

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:
THE FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

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SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Hymn ----- Around the Throne of God a Band

CW 198

1. Around the throne of God a band
 Of glorious angels ever stand;
 Bright things they see, sweet harps they hold,
 And on their heads are crowns of gold.
2. Some wait around him, ready still
 To sing his praise and do his will,
 And some, when he commands them, go
 To guard his servants here below.
3. Lord, give your angels ev'ry day
 Command to guide us on our way,
 And bid them ev'ry evening keep
 Their watch around us while we sleep.
4. Then shall no wicked thing draw near
 To do us harm or cause us fear,
 And we shall live, when life is past,
 With angels round your throne at last.

Stand.

M: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship
 of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: **Lord, have mer - cy.**

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



C: A - men.

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

O Lord, Our Lord



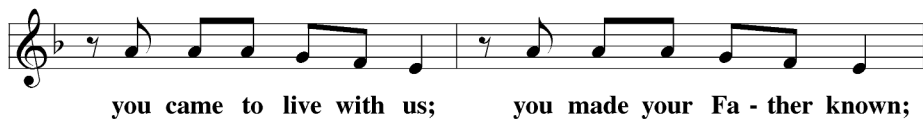
C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in



all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,



you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;





Prayer of the Day

M: 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.



Be seated.

THE WORD

First Lesson ----- Daniel 10:10-14, 12:1-3

Then a hand touched me and pulled me up, trembling, to my hands and knees. He 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.

He 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 hum-

bling yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come in response to your words. However, 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. I have come to explain to you what will happen to your people in the latter days, because the vision concerns days still to come." ...

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. Many

who are sleeping in the dusty ground will awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame, to everlasting contempt. Those 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.

Psalm of the Day ----- Psalm 91

CW p.100

Refrain

Keep me, keep me as the apple of your eye. Hide me, hide me in the shadow of your wings.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High*
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the LORD,*
“He is my refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust.”

Refrain

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

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

For he will command his angels concerning you*
to guard you in all your ways;

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

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,**

as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

Second Lesson ----- Revelation 12:7–12

There was also a war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought with the dragon. The dragon fought back along with his angels, but he was not strong enough. There was no longer a place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down—the ancient serpent, the one called the Devil and Satan, the one who leads the whole inhabited earth astray—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying:

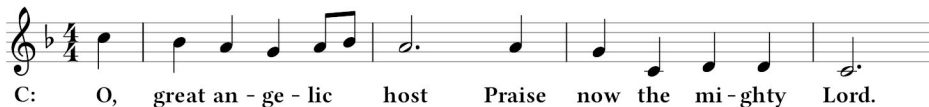
Now have come the salvation and the
power and the kingdom of our God
and the authority of his Christ,

because the accuser of our brothers has
been thrown down,
the one who accuses them before our God
day and night.
They conquered him
because of the blood of the Lamb and
because of the word of their testimony.
They did not love their lives in the face of
death.
For this reason, rejoice, you heavens and
those who dwell in them.
Woe to the earth and the sea,
for the Devil has gone down to you.
He is full of rage, because he knows that
his time is short.

Verse of the Day

Psalms 103:20

Tune: CW 555



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Stand.

Gospel ----- Luke 10:17-20

The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name!"

He told them, "I was watching Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Look, I have given you au-

thority to trample on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy. And nothing will ever harm you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names have been written in heaven."

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



Be seated.

Hymn of the Day ----- Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken

CWS 726

1. Christ, the Lord of hosts, unshaken By the devil's seething rage,
Thwarts the plan of Satan's minions; Wins the strife from age to age;
Conquers sin and death forever; Slams them in their steely cage.
2. Michael fought the heav'nly battle, Godly angels by his side;
Warred against the ancient serpent, Foiled the beast, so full of pride,
Cast him earthbound with his angels; Now he prowls, unsatisfied.
3. Long on earth the battle rages, Since the serpent's first deceit
Twisted God's command to Adam, Made forbidden fruit look sweet.
Then the curse of God was spoken: "You'll lie crushed beneath his feet!"
4. Jesus came, this word fulfilling, Trampled Satan, death defied;
Bore the brunt of our temptation, On the wretched tree he died.
Yet to life was raised victorious; By his life our life supplied.
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.

