



Apostles' Creed: First Article The Angels



Prayer: Collect for St. Michael and All Angels Festival

O everlasting God, whose wise planning has ordained and constituted the ministry of men and angels in a wonderful order, mercifully grant that, as your holy angels always serve you in heaven, so by your appointment they may also help and defend us here on earth; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



Music: Holy, Holy, Holy (v. 1-2)
[TLH #246, LW #168, LBW #165, LSB #507]



Vocabulary:

1. Angels: Created spiritual beings who serve the Lord God. Their name means “messenger.”
2. Alleluia: An ancient Hebrew word for “Praise the Lord.”
3. Hell: The place of torment and punishment under God’s wrath for eternity sometimes called the “lake of fire” or “damnation.”



Catechism Pages: LSC (blue) p. 107-109; LSC (maroon) p. 110-112



Questions:

1. With the help of your Mentor list the different stories of angels and/or demons in the Bible.
2. What are the similarities between angels and humans? What are the differences? What powers have angels displayed? What powers don't they possess?
3. Which are more powerful/special and why: Angels, fallen humanity, or saved humanity?
4. What are the similarities between demons (fallen angels) and humans? What are the differences? Can demons be saved? What powers have demons displayed? What powers don't they possess?
5. Which are more powerful/special and why: Demons, fallen humanity, or saved humanity.



Liturgy: Pericope

It is the order of three Scripture readings for worship services. They usually include an Old Testament, Epistle and Gospel lesson. They highlight the church year, season and festival and are broken up in three year or one year cycles. Many times all three lessons of the Pericope are interrelated.



Bible Study: Acts 12:1-19

1. Who are the main characters in this passage and when did this happen?
2. Why was Peter thrown in prison?
3. What were some supernatural powers attributed to the angel?
4. After all was said and done who did Peter say rescued him?
5. How serious of a supernatural event was this to King Herod or even to his guards?
6. What can we learn about God's nature through the actions of His angel servant?



A Closer Look: Archangels, Cherubim and Seraphim

An archangel is an angel who leads other angels. The angel Michael is called an archangel. Cherubim are a "type" of angel that have four distinct faces: man, lion, eagle and bull. Their name means "reddish colored" ones. Seraphim are another "type" of angel. Their name means "burning" ones.



Activity:

Earth Angels
Maker of Heaven and Earth (p. 24 EES2)
Other



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Prayer: Luther's Evening Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.



Memory Work:

1. First 15 New Testament books
2. "He also gives... this body and life", (part 2) LSC (blue) p. 105; (maroon) p. 108
3. Luke 2:13