

Michael and All Angels

Sunday, September 29, 2019

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Song for a Feast Day”

H. Livingston Jr.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

We gather in the name of the Father,
and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ.
Let us confess our sin to the one who is faithful.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Almighty God,
 we confess that we have failed to live as your disciples.
 We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers.
 We have desired to possess much more than we need.
 We have damaged your good creation.
 Refresh our hearts, forgive our sins,
 and raise us to abundant new life
 through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.
 Amen.

Trust in God and in God's promises.
 Know that God will never leave you or forsake you.
 Believe that for the sake of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
 Amen.

GATHERING HYMN "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven #865



1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his feet your trib - ute bring.
 2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis - tress.
 3 Tend - er - ly he shields and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows.
 4 An - gels help us to a - dore him, who be - hold him face to face.



Ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing.
 Praise him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.
 In his hands he gent - ly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.
 Sun and moon bow down be - fore him; all who dwell in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly as his mer - cy flows.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE

[A] In peace, let us pray to the Lord. [C] **Lord, have mer - cy.**

[A] For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

[C] **Lord, have mer - cy.**

[A] 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.

[C] **Lord, have mer - cy.**

[A] For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. [C] **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Ⓐ Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra- cious Lord. ⓐ A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE

C – All I – Women II – Men



ⓐ This is the feast of vic- to- ry for our God. Al- le - lu - ia,



al- le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. ⓑ Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was



slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



ⓐ This is the feast of vic- to- ry for our God. Al- le - lu - ia,



al- le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. ⓓ Pow - er, rich- es, wis- dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



ⓐ This is the feast of vic- to- ry for our God. Al- le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. ① Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and

might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. ② For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Everlasting God, you have wonderfully established the ministries of angels and mortals. May Michael and all the angels, who contend against the cosmic forces of evil, continue to help and defend your people 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.

Please be seated.

WORD

A Reading from Daniel

¹⁰A hand touched me and roused me to my hands and knees. ¹¹He said to me, “Daniel, greatly beloved, pay attention to the words that I am going to speak to you. Stand on your feet, for I have now been sent to you.” So while he was speaking this word to me, I stood up trembling. ¹²He said to me, “Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. ¹³But the prince of the kingdom of Persia opposed me twenty-one days. So Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, and I left him there with the prince of the kingdom of Persia, ¹⁴and have come to help you understand what is to happen to your people at the end of days. For there is a further vision for those days.

^{12:1}“At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ²Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

³Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.” (Daniel 10:10–14; 12:1–3)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 103:1–5, 20–22

¹Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

²**Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all God's benefits—**

³who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases;

⁴**who redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**

⁵who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

²⁰**Bless the LORD, you angels, you mighty ones who do God's bidding,
who obey the voice of God's word.**

²¹Bless the LORD, all you hosts of God,
you servants who do God's will.

²²**Bless the LORD, all you works of God, in all places where God rules;
bless the LORD, O my soul.**

A Reading from Revelation

⁷War broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, ⁸but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. ⁹The 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.

¹⁰Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming,
“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 comrades has been thrown down,
who accuses them day and night before our God.

¹¹But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb
and by the word of their testimony,
for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.

¹²Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them!

But woe to the earth and the sea,
for the devil has come down to you with great wrath,
because he knows that his time is short!” (Revelation 12:7–12)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand if you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Luke 10:17–20

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁷The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” ¹⁸He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones”

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SERMON

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Sustained and nurtured by our generous God, we gather as one to pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

