

Michaelmas

The Feast of St. Michael and All Angels (obs)
September 28, 2025



*Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
Bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
Raise the glad strain: "Alleluia!"
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, pow'rs,
Virtues, archangels, angels' choirs: "Alleluia!"*

Theme of Today's Liturgy

Satan and his wicked angels have been thrown out of heaven and have come down to earth wielding temptations to sin and constant accusations (*Epistle*). Even so, we are encouraged by the presence and protection of St. Michael and the holy angels, whom God sends to help us in the strife (*Old Testament*) by guarding and keeping us. By the Word of Christ and Baptism, souls are converted and saved, and the devil is continually defeated (*Gospel*).

Guests

Welcome to the Divine Service! We are delighted to have you with us. If we can assist you in any way, please let us know. It is our prayer that the Gospel of Jesus Christ will strengthen and comfort you. Please note your attendance with us on the Record of Fellowship pad located in the center aisle of your pew, and we hope you will worship with us again! You are welcome to join us in the social hall for coffee and refreshments after the service.

Our Belief and Practice Concerning the Lord's Supper

The liturgy of the church joins us to an unseen, eternal reality. Though on this earth, through the presence of our Lord we are joined to the eternal community of heaven, adding our voices of praise to those of the angels and saints. As Jesus gives us His Body and Blood today, we look forward to the day when we will be in perfect, visible communion with all believers in Christ. Because we care about the spiritual welfare of all who commune, we ask that guests who desire to commune speak with Pastor Gerike before the service.

A Special Welcome to Those with Young Children

You and your children are welcome here. Jesus knows that children tend to wiggle and squawk, so don't feel embarrassed by it. Feel free to sit toward the front where your children can see easily. Encourage them to chime in on their parts: *Amen! And with thy spirit! Lord, have mercy! Our Father!* Sing, say, and pray your parts as best you can; your children learn by your example. If you and your child must leave for a moment, there is a children's area downstairs underneath the narthex. Please know that while you are caring for your children, the rest of us rejoice in our Lord's words, "Let the little children come to Me...for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Lk 18:16). You and your children are a gift to the church, so we will do our best to smile, encourage, and help you.

The Divine Service

†-- congregation stands

The Preparation

Organ Prelude

Please STAND for the Processional Hymn when the chime rings three times.

† Processional Hymn 670 *Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones*

† Confession and Absolution *p. 184–85*

Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments. Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?

The Service of the Word

† Introit

Psalm 103; antiphon: Psalm 103



PRAISE the LORD, | O my soul, *
and all that is within me, praise His | holy Name.
O praise the LORD, ye angels of His
that ex- | cel in strength, *
that fulfill His commandment,
and hearken unto the voice | of His word.
O praise the LORD, all | ye His hosts, *
ye servants of His that do His | pleasure.
O speak good of the LORD, all ye works of His,
in all places of His do- | minion; *
praise the LORD, | O my soul.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son *
and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning, *
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Praise the LORD, | O my soul, *
and all that is within me, praise His | holy Name.

† Kyrie & Gloria in Excelsis *pp. 186–89*

† Salutation & Collects of the Day *p. 189* *SUNG responses*

Everlasting God, You have ordained and constituted the service of angels and men in a wonderful order. Mercifully grant that, as Your holy angels always serve and worship You in heaven, so by Your appointment they may also 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.

O Lord, we implore You, let Your continual pity cleanse and defend Your Church; and because she cannot continue in safety without Your aid, preserve her evermore by Your help and goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading

2 Kings 6:8–17

In those days when the king of Syria was warring against Israel, he took counsel with his servants, saying, “At such and such a place shall be my camp.” But the man of God sent word to the king of Israel, “Beware that you do not pass this place, for the Syrians are going down there.” And the king of Israel sent to the place about which the man of God told him. Thus he used to warn him, so that he saved himself there more than once or twice. And the mind of the king of Syria was greatly troubled because of this thing, and he called his servants and said to them, “Will you not show me who of us is for the king of Israel?” And one of his servants said, “None, my lord, O king; but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedroom.” And he said, “Go and see where he is, that I may send and seize him.” It was told him, “Behold, he is in Dothan.” So he sent there horses and chariots and a great army, and they came by night and surrounded the city. When the servant of the man of God rose early in the morning and went out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was all around the city. And the servant said, “Alas, my master! What shall we do?” He said, “Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.” Then Elisha prayed and said, “O LORD, please open his eyes that he may see.” So the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw, and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

Gradual

Psalm 91; 103



HOR He shall give His angels charge | over you, *
to keep you in | all your ways.
Praise the LORD, | O my soul, *
and all that is within me, praise His | holy Name.

Second Reading

Revelation 12:7–12

Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. And the 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. And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”

† Alleluia Verse

Isaiah 6

The congregation sings the threefold “Alleluia” before and after the Pastor sings the verse.



Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

HOLY, Holy, Holy, is the LORD God of | Sabaoth; *
the whole earth is full of His | glory!