Sermon ----- Luke 10:17–20

A Mystery at Which Angels Wonder

Stand.

Nicene Creed

C: 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 fully 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.

Be seated.

Offering

Stand.

Prayer of the Church

*The minister calls for the petitions and the congregation prays with “**Lord, have mercy.**”*

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of the Gospel here and around the world.

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the Holy Church, that God’s holy angels would watch over her and guard her; and that the Lord would grant her peace and unity throughout the world, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For Mark Schroeder, our Synod president; Dennis Klatt, our district president; and all pastors, teachers, and servants of the Church, that God would strengthen them in the true faith and enable them to teach it well, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For our president, our public servants and all in our armed forces, that the Lord would guide, bless, protect and uphold them in honor; for all nations to be brought into the ways of peace and justice; and for seasonable weather and an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For all who suffer for Christ’s name, those in prison, the hungry and ill-clad, the poor and the lonely, those who travel, and all who cry out to the Lord in their time of need, especially those who have asked for our prayers, *[including _____,]* that God’s holy angel may be with them and the evil foe may have no power over them, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For all who eat and drink Christ’s body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, that our Father in heaven would give us humble hearts to receive this blessed Sacrament worthily with thanksgiving; and that He would strengthen us through the same for our daily lives of faith, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: 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 forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak.

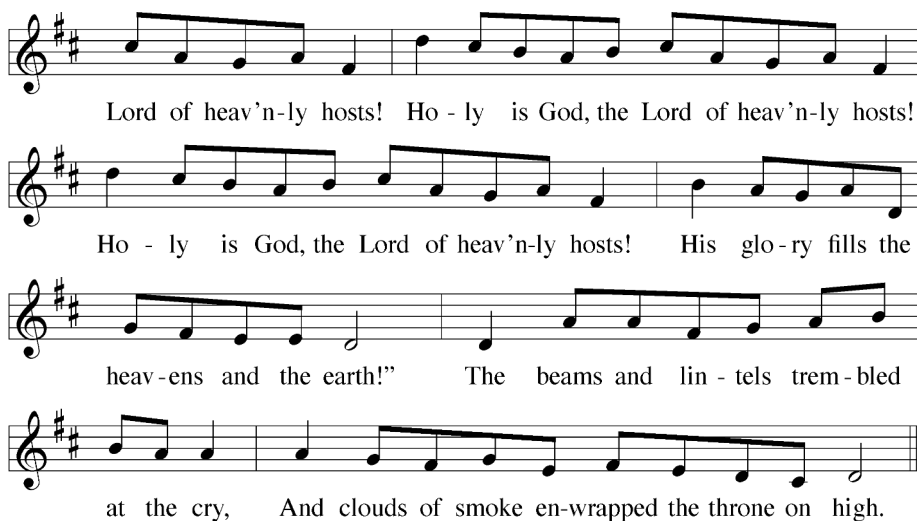
Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old

CW 267

The musical score is written on seven staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics describe the prophet Isaiah and his vision of the Lord's throne.

I - sa - iah, might-y seer in days of old, The Lord of all in spir-it
did be-hold High on a loft - y throne, in splen-dor bright,
With robes that filled the tem-ple courts with light. A-bove the throne were
flam-ing ser - a-phim; Six wings had they, these mes-sen-gers of him.
With two they veiled their fac-es as was right, With two they hum-bly
hid their feet from sight, And with the oth-er two a - loft they soared;
One to the oth-er called and praised the Lord: "Ho - ly is God, the



Lord of heav'n-ly hosts! Ho - ly is God, the Lord of heav'n-ly hosts!

Ho - ly is God, the Lord of heav'n-ly hosts! His glo-ry fills the

heav-ens and the earth!" The beams and lin - tels trem - bled

at the cry, And clouds of smoke en-wrapped the throne on high.

Words of Institution

M: 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.