Powerful Lord, embolden your people. Fill our mouths with your words and our hearts with your truth, so that in your mighty name we may overcome the power of the enemy. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Creating God, you made stars and planets, the weather and tides, and your hand is at work in ways we have yet to fully understand. Remind us of our limitations and fill us with wonder at the mystery of your universe. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Prince of peace, make wars to cease and allow your justice to reign on earth. Cast out evil in our midst. Deny victory to those who come to oppress the weak and vulnerable. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Healing God, grant rest to those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Strengthen those who are weak, comfort those who grieve, give peace to those near death, and bring healing and wholeness to all who suffer (*especially...*). Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Lord of hosts, we pray for musicians, choir members, ushers, acolytes, assisting ministers, lectors, greeters, and all those who welcome visitors. Help all who lead worship to do so with joy and praise. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of heaven and earth, nothing and no one is hidden from you. We give you thanks for all your saints whose lives reflected your steadfast love and mercy. Teach us to be bold in faith as well as await the victory of your endless reign. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Assured by your promise to hear us, we lay our prayers before your throne of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

OFFERING

For 10:30 service ushers: Take the offering plates from the table in the back of the church. Receive the collection along the center aisle, from front to back, then walk behind the last pews and up the side aisles to receive the collection on the outside aisles, again from front to back. Return to the back and wait for the Communion Assistant to come forward with the alms basin.

OFFERTORY (8:00)

“Melody”

A. Guilmant

ANTHEM (10:30)

“Angels Watchin’ Over Me”
Chancel Choir

Beck/McClure

OFFERTORY HYMN



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God our provider, we bring nothing into this world, and we can take nothing out of it. Accept the gifts you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Nourish us now with new and abundant life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

MEAL


GREAT THANKSGIVING



P The Lord be with you. **G** And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts. **G** We lift them to the Lord.



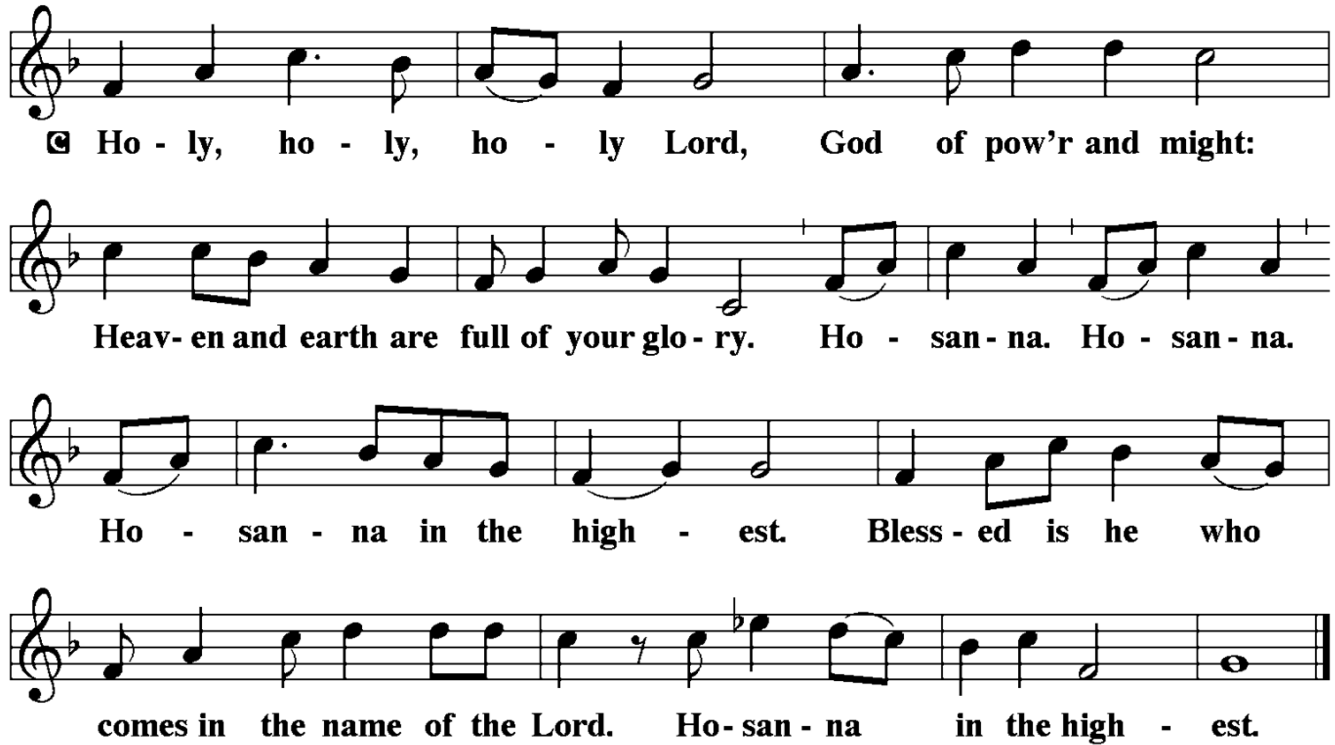
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



