

The Festival of Michael and All Angels

10:30 A.M. Worship with Eucharist September 29, 2019

Welcome!

Immanuel Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ congregation.

We welcome people of every age and size, color and culture, every sexual orientation and gender identity, socio-economic status and marital status, every ability and challenge.

We welcome believers and questioners, and questioning believers.

We're glad God has called you here today! If you're a guest, please feel free to introduce yourself to our pastor or assisting minister. If you would, sign the guest book in the Gathering Area or fill in a guest card, and we'll be happy to send information on how you can get involved at Immanuel.

Facilities

- Our parking lot is located on the south side of the church off Sherman Avenue. You may park in the lot at
 any time, whether for church events or for shopping or other errands in downtown Evanston; weekdays,
 see the church office at the Lake St. entrance to get a parking pass. On Sundays, additional parking is
 available across the street at the Holiday Inn or in Lot 6 on Lake St. across from the Police and Fire
 Headquarters. Parking meters are free until 1:00 P.M. on Sunday.
- The parking lot entrance is an accessible entrance. An elevator is located just inside that door.
- Restrooms are downstairs near the meeting of the two hallways. Accessible restrooms are located near
 the elevator on both upper and lower levels. A gender-neutral restroom is located on the lower level by
 the elevator.
- We love having children in worship! Activity bags are available from the greeters. There is a nursery and changing/crying room for parents to use, if needed, located downstairs. There are also changing tables in both restrooms on this level, by the elevator. An usher will be happy to direct you.
- Hearing assistance is available. Ask an usher for equipment.
- Wi-Fi is available throughout most of the building. The network is "Immanuel," password "allarewelcome". Please use the Internet responsibly!

About Our Worship

Our Sunday worship is organized around the proclamation of the Word of God and the celebration of the Lord's Supper. It has a familiar form each week, but the content changes for each service according to a calendar shared with many other Christians. Our hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, is organized so that page numbers for the liturgy are in the front part of the book, while hymn numbers are in the second part. The liturgy and hymns are printed in this bulletin, but page numbers are provided for those who wish to follow along in the hymnal.

Receiving Holy Communion

We invite you to share with us in the sacramental meal, because Christ himself invites you! There is no specific age requirement for Communion. If you would like your child to commune, please let the pastor know. At the direction of the usher, come forward if you are able, and kneel or stand at the altar rail, starting at the walls. Receive the bread in the palm of your hand. (Gluten-free wafers are available. Just ask the pastor.) You may eat it immediately, then take the silver chalice and drink from it or, if you prefer, take a small cup from the tray. The cups in the outer ring contain wine. The cups in the center contain grape juice. As you return to your seat, place your empty cup in the trays provided at the ends of the front pews. Return to your place via the side aisles after you have communed. If you need to have Communion brought to you, please sit on or near the aisle, and let either the pastor or an usher know before the service that you would like to commune at your seat. If you desire a blessing but not the sacrament, you are invited to come forward with everyone else and fold your arms over your chest to indicate this.

The Archangel Michael is pictured as a prince and a general of the heavenly army, defeating the dragon (the ancient serpent, the devil, Satan). It is important, though, to see in Revelation 12:11 that God's victory ultimately comes by Jesus' death and the testimony of his followers. The power of God's truth gives us confidence in the face of evil on earth, even in the face of our own death.

P: Presiding Minister **L:** Leader/Assisting Minister **R:** Reader **A:** Assembly + All may make the sign of the cross.

Pre-Service Music Chorale Preludes on "Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness" Bach and Brahms

The Assembly stands when directed and turns toward the font.

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the strength of our ancestors, the host of this meal, the builder of the city that is to come.

A Amen.

P 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.

God our helper,

A we confess the many ways

we have failed to live as your disciples.

We have not finished what we began.

We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers.

We have been captivated by our possessions.

Lift our burdens, gracious God.

Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin.

Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us

in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent.

Put your trust in these promises:

God will never leave you or forsake you.

You who were lost have been found!

For the sake of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Rejoice with the angels at this good news!

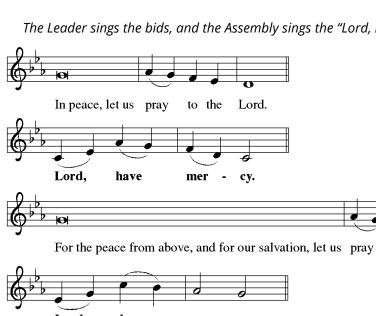
A Amen.

The Assembly turns to face the back doors. You may reverence the cross as it passes you.



Greeting

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- A And also with you!







For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

to the

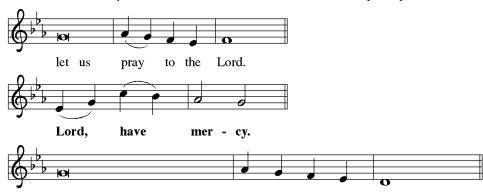
Lord.







