



THE FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

September 24, 2023



Welcome!

Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. We are happy that you are here!

HELPFUL INFORMATION

NEW TO OUR SAVIOR? We are excited that you have joined us for worship today. Our message is as old as God's Word to mankind: Jesus Christ, crucified and risen to take away our sins. If you need assistance during the service, an usher located in the back will be able to assist you.

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SCAN ME

FAMILIES WITH KIDS: We think it is important for families to worship together regularly. We know that occasionally, kids are going to have a rough morning. If your little one needs a moment, there is a speaker and window in our entryway that will allow you to see and hear the service.

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AN OFFERING will be gathered during our worship service today. If you are a guest, please do not feel obligated or compelled to participate. If you would like to give an offering that supports the ministry work at Our Savior, there are several ways to make a tax-deductible contribution:

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- (2) you can scan this QR code to take you to our secure, online giving site where you can give via credit card or ACH transfer.





BATHROOMS are located at the far end of the hallway as you exit the sanctuary. There is a changing station located in Room 3 (Nursery).


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AN AUTOMATED ELECTRONIC DEFIBRILLATOR (AED) is located in the fellowship hall, in the corner nearest the front door.

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St. Michael and All Angels

From the time of the Reformation, Lutherans have used the feast of St. Michael and All Angels to set forth the biblical teaching on the service of the holy angels to the children of God. On this day, we remember how Scripture relates angels constantly weaving in and out of the Gospel itself. An angel announces the impending birth of Christ to Mary in person and to Joseph in a dream. An angel announces the birth of Christ as good news of great joy to the shepherds. Angels sing glory to God and peace on earth on Christmas night. Angels direct Joseph's trip to Egypt and back. Our Lord teaches that the angels who serve the little ones constantly behold the Father's face in heaven. Angels are present at our Lord's passion in Gethsemane. They announce his resurrection on Easter morning. They speak to the disciples at the Ascension. They free Peter from prison. They speak to Paul. They long to look into the mysteries that are revealed now through the Church's proclamation. We gather with them when we worship. They appear throughout the Revelation of St. John.

The Old Testament is as replete as the New Testament with references to them. Their special task regarding believers is given in Psalm 34:7: "The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them." We remember them in our morning and evening prayers when we pray to the heavenly Father, "Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked Foe may have no power over me." We ask God to send his angels to accompany us along our life's journey and know that in the end of our days, we will join them in singing his praises forever.

The name Michael in Hebrew means "Who is like God?" We first meet this angel by name in the Book of Daniel (12:1), where he is portrayed as the angelic helper of Israel who leads the battle against the forces of evil. He appears again in the New Testament in Jude (v.9) and in the twelfth chapter of Revelation (12:7). In Revelation, Michael and his angels are depicted as both fighting against and defeating Satan and the evil angels and serving and protecting the people of God. In Church tradition, Michael is most often joined to Gabriel (mentioned in Luke's Gospel) and Raphael (from the Apocrypha), the other chief angels or archangels who surround the throne of God. Tradition names Michael as the patron and protector of the Church, especially as the protector of Christians at the hour of death!

As you prepare to worship your Lord today, spend a few quiet moments in prayer before the service. Review the Scripture readings, the service notes, and pray this prayer:

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.

Ushers: Doug Vertein, Tim Smith

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Accompanist: Mrs. Betsy Moenkedick

Service Leader: Pastor Ben Kratz



The Service

Hymn

499 Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken

Stand

Invocation

This comes from the latin “invoco” which describes the act of calling upon or asking for help or support. As we begin our worship, we call on the name of the triune God, who is our ever-present help and strength and in whose name we were baptized. The sign of the cross then reminds worshipers of their baptisms.

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Confession

Our God is a holy God, and we are unholy sinners. Before we meet our God, our status before him must change – or he would destroy us. We confess our sins, trusting God’s promise to forgive us (See 1 John 1:9). Our Lord wants to forgive our sins. He sent Jesus to make us “at one” (atonement) with God by dying on the cross for our sins. The pastor makes the sign of the cross to remind us we are forgiven only because Jesus died on the cross.