G It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav- en 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 who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho- san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.
In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,
that all those who believe in him should not perish,
but have eternal life.
We give thanks to you
for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.
Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith
as he comes to us in his holy supper.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

God has prepared a banquet for all to share.
Come, take your place at the feast.

AGNUS DEI

☞ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION

The Sacrament will be distributed by Intinction, pulpit side first. Please move into the center aisle, proceed to the Pastor, and receive the bread in your open hand. Then turn to the assistant, where you may dip the host into the wine and partake, returning to your seat by the side aisle. The lectern side will follow, then the choir. Those unable to come forward may receive the Sacrament in their pews.

COMMUNION HYMN

“On Eagles’ Wings”

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TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

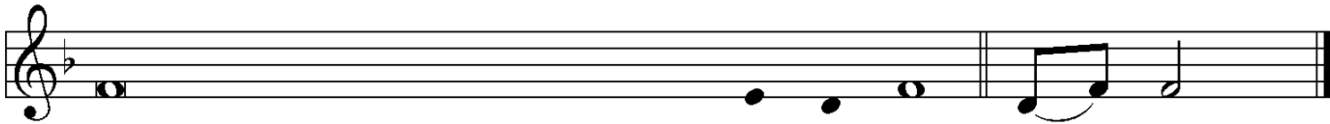
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Loving God, at this table we have seen you face to face, and in the gift of Christ’s body and blood, our hearts have been refreshed. Send us now to bear witness to the one we have received: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING



☐ The Lord bless you and keep you. ☐ A - men
The Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

SENDING HYMN

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

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THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

L. Smith

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Altar flowers are presented in honor of Jarrett Elser’s 21st birthday by his family.

Today’s bulletins are presented in memory of Lawrence Kamp by Tina and Scott Butler.

SERVING TODAY (9/29/19)

8:00 AM

LECTOR: Ruth Ann Withers; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Kay Weidensaul; GREETER: Ron Rozansky; COUNTERS: Connie Teter, Glenda Bright & Barb Sterner; ALTAR GUILD: Glenda Bright & Danielle Richards

10:30 AM

LECTOR: Brian Miller; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Scott Butler; USHERS: Carl Heintzelman & Madelyn Knecht; GREETER: Bob Schuld; COUNTERS: Connie Teter, Glenda Bright & Barb Sterner; ALTAR GUILD: Glenda Bright & Danielle Richards

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (10/6/19)

8:00 AM

LECTOR: Deb Moyer; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Kay Weidensaul; USHERS: Deb Moyer & Ruth Ann Withers; GREETER: Chris Long; COUNTERS: Gwen Wehr, Tom Wehr & Glenda Bright; ALTAR GUILD: Glenda Bright & Danielle Richards

10:30 AM

LECTOR: Gwen Wehr; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Scott Butler; USHERS: Sandy Freeman & Steve Zimmerman; GREETER: Steve Couch; COUNTERS: Gwen Wehr, Tom Wehr & Glenda Bright; ALTAR GUILD: Glenda Bright & Danielle Richards

CALENDAR

Saturday, September 28	5:30 PM	Worship
Sunday, September 29	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum
	10:30 AM	Worship
Tuesday, October 1	6:00 PM	Service Ministry
	6:30 PM	Evangelism
Wednesday, October 2	6:00 PM	Bell Choir
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir
Saturday, October 5	9:00 AM–	Annual Service Ministry Bazaar
	2:00 PM	
	5:30 PM	Worship w/Communion
Sunday, October 6	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum
	10:30 AM	Worship
	4:00 PM	Blessing of the Animals in Albright's Woods

MEN OF ST. PAUL'S REMINDERS

Please bring in candy for our bazaar basket. A box for these donations is located in the church parlor.