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



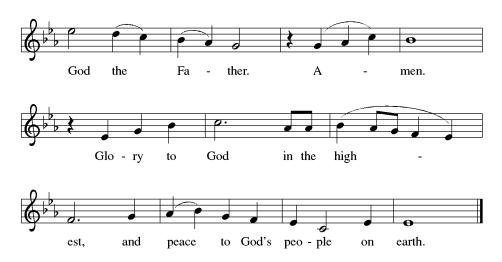
Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



Canticle of Praise Hymnal p. 99



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Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. Everlasting God, you have wonderfully established the ministries of angels and mortals. Mercifully grant that as Michael and the angels contend against the cosmic forces of evil, 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 whom we worship and praise with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, now and forever.

A Amen.

The Assembly is seated.

Welcome and Announcements

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

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

R A reading from the Prophet Daniel.

Daniel trembles in the presence of an angel. That angel tells the prophet about the good and terrible future when the dead will be resurrected and the Archangel Michael will usher in the deliverance of the nation.

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."

R Word of God, word of life.

A Thanks be to God!

Psalm 103:1-5, 20-22

ELW Psalm Tone 4

The organ will play the tone, and then the refrain, and then the Assembly will sing the refrain through.

The right side of the Assembly sings the lightface verses to the tone; the left side of the Assembly sings boldface verses.

All sing the refrain where indicated by "R."

Tone:



Refrain:



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

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

⁴who redeems your life | from the grave and crowns you with steadfast | love and mercy; [cont.]

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

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

Reading from the New Testament

Revelation 12: 7-12

R A reading from the Revelation.

Armed with the power of God, Michael and the angels of God fight those armed with the power of evil, the devil and the devil's angels. The "blood of the Lamb," our crucified Lord Jesus, gives Michael the power to force the devil from a place in heaven.

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!"

R Word of God, word of life.

A Thanks be to God!

The Assembly stands to greet the Good News of Jesus.

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 $^{\dag}$ where God rules; bless the Lord, $^{\dag}$ O my soul. R

Gospel Acclamation Hymnal p. 102



Gospel Luke 10:17–20

P This is the Good News of Jesus Christ according to Luke.

A Glory to you, O Lord!

The church sent out on mission is given magnificent power. Greater than this gift of power over the enemy, however, is the gift of salvation: their names are written in heaven.

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."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

A Praise to you, O Christ!

The Alleluia portion of the Gospel Acclamation is sung once again. The Assembly is then seated.

Sermon

Time of Silence

A bell will sound to signal a time of silence for reflection.

During this time, you may want to meditate on one word from the scriptures or from the sermon that stands out to you, asking the Spirit to show you how it applies to your own life.

When the bell sounds a second time, the Assembly stands to respond to the Word with song.

Hymn of the Day



The Apostles' Creed

L With the whole Church, let us profess our faith.

A I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 the People

- L Sustained and nurtured by our generous God, we gather as one to pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.
- L Powerful Lord, embolden your people. We pray for our bishops, Elizabeth and Yehiel; for our pastor, Keith; for our president, Sara; for our Council; and for all those you have gathered here in your name. 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,

A hear our prayer.

L Creating God, you made stars and planets, weather and tides, setting the cycles of the cosmos in ways we have yet to fully understand. Remind us of our limitations while inspiring humble wonder at your universe. Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

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

A hear our prayer.

L Healing God, grant rest to those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Heal illness, strengthen those who are weak, comfort those who grieve, and give peace to those near death, remembering especially Serena Bernstein, Margaret Carlson, Lynn Carson, Lucas Forzley, Bob Fried, Kim Gann, Jennifer Grethe, Judith Kratochvil, Ron Laudert, Richard Lewis, Joe Skelton, Alyssa Steinberg, Doris Strom, and those we name now aloud or in the silence of our hearts [...], Grant them joy and comfort in your presence. Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L Lord of hosts, we pray for musicians, ushers, acolytes, assisting ministers, readers, and those who welcome visitors. Help all who lead worship to do so with a prayerful focus. Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L And now, sisters and brothers, for what else shall we pray?

The petitions and thanksgivings of the Assembly, silent or spoken aloud, are invited.

L Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L God of heaven and earth, all names are known to you. We give you thanks for the bold witnesses whose lives reflected your steadfast love and mercy and are now delivered to the victory of your endless reign, remembering especially Jerome, translator of scripture and teacher, Francis of Assisi, and Theodor Fliedner. Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

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

A Amen.

Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

A And also with you.

Greet one another in the peace of the Risen Christ, saying "Peace be with you," "The peace of the Lord," or similar words.