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.**

Silence for meditation and reflection

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.

Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie*

The expression “Lord have mercy” is one of the oldest worship responses in the Christian church. It is also known by its Greek name, “Kyrie, eleison.” “Kyrie” is the Greek word for “Lord,” “eleison” for “have mercy.”

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Glory to God in the Highest *Gloria in Excelsis*

Purified of our sin, we respond with a song of praise, based on the angel’s song at Jesus’ birth. “Glory to God in the Highest” has been a Christian song of worship since the fourth century.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
peo - ple on earth. Lord God,
heav - en - ly King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we

wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your
glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
peo - ple on earth. For you a -
lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,
with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men. A - men.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his

peo - ple on earth.

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The Word

This greeting has deep roots in Christian worship. Because God has forgiven us, we have a special bond with our Lord and with each other as Christians. Pastor and congregation express this bond of fellowship with a blessing for each other – that the Holy Spirit would bless you as you hear God’s Word and that he would bless the pastor to preach God’s Word with power.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Prayer of the Day

Following an ancient outline, the prayer of the day asks for one specific blessing. This prayer changes each Sunday, according to the Bible readings for that Sunday.

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.

Be seated

First Reading

2 Kings 6:8-17

In spite of what our eyes see, those who are with us are more than those who are against us.

The First Reading is typically taken from the Old Testament and occasionally from the Book of Acts. In it we learn of God's mighty words and deeds with the Old Testament Church, the people of Israel.

⁸ Now the king of Aram was at war with Israel. After conferring with his officers, he said, "I will set up my camp in such and such a place."

⁹ The man of God sent word to the king of Israel: "Beware of passing that place, because the Arameans are going down there." ¹⁰ So the king of Israel checked on the place indicated by the man of God. Time and again Elisha warned the king, so that he was on his guard in such places.

¹¹ This enraged the king of Aram. He summoned his officers and demanded of them, "Tell me! Which of us is on the side of the king of Israel?"

¹² "None of us, my lord the king," said one of his officers, "but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the very words you speak in your bedroom."

¹³ "Go, find out where he is," the king ordered, "so I can send men and capture him." The report came back: "He is in Dothan." ¹⁴ Then he sent horses and chariots and a strong force there. They went by night and surrounded the city.

¹⁵ When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. "Oh no, my lord! What shall we do?" the servant asked.

¹⁶ "Don't be afraid," the prophet answered. "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them."

¹⁷ And Elisha prayed, "Open his eyes, LORD, so that he may see." Then the LORD opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



**²¹ Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts,
you his servants who do his will.**

Psalm 103:21



**¹⁴ Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve
those who will inherit salvation?**

Hebrews 1:14

**¹¹ For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways;**

Psalm 91:11

You should be certain that angels are protecting you when you go to sleep, year, that they are protecting you also in all your business, whether you enter your home or leave your home... Therefore, even when you come to die, you should say that Christ will be with you and will have an unnumbered multitude of holy angels with Him. You should know that angels are at your side not only this life, but also in death.

-Martin Luther

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 91

Psalm 91 gives assurance that all who seek refuge in the LORD will be delivered from every foe.

The Psalm is the most ancient part of our worship service. While most of our liturgy is 1,800 years old, Jews have been singing Psalms in worship for 3,000 years.

Verses



1 My dwell - ing place is God Most High; my ref - uge and my
(2 My) dwell - ing place is God Most High; a pres - ent help in



for - tress. When plague and pes - ti - lence draw nigh, I'm
dan - ger. I rest se - cure in love's pure light, be -



hid - den in his pres - ence. When ter - rors fall and
neath my Mas - ter's fa - vor. He freed me from the



ar - rows fly, his shield will be my
fowl - er's snare, where sin and shame had



safe - ty; when stones a - cross my path - way lie, on
bound me; de - ceived, I'd made my ref - uge there, till



an - gels' wings I'm car - ried.

2 My



fear - less he came for me.