WELCA

Our group will prepare a basket for the Chinese auction at St. Paul's Annual Bazaar. This basket will contain gift cards that we will purchase from various local merchants. Please help us by placing monetary donations (checks payable to St. Paul's WELCA) in a labeled box in the parlor. Deadline to donate is today, September 29. Thank you for all your support.

SERVICE MINISTRY’S ANNUAL BAZAAR

It is almost time for Service Ministry’s Annual Bazaar. This bazaar is our primary way to raise funds to make our mission possible.

This year the bazaar will be held on Saturday, October 5, from 9 AM to 2 PM. Sign-up sheets are located in the narthex and have suggestions for what you can do to help.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

This year’s Blessing of the Animals will be a bit different from previous years. It will be held on Sunday, October 6, at 4:00 PM in Albright’s Woods.

Our youth will once again host a collection drive for Hillside SPCA. Donation ideas include canned dog & cat food, treats, cat litter, cleaning supplies, old blankets/towels/sheets, new or used collars, leashes, and food bowls. Donations can be brought to Albright’s Woods or dropped off at the church that weekend.

AN IMPORTANT REMINDER

When leaving our church, please double-check that all doors are locked if you are the last person out and are a key holder. If you are not a key holder, please use the lockbox at the entrance door to lock up or ask a key holder to lock the door for you.

It is vital that we keep our church safe and secure.

Thank you.

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FRIENDSHIP PADS

Please sign the friendship pads in the pews. Visitors are encouraged to sign the guest book in the narthex.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY...

If you or someone you know needs immediate pastoral care,
please call 717-649-3532.



WHAT DID THE REFORMERS SAY ABOUT ANGELS?

by Deacon Betsy Karkan – September 17, 2017

For centuries, speculation on the topic of angels has produced a plethora of false ideas, questions, and beliefs concerning nearly every aspect imaginable. Because of this, anyone who is beautiful, kind, helpful in a pinch, gifted musically, generous, or obedient (like your grandchildren) is called an angel. Some have even tried to provide false comfort to those who mourn by telling them that their loved one died because God needed another angel in heaven rather than pointing them to the promise of the Resurrection. From the argument that they don't exist to saccharine images of chubby little babies [1] playing harps in heaven, these concepts have clouded our understanding and often shift our focus from what matters. They have become commonplace in modern secular society and have frequently crept into Christian thinking and belief throughout the history of the Church. As Western Christians celebrate the church festival of St. Michael and All Angels (also known as Michaelmas) ... , it is fitting to explore the topics of interest regarding angels that occupied the thoughts of the Reformers—namely, their existence and how they intervene on God's behalf in the lives of Christians—and examine what the Church actually confesses concerning these creatures as taught from Holy Scripture.

“That angels are with us is very sure, and no one should ever have doubted it,” Martin Luther states matter-of-factly to any Christian who would question or deny their existence (What Luther Says, p. 23). Angels appear repeatedly throughout the Old and New Testaments and are present in all of the principal events of the life of Christ, from the Annunciation to the defeat of Satan in the Luke and Revelation accounts. Even those who would argue that many Scripture references to angels are actually talking about humans or the preincarnate Christ (which many, but not all, do) cannot ignore passages that talk about their existence as spiritual creatures, distinct from God and man: “He makes His angels winds, and His ministers a flame of fire” (Hebrews 1:7); and also, “Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?” (Hebrews 1:10). Not only do these passages point to the existence of angels, but they also show us the purpose for which they were created: to serve God and His Church.