If you prefer not to shake hands, you might raise your hand in a gesture of blessing
as you speak peace to your neighbors. After the Peace, all return to their seats.

Meal: God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ ...

Offering An offering is gathered for doing God's mission, including the care of those in need.

Offering Music

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" arr. Moses Hogan

Presentation of the Gifts

"Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal" Hymnal 464

The Assembly stands and sings as the gifts are brought forward.





Offering Prayer

- L Let us pray.
- A Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things.
 Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts.
 With them we offer ourselves to your service
 and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption
 of all that you have made,
 for the sake of him who gave himself for us,
 lesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Dialogue

- P The Lord be with you!
- A And also with you!
- P Lift up your hearts!
- A We lift them up to the Lord!
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God!
- A It is right to give our thanks and praise!

Preface *The Presiding Minister begins the prayer:*

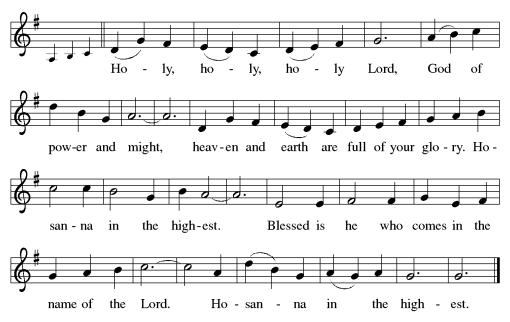
P It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God, for you alone are the blessed immortal sovereign who dwells in unapproachable light. Your holy angels surround your throne day and night, bowing and covering their faces, crying out in awe at your holiness. Your immortal beings danced in delight as you created the earth and gave life to all things. And now they serve to us as messengers of light, guarding us in all our ways.

When your created children failed to live to the glory of your name, you sent your uncreated child, Jesus Christ. to show us your power to save and to establish your dominion over all things. He was handed over to the power of the Evil One and was killed, but your angels bore him up as you raised him from the dead, and now he seats us at your banquet table, and richly provides us with everything for fullness of life.

Therefore, with hearts full of gratitude, we sing joyfully, giving thanks to you, who are both Father and Mother to us, at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We join our voices with Jerome, Francis, Theodor, and with all your holy ones of all times and places. With earth and all its creatures, with sun, moon, and stars, with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your Name, and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy The Assembly joins in singing:

Hymnal, p. 144



Thanksgiving at the Table

P Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

A We praise you, O God!

P Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

A We bless you, O, God!

P We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

A We thank you, O, God!

P 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.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:



P We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.



The Lord's Prayer

- P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
- A 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.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

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

The Breaking of the Bread and Invitation

- L Taste and see that the Lord is good!
- A Thanks be to God!

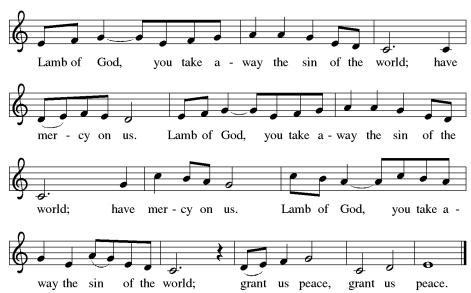
Distribution of Holy Communion

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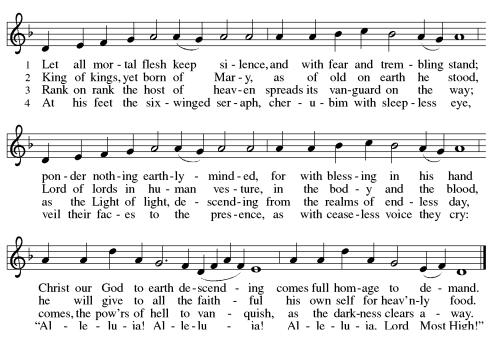
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Communion Song

"Lamb of God" **Hymnal p. 112**



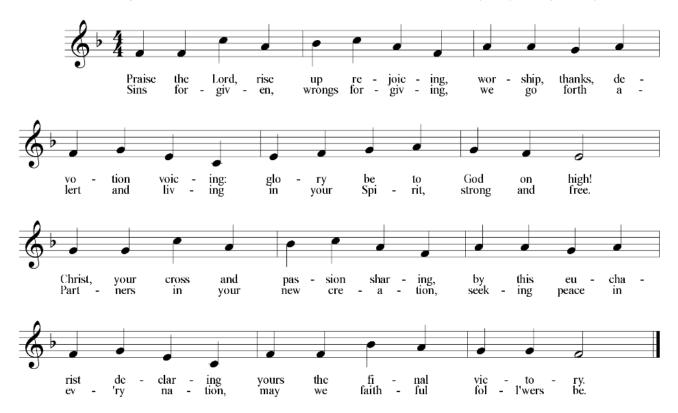
Communion Song



The Assembly stands when directed by the Presiding Minister.