† Holy Gospel

p. 190 *SUNG responses*

St. Matthew 18:1–11

✠ At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them, and said, “Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me. But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be

better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea. Woe to the world because of offenses! For offenses must come, but woe to that man by whom the offense comes! If your hand or foot causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life lame or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet, to be cast into the everlasting fire. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire. Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven. For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost.”

† **Nicene Creed** *p. 191/Inside back cover of hymnal*

Hymn of the Day 522 *Lord God, to Thee We Give All Praise*

Sermon

Offering/Choral Voluntary *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* *arr. Larry Shackley*
Please note your attendance on the card in your pew and pass to the center aisle.

† **Offertory** *p. 192–93*

Rite of First Communion

† **Announcements & Prayer of the Church**

After each petition: ...let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

At the conclusion: ... one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Service of the Sacrament of the Altar

The Liturgy of the Holy Communion follows on p. 194 ff.

***Guests** who have not previously received Holy Communion from Pastor Gerike are kindly asked to speak with him before approaching the altar for the first time.*

***Communicants** may receive the Body of Christ either in the hand or directly in the mouth. Those who receive the Blood of Christ from the chalice are encouraged to take the bottom of the chalice with a hand to help guide it to their mouths.*

Communicants are invited to pray the following before receiving the Sacrament:

O Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof;
but speak only Your Word, and my soul will be healed.

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will take the Cup of Salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord.

Distribution Hymns

621 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*
521 *Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken*
708 *Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart*
760 *What God Ordains Is Always Good*

† Dismissal

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul
unto life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

Amen.

† **Nunc Dimittis** *and the remainder of the service on p. 199 and following*

† **Hymn** *We Praise You and Acknowledge You* *see pages 8–9*

Postlude



Vespers for the Feast of St. Michael & All
Angels

Today at 4:00 pm

Featuring the music of Orlando Lassus and
William Byrd

We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God

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Based on "The Te Deum"

Gustav T. Holst, 1874–1934

Stephen P. Starke, b. 1955

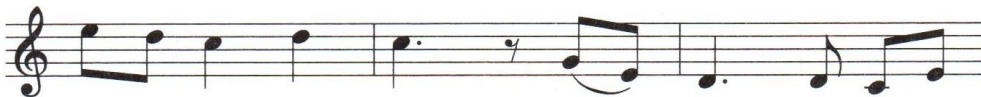
Setting by Mark Bender



All: 1 We _ praise You and ac-knowl-edge You, O God, to be the
Choir: 2 The _ band of the a - pos - tles in glo - ry sing Your
All: 3 You, _ Christ, are King of glo - ry, the ev - er - last - ing
All: 4 You _ sit in splen-did glo - ry, en - throned at God's right



Lord, The _ Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing, by
praise; The _ fel - low - ship of proph - ets their
Son, Yet _ You, with bound-less love, _ sought to
hand, Up - hold - ing earth and heav - en by



all the earth a - dored. To _ You all an - gel
death-less voic - es raise. The _ mar - tyrs of Your
res - cue ev - 'ry - one: You _ laid a - side Your
forc - es You com - mand. We _ know that You will



pow - ers cry a - loud, the heav - ens sing, The _
king - dom, a _ great and no - ble throng, Sing _
glo - ry, were _ born of vir - gin's womb, Were _
come as our _ Judge that fi - nal day, So _

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cher - u - bim and ser - a-phim their prais - es to You
with the ho - ly Church through - out all the world this
cru - ci - fied for us — and were placed in - to a
help Your ser - vants You — have re - deemed by blood, we



bring: "O — ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord
song: All: "O — all - ma - jes - tic Fa - ther, Your
tomb; Then — by Your res - ur - rec - tion You
pray; May — we with saints be num - bered where



God of Sab - a - oth; Your — maj - es - ty and
true and on - ly Son, And — Ho - ly Spir - it,
won for us re - prieve— You — o - pened heav - en's
prais - es nev - er end, In — glo - ry ev - er -



glo - ry fill the heav - ens and the earth!"
Com - fort - er— for - ev - er Three in One!"
king - dom to all who would be - lieve.
last - ing. A - men, O Lord, a - men!

TODAY'S NOTICES

The Mount Calvary **Life Team** invites you to participate in **Life Chain**. Life Chain is a statewide pro-life prayer event held annually on the first Sunday in October and organized by local Nebraska Right to Life chapters. The 2025 Omaha Metro Area Life Chain is scheduled for **next Sunday, October 5th, from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm**. Life Chain is a silent hour-long prayer vigil where pro-life individuals gather publicly to pray for our nation, for people in crisis situations, and for a permanent end to abortion. During this event, participants will be lining the sidewalks of Dodge Street and 72nd Street while holding signs with pro-life messages. Examples of such messages are: "Pray to End Abortion", "Jesus Forgives & Heals", and "Adoption - The Loving Option". Prayers and hymns are printed on the back of each sign for aid in personal meditation. Mt. Calvary members typically meet at St. Margaret Mary's Church near 62nd and Dodge Street. If you are interested in participating, or have any questions, you are invited to speak with Nathaniel or Rachel Kemper.