Refrain I

Refrain I



Won - der - ful, pow - er - ful, my hope and my de - fend - er.



Might - y God, Em - man - u - el; my dwell - ing place for - ev - er.

Verse



3 My dwell - ing place is God Most High; I'll nev - er seek an -



oth - er. For I am his and he is mine; my heart he'll keep for - ev - er. I



know the name on whom I call; he prom - is - es to an - swer. With



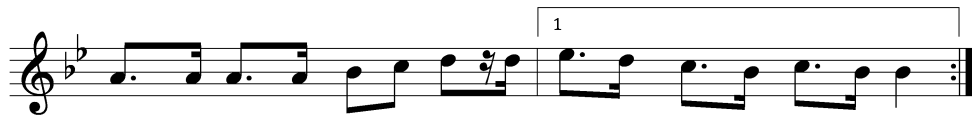
life he sat - is - fies my soul, and crowns me with his plea - sure.

Refrain II

Refrain II



Won - der - ful, pow - er - ful, my hope and my de - fend - er.



Might - y God, Em - man - u - el; my dwell - ing place for - ev - er.



dwell - ing place for - ev - er, my



dwell - ing place for - ev - er.

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Second Reading

Revelation 12:7-12

Jesus' death and resurrection hurled Satan to the earth. He is no longer a dominating power in the spiritual realm, and his work is restricted to tempting people on earth. Angels are part of the protection God grants us against the old evil foe.

The Second Reading of Scripture is from the New Testament letters of the apostles or the Revelation to St. John. It stresses Christian faith and Christian living as a response to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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 Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 103:20



Refrain



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

Praise the LORD, you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his bidding.

Refrain

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Gospel

Luke 10:17-20

The Gospel is the proclamation of Jesus victory over sin,
death, and the devil.

The congregation stands for the reading of the Gospel. (In the past, soldiers put down their weapons and kings removed their crowns when the Gospel was read.) Christ—his life, his words of law and Gospel, his suffering and death, his resurrection, his ascension, his assignment to the Church, his promise to return—is the center of the Gospel. The faithful have waited for this moment, this reading. They stand in reverence. After hearing the Gospel, we respond with a joyful acclamation of praise.

¹⁷ The seventy-two returned with joy and said, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.”

¹⁸ He replied, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹ I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. ²⁰ However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

500 Lord God, to You We Give All Praise

The Hymn of the Day is assigned to this day because of its rich content and connection to the day's Gospel.

Stand

Creed *Credo*

Public confession is faith's response to God's saving Word. Christian's composed the Nicene Creed in the fourth century to defend the Bible's teachings that both Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are true God, equal to the Father in one eternal, undivided Trinity.

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.**

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

In the prayer of the Church, we pray for those in our congregation and for the needs and struggles of God's people around the world.

O Lord of hosts, eternal, immortal, and invisible King, we praise and thank you for protecting your people through your holy angels, who always behold your face and worship your majesty. Grant, we pray, as you have commanded them to do your will and to serve those who are the heirs of salvation, that they may also care for us that we may be delivered from every peril of body and soul that threatens us. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Be merciful to the people of all nations, O Lord. And since you will reveal your Son Jesus from heaven with his mighty angels to take vengeance on all who have denied you and rejected your love in Christ, extend for the nations their time of grace so that they might come to believe and live eternally. Use us as messengers of your gospel to penetrate the powers of darkness and to bring many to glory. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Look on our own land with your favor. Give our citizens a love for what is true and right. Grant your blessing to all who have authority over us. Prosper our schools and colleges as they train many to proclaim your grace. Bless those who work with their minds and those who labor with their hands so that all human work may benefit your holy Church. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Direct your holy angels to serve all who are in want, trouble, pain, sorrow, disappointment, anxiety, or any other trouble. Comfort them with your power and grace. [*Especially bless...*] Grant that your presence may brighten our homes, that children may learn of your tender love, and that all parents may walk in the counsel of your Son. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer.

May your holy angels serve you as they serve us and at the end of our lives lead them to carry us to the riches of paradise. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer. Amen.