Blessing after Communion

- P May the body and blood of our + Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you, and keep you in his grace.
- A Amen.



Prayer after Communion

L We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

A Amen.

Sending of Communion

P Let us pray. Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care:

As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick or homebound. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

A Amen.

Sending Song

"Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!" [printed on next page] **Hymnal 413**

Please turn as the cross passes you to face the doors through which you will be sent out in mission.

Blessing

P Go now and do the mighty works of God in the world. Rejoice at the power you have over evil, but rejoice even more that your name is written in heaven. Be secure in the knowledge that God's holy angels will guard you in distress. Be bold in acting for justice and righteousness.

And may the God who is enthroned above the angels satisfy your desires with good things; may + Christ Jesus give you victory of the powers of evil; and may the Holy Spirit empower you for all the battles you must face.

A Amen.

Dismissal

L Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us!

A Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Please stay for a time of fellowship immediately following the service in Fellowship Hall.

Refreshments are provided by Audrey Moy and Christine Imhoff.

Come enjoy one another's company and hear about all the opportunities for service and community!

Serving in worship today...

Presiding Minister	The Rev. John Lang
Assisting Minister	Kim Miller
Acolyte	Tyler Knohl
Lector	
Communion Minister	Anne Heider
Organist	Kathy Roderer
Table Preparation	Kathryn Skelton
Communion Bread	The Bread Bakers
Ushers	Bert Mount, Steve Warner

Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!



This Week's Commemorations

Michael and All Angels Sunday, September 29, 2019

Michael the Archangel, captain of the heavenly hosts, is remembered on this day along with the other angels and archangels. The word "angel" means "messenger," and in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, these beings have a fully spiritual nature and no physical body.

Jerome, translator, teacher, d. 420 Monday, September 30, 2019

Jerome was a biblical scholar and translator, but rather than translating the original Hebrew and Greek scriptures into classical Latin, he worked in the ordinary spoken Latin of the day, creating a version called the Vulgate ("for the common people").

Francis of Assisi, renewer of the church, d. 1226 Friday, October 4, 2019

Born into the family of a wealthy merchant, Francis gave up his inheritance to serve poor people. He formed the Order of Friars Minor (called Franciscans), who took on poverty and the task of preaching, "using words if necessary," according to tradition. Francis had a spirit of gratitude for all of God's creation.

Theodor Fliedner, renewer of society, d 1864 Friday, October 4, 2019

Fliedner helped to bring about a revival of the ministry of deaconesses among Lutherans. He was influenced in this by Moravian deaconesses he had met. The motherhouse he founded in Kaiserswerth, Germany, inspired many around the world to take up this ministry of Word and Service.

Angel Activity

Today we celebrate and give thanks for the angels, especially Saint Michael and the unnamed angels who fought with him against Satan. It is not very often that we contemplate the angels in the Lutheran tradition; while we do mention them in portions of our liturgy, we rarely name them as specifically as we do today. Most Christians easily recall the message brought to the Virgin Mary by the angel Gabriel, but few know much about Michael and others who share the unique role of angel in the heavenly realm.

So today we call to mind this special group of God's created beings. Scripture leaves a lot to the imagination, but we do know that angels generally take their places around God's throne. They worship, sing, bear good news, protect those on earth, and even fight evil. Saint Michael is best known for his epic fight against the dragon, who we learn "is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world" (*Rev. 12:9*). It is interesting to note that while Christ won the victory over Satan, a battle still rages. Satan clings to power, but Michael and his angels carry the even greater power of Jesus Christ, who bears them up in the midst of the battle.

As we hear the fascinating yet brief account of Michael and the angels today, we also hear the even more captivating truth that "they have conquered [Satan] by the blood of the Lamb" (*Rev. 12:11*). For after all, we do not worship the angels. It is not the power of the angels that destroys Satan; it is the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ that wins the battle and speaks truth to deceit.

We worship the same enthroned king to whom the angels sing, and in whose name they—and we—claim ultimate victory over Satan and death.

Upcoming Events

Postponed to Thursday, October 10	Daytime Quilters	10:00 AM
Saturday, October 5	Bridges to Home Cabaret at Grace Lutheran Church	7:00 PM
Sunday, October 6	Adult Spiritual Growth	9:00 AM
	Café Immanuel	9:00 AM
	Worship with Eucharist	10:30 AM
	Blessing of Pets	10:30 AM

Immanuel's Staff and Leadership

The Rev. Keith Fry	Pastor		
Sara Krentz			
Linda Edlund			
Susan Ross	Congregation Secretary		
Tom Couch, Greg Hummel, Melisa Larson, Kevin McDaniel, Scott Romans, Erik Shearer, Jim Skelton, Grace Yarnoff			
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Joe Simchak	Treasurer		
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