

The Congregation at Prayer

For the week of *The Feast of St. Michael and All Angels*

Sunday, September 29 through Saturday, October 5

The Holy Angels of God Are Given Charge over His Children

Daniel 10:10-14, 12:1-3; Revelation 12:7-12; Matthew 18:1-11

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

INVOCATION (*make the sign of the holy cross and say*)

In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the ✠ life everlasting. Amen.

PSALMODY

Psalm 91

THE SMALCALD ARTICLES

The 2nd Part: Article II—The Mass

See Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions, p. 264-267

DAILY READINGS

Sunday, September 29: Deuteronomy 1:19-36

Matthew 5:21-48

Monday, September 30: Deuteronomy 1:37-2:15

Matthew 6:1-15

Tuesday, October 1: Deuteronomy 2:16-37

Matthew 6:16-34

Wednesday, October 2: Deuteronomy 3:1-29

Matthew 7:1-12

Thursday, October 3: Deuteronomy 4:1-20

Matthew 7:13-29

Friday, October 4: Deuteronomy 4:21-40

Matthew 8:1-17

Saturday, October 5: Deuteronomy 5:1-21

Matthew 8:18-34

HYMN

Lord God, to Thee We give All Praise

LSB 522:1, 2

Lord God, to Thee we all praise, They shine with light and heav'nly grace
With grateful hearts our voices raise, And constantly behold Thy face;
That angel hosts thou didst create They heed Thy voice, they know it well,
Around Thy glorious throne to wait. In godly wisdom they excel.

PRAYERS

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. Amen.

O Lord, look down from Heaven. Behold, visit, and relieve Your servants who stand in need of our prayers: **[insert the names of family members, friends, church members, government officials, those in need, etc.]** Look upon them with the eyes of Your mercy. Grant them comfort and sure confidence in You. Defend them from all danger, and keep them in perpetual peace and safety, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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.

Morning

I thank You, my Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your Dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Evening

I thank You, my Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your Dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins, where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

BLESSING

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit ✠ be with us all. Amen.

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT SUNDAY: *The 16th Sunday after Trinity*

1 Kings 17:17-24	Psalm 30	Ephesians 3:13-21	Luke 7:11-17
Hymn of the Day	<i>The Will of God Is Always Best</i>		LSB 758