C: A - men.

O Christ, Lamb of God

Agnus Dei

C: 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.

Be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

In Holy Communion we believe that Jesus gives us his own body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of our sins. We ask that, in keeping with God's Word, only confirmed members who are in confessional unity with our church (WELS and ELS) would come forward to receive this sacrament. If you have any questions or are interested in communicant membership, please speak with the pastor.

During the distribution, the congregation sings the following hymn:

Hymn ----- Lord God, We All to Thee Give Praise

Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary 545 (Tune: CW 334)

1 Lord God, we all to Thee give praise,
Thank off'rings meet to Thee we raise
That Thou didst angel hosts create
Around Thy glorious throne to wait.

2 They glow with light and heav'nly
grace
And constantly behold Thy face;
Obedience to Thy voice they yield,
And are with godly wisdom filled.

3 They never rest nor sleep as we;
Their whole delight is but to be
Forever near Thee, gracious Lord,
Thy little flock to watch and guard.

4 The foul old dragon and dread foe
With envy, hate, and wrath doth glow;
It always is his aim and pride
Thy Christian people to divide.

5 As he hath troubled earth of old
He keeps e'en now his deathly hold,
Chafes madly to annihilate
All virtue, honor, Church, and State.

6 Therefore, no halt nor rest he knows,
A roaring lion round he goes,
Or lies in wait with baneful snare
To drive the Christians to despair.

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.

8 From Daniel this may well be seen
When he sat in the lion's den,
And likewise angels rescued Lot,
That the ungodly harmed him not.

9 When, too, those faithful three were
cast
Into the fiery furnace blast,
No pow'r had fiercest flames to harm
Against the rescuing angel's arm.

10 And thus our God, still at this day,
From harm and many an evil way
Keeps us by His dear angel guard,
Placed over us as watch and ward.

11 They joy when but one sinner turns; Their zeal for Jesus ever burns; They serve His people day and night To bring us to the realms of light.	14 For this, now and eternally, Our praise shall rise, O Lord, to Thee, Whom all the angel hosts adore With joy now and forevermore.
12 The little ones, awake, asleep, Yea, ev'ry child of His, they keep O'er all His kingdom, far and near, They give their kind and loving care.	15 Give us, O Lord, the grace and pow'r To serve Thee well each day and hour; Grant us the zeal and fervent love To serve as angels serve above.
13 When death approaches, then they come To soothe mid pain and guide us home; When from our flesh departs our soul, They bear us to our heav'nly goal.	16 We also pray Thee to defend By them unto the latter end, Thy fold, that little flock, O Lord, That holds in honor Thy blest Word.

THANKSGIVING

Stand.

Thank the Lord



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev'-ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Blessing

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.



Be seated.

Hymn ----- Lord, You I Love with All My Heart

CW 434

1. Lord, you I love with all my heart; I pray you ne'er from me depart;
With tender mercies cheer me.
Earth has no pleasure I would share; Heaven itself were void and bare
If you, Lord, were not near me.
And should my heart for sorrow break,
My trust in you no one could shake.
You are the treasure I have sought;
Your precious blood my soul has bought.
Lord Jesus Christ, My God and Lord, my God and Lord,
Forsake me not! I trust your Word.
2. Lord God, 'twas your rich bounty gave My body, soul, and all I have
In this poor life of labor.
Lord, grant that I in ev'ry place May glorify your lavish grace
And serve and help my neighbor.
Let no false doctrine me beguile; Let Satan not my soul defile.
Give strength and patience unto me To bear my crosses willingly.
Lord Jesus Christ, My God and Lord, my God and Lord,
Forsake me not! I trust your Word.
3. Lord, let at last your angels come; To Abram's bosom bear me home
That I may die unfearing.
And in its narrow chamber keep My body safe in peaceful sleep
Until your reappearing.
And then from death awaken me That my own eyes with joy may see,
O Son of God, your glorious face, My Savior and my Fount of grace.
Lord Jesus Christ, My prayer attend, my prayer attend,
And I will praise you without end.



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of the Hebrew name Michael.*