

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

St. Michael and All Angels

September 27, 2023 (*observed*)

6:30 p.m.

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St. Michael and All Angels The name of the archangel St. Michael means “Who is like God?” Michael is mentioned in the Book of Daniel (12:1), as well as in Jude (v. 9) and Revelation (12:7). Daniel portrays Michael as the angelic helper of Israel who leads the battle against the forces of evil. In Revelation, Michael and his angels fight against and defeat Satan and the evil angels, driving them from heaven. Their victory is made possible by Christ’s own victory over Satan in His death and resurrection, a victory announced by the voice in heaven: “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come” (Revelation 12:10). Michael is often associated with Gabriel and Raphael, 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. (From the Treasury of Daily Prayer)

Hymn of Invocation

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“I Walk in Danger All the Way”

Men sing stanza 3; Women & children sing stanza 4.

Introit

Sung by the choir.

(Ps. 103:20-21, 1)

Bless the Lord, ye His angels, that excel in strength,
that do His commandments,
hearkening unto the voice of His word.
Bless ye the Lord, all ye His hosts,
ye ministers of His that do His pleasure.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless His holy name.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

(Antiphon is repeated.)

Old Testament Reading

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

Daniel’s vision of the archangel Michael

Choral Response

“I Have No Strength of Which to Boast”

by Andrew Richard and Nathanael Hahn

I have no strength of which to boast, for I am weak and humble.
O God, without Thy heav’nly host, how often would I stumble!
My foot against a stone had dashed and life had flown,
Hadst Thou not sent Thine angel bands to bear me up upon their hands.

Thine angels speak Thy holy Word as Thou, Lord, dost command them.
And though men have their sermons heard, yet I should not demand them.
Instead, I have from Thee a pastor, who for me
Proclaims repentance with Thy voice, and angels at Thy Word rejoice.

Commander of the angel host, Thou couldst have called Thine army;
Yet Thou refused and held Thy post, lest anything should harm me.
If Thou hadst shunned the cross, Thou wouldst have thought it loss;
And so, to keep me ever Thine, Thou bore away all sins of mine.

“He is not here,” the angels said, and preached Thy resurrection;
For Thou art risen from the dead, and death is in subjection.
The angels shining bright fill up the grave with light.
Oh, what a cozy room Thou made! Of death I will not be afraid!

Second Reading

Revelation 12:7-12

Michael leads the angels of God against Satan and his angels.

Holy Gospel

Luke 10:17-20

Satan fell like lightning from heaven.

Hymn of the Day

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“Lord God, to Thee We Give All Praise”

St. 1 – All

St. 5 – Women

St. 2 – Men

St. 6 – All

St. 3 – Women

St. 7 – All

St. 4 – Men

St. 8 – All

Offertory Hymn

“Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken”

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Distribution Hymns

“Stars of the Morning, So Gloriously Bright”

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“Wide Open Stand the Gates Adorned with Pearl”

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Hymn to Depart

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“Christ, Mighty Savior”

Choir sings stanzas 2 & 4.