

Living Waters Lutheran Parish
Christ Lutheran Church + Moxham Lutheran Church

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Preparing to Hear Today's Readings

Today we celebrate the Festival of Michael and All Angels which is a lesser festival of the Church. Observing these lesser festivals is a way of recovering and upholding the sense of the communion of saints that is so important to our understanding of the church: "I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints. . ." (Apostles' Creed, Third Article). Reformation day and All Saints are also lesser festivals.

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. As we gather around the table, we join in the angels' song of praise.

In today's second reading, 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.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Welcome

Prelude

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us.

We confess that we have honored you with our lips,

but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.

The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes.

In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves.

We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

**In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.
Draw near to us with grace in time of need,
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity and
to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ,
the source of eternal healing,
your sins are forgiven.

Amen.

Gathering Song: “Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven”

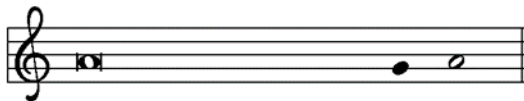
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Greeting

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the holy spirit be with you all.

And, also with you

Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



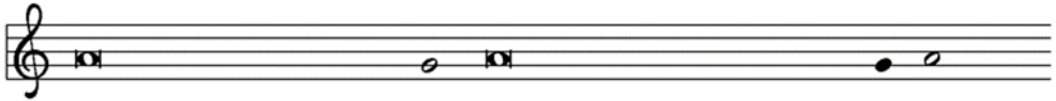
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



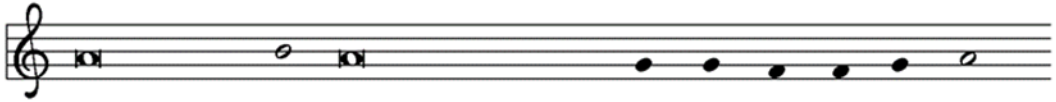
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



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

Canticle of Praise

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain

has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

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.

Amen.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

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

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.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 103:1-5, 20-22 (*read responsively*)

¹Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God’s holy name.

²**Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all God’s benefits—**

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

⁴**who redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**

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

²⁰**Bless the LORD, you angels, you mighty ones who do God’s bidding,
who obey the voice of God’s word.**

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 where God rules;
bless the LORD, O my soul.**

Second Reading: Revelation 12:7-12

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!”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: Luke 10:17-20

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Brief silence for reflection.

Hymn of the Day: “Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones”

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Apostles' Creed

**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 Faithful

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church and its leaders. Bless them with the gifts of wisdom and discernment as they seek to make your church the community for which you long. Make us faithful messengers of your love in a world hungry for good news. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for the flourishing of all that you have made, for birds and squirrels, spiders and whales, oak trees and humble grasses. Renew prairies and forests, tundra and wetlands, that they sustain all who make their home there. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for the peoples of the world and for their leaders. Where conflict and violence reign, bring peace; wherever there is oppression or discrimination, bring liberation. Bless us with wisdom and discernment during this election seasons. Inspire elected leaders to seek the common good and guide them to protect the most vulnerable among us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for reconciliation of the conflicts and disputes among us so that we may be healthy and whole. Break our hearts open to all those who suffer from illness of mind, body, or spirit *especially*...

Hear us O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for all who are suffering this day, especially the people of Gaza, Israel, Ukraine, Syria, and Lebanon. Accompany those fleeing from danger and encourage all who help them on their journeys.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for all who question their faith. Fill our dry wells with your living water and reassure all who doubt of your boundless grace.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We offer thanksgiving for our beloved who have died. At the close of our earthly pilgrimage, gather us with Michael and all the saints and angels into everlasting life in you.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

We share the peace of Christ with others.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Presentation of Gifts

Offering Song: “We are an Offering”

