall.
- We are seeking special gifts for the new Luther Heights residence hall. Please contact us for more information!

Competency-Based Education:

- **\$50,000:** Design of academic courses
- **\$25,000:** Technology support

A SPECIAL WAY TO SUPPORT MLC

Be an MLC Sustainer by setting up a recurring gift

We deeply appreciate each recurring gift to the MLC Fund, which supports students every day. It's easy for you too!

- **It's automatic.** Set it up and relax, knowing you're supporting MLC in an ongoing way.
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Text **FUND** to 507.223.4344
 Go to mlc-wels.edu/mlc fund

What Does God Say About...?

Mondays
7:00 p.m.
Beginning September 26
at



301 Court St, Suite 1
Beatrice, NE 68310

A Bible Class of



Faith?

the
Church?

Sin?

Life & Death?

Himself?

His
Word?

Flyers are available on the table in the front entrance of church for you to take and share with anyone you feel would be interested in attending.



Fall Festival Fall Auction Fall Concert



**Date: Sunday, October 2nd
(activities starting at 1:00pm)**

CALLING ALL FAMILIES, CHURCHES AND FRIENDS: It will be here before you know it...the smell of FALL. Let's start thinking about the Fall Auction, Fall Festival and Fall Concert.

We are currently looking for donations of gift cards, travel packages, new items, bake sale items and handmade items for our upcoming Fall Festival. If you have any items you would like to donate, please bring them or send them to the school.

We will also be looking for volunteers to help with kids' games, the silent auction, setting up, tearing down and many other things. If you would be willing to help run any of the events that day, please contact Mandy at mwellman@nelhs.org.

We look forward to an amazing event to help raise money for a new portable stage that will benefit the One Act Team, the many music concerts, and other events that we hold throughout the year.

Thank you for your continued support of our school!

NELHS Memorial Gifts
~ July/August ~

Ladd Bausch

Wayne & Jeanette Zimmerman

Clarence Blase

Robert Richert

Pam Brassfield

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Angie Zulauf

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If you would like more information about St. Paul's Lutheran School, feel free to speak with Mr. Andrew Danner! (danner@stpaulsplymouth.org; call/text 402-433-5349). He would love to give you a tour of the school and answer any questions you might have about the excellent Christ-centered education we offer students of our church and community.

Please contact us! We would love to serve you!

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