Offering

Our offerings are a response to the Lord for his goodness to us, which we heard about in the readings and sermon. They are to be given on a regular basis and be the first fruits of what we receive. If you are a guest with us today, please do not feel obligated to participate.

The Sacrament

Stand

Preface

The preface—words of dialogue between the pastor and the congregation—are some of the oldest in the Christian liturgy, dating back to 200 AD. They serve as a transition from the part of the service centered on the Word to the part centered on the meal that Christ instituted.

The Lord be with you.

And also 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 *Sanctus*

Used possibly as early as the second century, this canticle was in wide use among Christians in worship by the fourteenth century. It incorporates elements of Isaiah 6:3 and Matthew 21:9. It is also known as the “Sanctus,” which means “holy.”

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,
God of might. Heav - en and earth are full of your
glo - ry. 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, ho -
san - na in the high - est!

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Jesus took bread and "gave thanks." See Matthew 26:26.

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you---the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

In this prayer, we pray to "Our Father in heaven," reminding us that we are God's chosen and dearly loved children.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Words of Institution

As he speaks the Words of Institution, the minister both proclaims the words of Jesus to the congregation and sets apart the bread and wine for the Lord's use. The sign of the cross reminds us of Christ's death.

The pastor proclaims peace to the people through the Pax Domini (Latin for "peace of the Lord"). Again, the worshipers receive absolution and assurance that God's presence and peace are with them through the Sacrament.

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.

Lamb of God *Agnus Dei*

The *Agnus Dei* is the last of the liturgical canticles. Its Latin title simply means "Lamb of God." Believers approach the altar of God by the sacrificial substitute who died in our place. We join with the cry of John the Baptist to the Lamb who takes away the sin of the world and grants us mercy and peace. The Christian Church has sung this text before communion for more than thirteen centuries.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us your peace.

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Distribution

*The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith. **Our Savior Lutheran Church asks that only members come forward to receive the sacrament.***

There is a Personal Preparation for Communion available on page 295 in the blue hymnal.

Hymn

957 Rejoice, Angelic Choirs, Rejoice

Stand

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 you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord has refreshed us with His Word. Let us head into this new week equipped for lives of service.

Our mission is to worship God, to spread his Word to our community and to all nations, and to nurture all believers to prepare them for lives of Christian service.

Blessing

This blessing has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. It is known as the Aaronic blessing because the Lord first instructed Aaron, the first High Priest of the children of Israel, to share the promise of blessing: "So they will put my name on [them], and I will bless them" (Numbers 6:27).

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.

Closing Hymn

929 May the Peace of God

Be seated



THE NEWS @ OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN

Week of September 24, 2023

WANT TO HELP WITH THIS YEAR'S OKTOBERFEST?

This year's Oktoberfest is scheduled for Sunday, October 15th. To put on a great event like this each year, we need a lot of volunteer help. (*read...we need YOUR help!*) If you missed the organizational meeting a few week's ago, don't worry—you can still help, and we need your help! To volunteer, you can talk to Christi Cheek (205-613-6831 / christicheek@gmail.com) or fill out the online form on our main webpage (www.OurSaviorBirmingham.com) or in the Announcements link in the Church Center app.

IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO GROW IN YOUR FAITH!

Our fall semester of small groups/Bible classes have begun. But, IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO JUMP INTO ANY OF THE CLASSES! You can see the available classes at OurSaviorBirmingham.com/grow or click on the "Groups" button in the Church Center app. Pick a class and grow in your faith and make connections with your fellow believers in your class!

MISSIONS SUNDAY—NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST

7.6 billion people inhabit this earth. 362 million of those reside in the United States and Canada. We have before us the largest mission field the world has ever seen. There are so many in this world who do not know that Christ's love is God's gift to us all. For this reason, WELS Missions is eager to carry out our calling to preach the Good News to every neighbor, and in every nation. Into a world that desperately needs it, our home and world missionaries and national church partners bring the light of God's Word. With this powerful tool deployed and in the hands of the Lord of the Church, our work is bearing much fruit. The Lord has been using WELS Missions to share the gospel in expected and unexpected places. God still opens doors. We will have Pastor Jonathan Scharf with us on Sunday, October 1st, and will give us a special missions presentation during the Bible class hour and preach for our special Missions Sunday service.