Are you between the ages of 20 and 30? Do you wish you could meet other young adults who have a similar faith? Do you wish you could meet other young adults with a similar worldview? If you answered "Yes" to these questions, this event could be what you are looking for. Married or Single, you are invited to an afternoon of prayer, education, conversation and fellowship, next Sunday, October 5, from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Louisville, NE. More information and registration forms are posted on the narthex bulletin board.

The Board of Social Ministries invites you to a **Family Game Night** in the church social hall on **Saturday, October 18 at 4pm**. All ages are welcome! Pizza, water, and lemonade will be provided; feel free to bring other food to share if desired. Bring your favorite games to play or just come to socialize! A sign-up sheet can be found on the bulletin board in the narthex

We know that sin, suffering, sickness, and death, are all the result of the Fall into sin. How does the Christian respond to times of sickness and suffering? What can you, as a Christian do for your family and friends when they suffer these afflictions? How is the Church there to support the Christian at such times? Mark your calendar for the next **Believe, Teach and Confess (BTC)** session to be held on Saturday, October 25, 9:00 am – 11:30 pm, with the theme, "The Christian in Times of Sickness and Need."

The **Centennial Planning Committee** is seeking Mount Calvary Church and School photos and documents for display at our celebration in 2026. You can submit items by bringing them to church (there is a designated collection spot in the copy room next to the church office,

your items will be returned to you), or you can submit digital items to a Dropbox folder (email the church office for a link).

If you are interested in serving as a **congregation officer or board member**, please speak to a member of the Nominations Committee: Jasiah Morgan, Josh Bohnert, Bob Vondrasek

If you are interested in **piano or organ lessons** for yourself, your child, or a friend or neighbor, contact Annika Buckley at anobii16@gmail.com or (402)851-3100.

Prayer Requests: *Sister Churches in:* Norway, Portugal, Uruguay, & Ukraine; *Missions:* Rev. Daniel & Kathy Conrad, David & Valerie Federwitz, Lutherans For Life, the Siberian Lutheran Mission Society & Lutheran Theological Seminary in Novosibirsk, South Asia Lutheran Mission; *Homebound:* Char Emmanuel, Pat Helmke, Marilyn Pacas, Jean Schwalm; *Expectant mothers:* Courtney Christoffers, Elizabeth Fusselman, Jessica Whirrett; *All others in need:* Dick Chappell, Sandy Kemper, Theodore Feavel, Paul Luedeman, Amanda Jansky, Larry Ashe, David Christian, the Nuer people of South Sudan, Barb Masilko, Jean Young, Janet Christian, Jean Babel, Aaron & Katherine Sterling, Hayes Gonzalez, Isaiah Brandt (newborn son of Sean and Hannah Brandt), Genelle Rohe (grandmother of Jesse Nigro, hospitalized); *Our catechumens:* Eli Cade, Thaddaeus Fusselman, Anastasia Gerike, Cecilia Gerike, Michael Gerike, Freddy Hertwig

This Week's Calendar

Today (9/28)	FEAST ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS (obs) Sunday School & Bible Class 8:45 am Divine Service 10:00 am Children's Choir after church <u>Vespers for the Feast of St. Michael 4:00 pm</u>
Wednesday (10/1)	<u>Matins 10:00 am</u> Women's Guild at Brookstone Village 12:00 pm Vespers 6:30 pm <u>Book Group 7:00 pm</u>
Thursday (10/2)	<u>Choir rehearsal 6:30 pm</u>
Next Sunday (10/5)	THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Sunday School & Bible Class 8:45 am Divine Service 10:00 am Board of Elders meeting after church Children's Choir after church

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Our Service Schedule:

The Divine Service with Holy Communion is offered every Sunday and on holy days as announced. Matins and Vespers are prayed on Wednesdays at 10:00 am and 6:30 pm

Receiving Communion at Mt. Calvary: We care about the spiritual welfare of all who commune at the Lord's Table. If you are a guest and desire to commune, please speak to Pastor Gerike before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine, are members of our congregation or of a sister congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and are not under church discipline in another congregation.

Adult Christian Education is taught every Sunday morning at 8:45 in the church basement.

Sunday School for children ages 3–12 is year-round. Lessons for younger ages are based on the readings for the Sunday Divine Service. Older class studies Concordia Bible History.

Pastoral Consultation based on the Holy Scriptures is available from the pastor by appointment

The Sick and Homebound are visited regularly by the pastor. Please contact the Church Office if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation.

Organist – Annika Buckley

Acolyte –

Altar Care – Diane Krebs & Paula Rasmuss

Counters – Bonnie Luedeman & Wanda Wollberg

Ushers – Glen Rademacher, Paul Luedeman, Chris Blank, Ben Grindstaff

Elder – Micah Fusselman

Trustee – Jasiah Morgan