Perhaps the most important work of angels is in fulfilling the purpose from which they receive their name. As Luther explains, the term angel simply means “a messenger. . . . Thus this name is commonly applied in Scripture to all messengers of God in heaven and on earth, whether they are the holy angels in heaven or prophets and apostles on earth. . . . But the heavenly spirits in particular are called angels because they are the highest and noblest messengers of God” (What Luther Says, p. 23). Like a herald announcing the arrival of a king, the appearance of a good angel in Scripture is a signal calling all to hear the Word of the Lord

and to see God’s mighty hand of salvation at work among them in Christ Jesus—for example, the angel in Luke: “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy” (Luke 2:10). This task of proclaiming God’s Word is something they never cease from doing. Whether they are bringing His message to His people on earth or singing and shouting “Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God almighty” (Revelation 4:8) continuously in heaven, His words only are always on their lips.

Their other important work is to thwart the evil plans of Satan and his devils and defend the Church from their attacks. “For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways” (Psalm 91:11). Evil angels are just as real as good angels, and though Christians should not fear them, we are called to be vigilant, for “the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour” (1 Peter 5:8). Or as Luther warns, “A Christian should know that he is sitting among devils and that the devil is closer to him than his coat or shirt, nay, closer than his own skin” (What Luther Says, p. 399). Evil angels use their superior power and intelligence to try to destroy humans at every opportunity; thus we pray



with Luther each day, “Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me” (Luther’s Morning Prayer). Despite the strength and cunning of these devils, they do not compare with the wisdom and power of God’s holy angels, who behold “the face of Our Lord God” and “stand in the presence of Him whose name is Omnipotens, the Almighty” (What Luther Says, p. 25). The message they bring is the greatest weapon they wield, for it is the Word given to them from the mouth of the Lord, as Christians around the world proclaim when they sing, “Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us, We tremble

not, we fear no ill; They shall not overpow'r us. This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will, He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done; One little word can fell him" [LSB 656:3 or see "A Mighty Fortress is Our God - ELW 504, verse 3].

Luther writes that "the acknowledgment of angels is needful in the church" (Luther's Table Talk, p. 245), and so it would seem, based on what the Scriptures have revealed concerning the role and purpose for which God created them. Thus the Church has always held a doctrine of belief concerning angels. It is why the Church confesses that we "believe in one God . . . maker of . . . all things visible and invisible" (Apostles' Creed, emphasis added) and why in the liturgy "with angels and archangels, we laud and magnify Your glorious name" (emphasis added). It is also why at the time of the Reformation, Luther insisted on retaining Michaelmas as one of the principal feast days of Christ that the Church should celebrate. On this day, Christians hear again "how the Lord used Michael and the angels to deliver His people from the accusations of Satan" (Collver III, 2011) and cast them out of heaven using the Word of Christ.



Delivered from Satan by the hand of Christ and His holy angels, Christians are now free to follow the examples set forth by these heavenly creatures. Just as the angels continuously carry the Word of God on their lips, we, too, respond to the lies of the devil and the needs of our neighbor with God's almighty Word, which alone has the power to save. Furthermore, angels teach us how to walk in humble obedience to God, considering no work He gives them as too menial or beneath them. Of all the mighty works God commands His angels to do, He also gives them the noble task of caring for children, a task that many in this world may see as insignificant. Yet according to Luther, "the angels do it with joy; for it is well pleasing to God" (What Luther Says, p. 24). Finally, Christians regularly gather around the Word and Sacraments to join with the angels in continuously praising God for His Word and confession the mighty works of salvation He has done through Christ Jesus, singing, "For this, now and in days to be, Our praise shall rise, O Lord, to Thee, Whom all the angel hosts adore With grateful songs forevermore" (LSB 522:8).

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[1] Luther thought these depictions of angels as infants or youth were meant to illustrate different characteristics of angels, such as them having “a brow free from wrinkle or sign of sorrow, and smoothly extended with joy, wearing a face plump and full with gladness.” (Luther on the Creation, in LW SE 1:357)

<https://lutheranreformation.org/theology/reformers-say-angels/>

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