CHURCH WORK DAY

We are planning a work Saturday for October 7th. We will be mainly focused on cleaning up the yard and building, getting ready for Oktoberfest. Some items on the list are:

- Trimming hedges
- pulling weeds from gardens and parking lots
- cutting grass
- edging sidewalks.
- Cleaning out and organizing the shed
- Deep cleaning inside the church building, ...and more!

We plan on getting started around 9 am and lunch will be provided for those that want.

Let Tim Smith know if you have any questions. 205-234-9452 / smith.timothy.00021@gmail.com



THIS WEEK @ OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN

Week of September 24, 2023

Sunday	10:15 am	Worship Service
Monday	7:00 pm	Sanctification Bible Class <i>(Online)</i>
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Confirmation Class
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Looking Forward to Sunday Bible Class <i>(Online)</i>
Thursday	7:00 pm	The Meaningful Life—A Study on If God Matters <i>(Online)</i>
Sunday (10/1)	9:00 am	Sunday Morning Bible Class / Our Savior Kids Classes (Preschool & Elementary)
Sunday (10/1)	10:15 am	Worship Service
Sunday (10/1)	11:45 am	Voters Meeting to elect officers

SERVING NEXT WEEK:

Usher: Braden Keel, Eva Keel

Greeter: Boyce-Sauer, Allison

Service Team:

Sanctuary Care: Adams/Densmore

VOTERS MEETING—ELECTION OF CHURCH COUNCIL

We will have a voters meeting next Sunday, October 1st. Here is the slate of nominations: (* indicates incumbent)

- President: Mr. Tim Smith
- Secretary: Mr. Richard Baldwin
- Spiritual Growth: Mr. Doug Verstein*
- Finance: Dr. Erik Roberson*
- Facilities: Mr. Rich Moenkedick
- Evangelism: Mr. Tim Cheek
- Head Elder: Mr. Bob Holbrook (new position on council)

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ABOUT US

OUR MISSION

Our Savior Lutheran Church was established in 1969 as a mission church in Birmingham, AL. Our mission is to worship God, to spread his Word to our community and to all nations, and to nurture all believers to prepare them for lives of Christian service.

OUR CONTACT INFORMATION

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LET US KNOW YOU WERE HERE!



OUR MINISTRY

Sunday Worship: 10:15 am
Sunday Online Worship: 10:15 am on Facebook and Youtube
Bible Classes: held online and in-person throughout the year
Our Savior's Kids Ministry: online year-round

OUR PASTOR

Pastor Ben Kratz
Pastor@OurSaviorBirmingham.com
(205) 478-6843

OUR CHURCH BODY

Our Savior Lutheran Church proclaims the truth about Jesus throughout the world as a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). We have sister congregations serving the United States, Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, and over 25 countries through world missions. We are united in faith and teaching with the other churches of the Wisconsin Synod as well as the churches of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS).

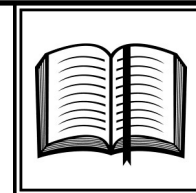


Personal Worship Notes for Kids

What is the name of the church season or special day? _____

What is the color of the church today? Blue White Purple Red Green

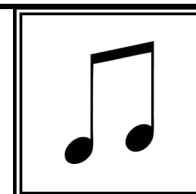
The sermon was based on these Bible verses: _____



This is in the Old Testament New Testament

What was the sermon about?

My Favorite Song was:



Did we have a sacrament today?



Baptism?

- Yes
 No



Communion?

- Yes
 No

Draw a picture of something you heard or saw today:

What did you learn about God today?

1) What did God tell you about himself?

2) What did God tell you about yourself?

3) What did God tell you to believe?

4) What did God tell you to do?



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