

Service Folder



The Festival of St. Michael & All Angels

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! Emmanuel is a liturgical, traditional, historical, evangelical, catholic, orthodox, confessional Lutheran congregation, in communion with the Evangelical Lutheran Diocese of North America (ELDoNA). We believe that the Bible is the very Word of God, inspired and without any errors. We confess the truth of Scripture according to the Lutheran Book of Concord of 1580, without exception or reservation. We observe the calendar of the traditional Church Year and follow the Historic Lectionary. We celebrate the Divine Service (also known as the Mass) every Sunday and on other festivals, and we welcome visitors to hear God's Word with us.



With regard to Holy Communion, we ask our visitors to respect our practice of *closed Communion*, which means that only communicant members of our congregation or of other congregations in communion with us are invited to commune at the Lord's Table here, after they have been examined and absolved. Classes are offered throughout the year by the pastor so that those who are interested in joining our Communion fellowship have the opportunity to learn about the Christian faith and our confession of it.

The Order of Service is *The Order of Holy Communion* (page 15) from *The Lutheran Hymnal* (TLH). The Propers (the parts that change from week to week) are noted on the following page of this Service Folder.

EVENTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE...

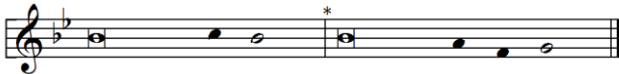
- Sun., Oct. 11 - Sunday School / Bible class, 9 AM
- Divine Service 10:15 AM (Trinity 18)



HYMNS**OPENING HYMN***TLH #257 - Jesus Brightness of the Father***HYMN (after the Creed)***TLH #254 - Lord God We All to Thee Give Praise***HYMN (after General Prayer)***TLH #256 - Around the Throne of God a Band***DISTRIBUTION HYMN***TLH #305 - Soul Adorn Thyself with Gladness***Epistle:** *Revelation 12:7-12***Gospel:** *Matthew 18:1-11**The Order of Holy Communion begins on p. 15 of The Lutheran Hymnal.***THE INTROIT** (after general Absolution)*Psalm 103:20-21; Psalm 103:1*

P (Antiphon) BLESS THE Lord, you His angels who excel | in strength, *

Who do His word, heeding the voice | of His word.
 Bless the Lord, all you | His hosts, *
 You ministers of His, who do | His pleasure.



C Bless the Lord, O | my soul; *
 And all that is within me, bless His | holy name!

GLORIA PATRI (p.16): **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.**

P (Antiphon)

*The service continues with The Kyrie, p. 17.***THE GRADUAL & HALLELUJAH** (after the Epistle)*Ps. 91:11; 103:1; Is. 6:3*

P For He shall give His angels charge o- | ver you, *
 To keep you in | all your ways.

C Bless the Lord, O | my soul; *
 And all that is within me, bless His | holy name!

P Alle- | luia! *
 Al- | leluia!

C And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord | of hosts; *
 The whole earth is full of His glory!" Al- | leluia!

The service continues with The Triple Hallelujah & the Gospel, p.21 in the hymnal.

THE PURPOSE OF TODAY'S FESTIVAL

Martin Chemnitz, *Loci Theologici: A Treatise on Angels*

From antiquity the church year, for very good reasons, has been divided into certain festivals, in order that the chief articles of the Christian doctrine can be taught to the people in a definite order and inculcated by annual repetition. Thus the festival of the holy angels has also been established. This was done, first, in order that there might be a set time in which the doctrine of the angels might be publicly taught and repeated each year. Second, that in the regular church services consideration might be given to the benefits bestowed upon us all year through the mediation and protection of the holy angels. In Ps. 34:7 mention is made of the benefits we receive from them. And, third, this was done that we should give thanks that God, who is offended with our sins and ingratitude, yet does not take away from us the ministry and care of His holy angels. Fourth, it was done that we might pray that God would strengthen and preserve us ever more under the protection of His angels. For just as a certain day of the year was set aside for a consideration of the exodus from Egypt, so that it should never be forgotten, so also our ancestors have instituted the same practice regarding the angels, so that we should never overlook this doctrine and its benefits.

But because Scripture has spoken of certain angels by name, such as Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, we have a feast called the feast of the angel Michael, in order that by this very name itself we should be instructed in the most important things to be learned in this life about angels and what we ought to believe and know about them.

For example, in regard to Michael the Scriptures tell how he fought against the dragon and his angels on behalf of the church, Rev. 12:7 and Jude 9, and how he was sent to minister in the affairs of the government in Dan. 10:13, 21, and 12:1.

Thus the festival of Michael instructs us to teach about evil and good angels. We should also teach how Satan "walks about as a roaring lion," 1 Peter 5:8, and how the good angels "encamp around them that fear the Lord," Ps. 34:7.

This kind of instruction is given to us in such festivals and is useful and necessary so that we can sanctify the Sabbath in accord with the Third Commandment.