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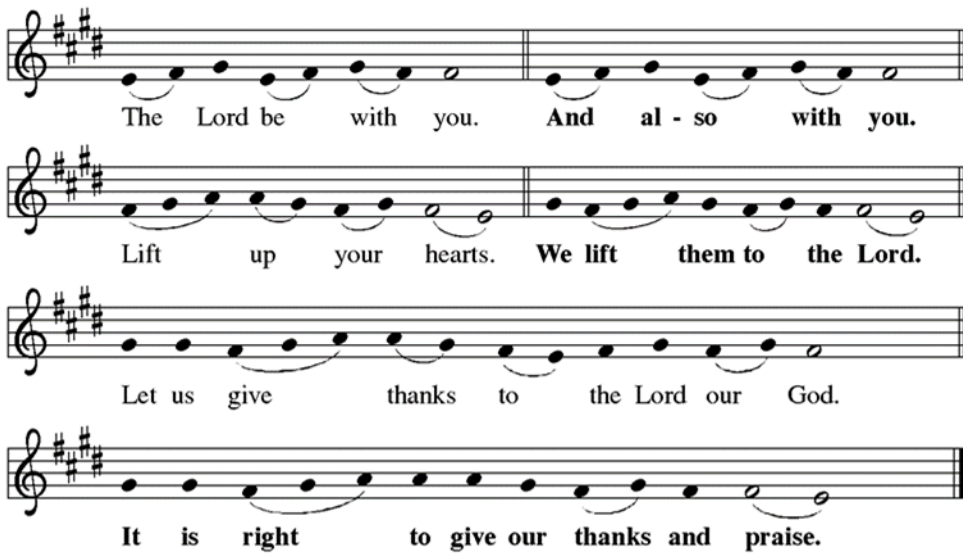
Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation.

By these gifts and with our lives,
help us to serve one another and all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving



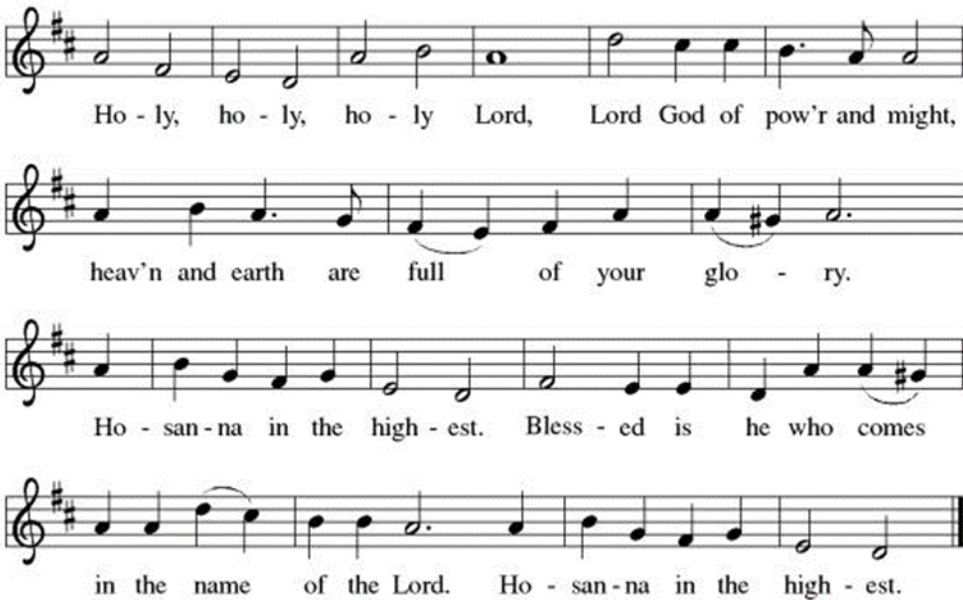
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you,
almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection
opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

We give you thanks and praise, O God,
 for your faithfulness and love surround us.
 Through your Son, you formed the earth
 and created men and women in your image
 to be one, as you are one.

Through your prophets you spoke to our forebears,
 but now you have spoken to us through your Son, Jesus.

Our Lord's Words of Institution.

We remember how Jesus took little children into his arms.
 How he lifted them up and blessed them.
 How he pointed to their trust and faith
 as a sign of your reign within our hearts.
 Now we lift this bread and cup before you,
 giving thanks for your fidelity and faithfulness.
 And so we ask you,
 send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts of your Church,
 gather into one all that share this bread and wine
 that we may praise you in all of our living.

Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.

Come to the table!

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Prayer after Communion

Holy God,
you have welcomed us to this meal
and fed us with dignity at your table.
Send us now to welcome others
and to be at peace with one another,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Blessing

God all mighty, God most merciful
✠ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

Amen.

Sending Song: “Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

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Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
Thanks be to God.



Assisting Today in Worship
Christ Lutheran

Music Director: Mike Thomas

Communion Assistants.: Doug Hughes & Judy Heinze

Lector: Mike Crum + **Acolyte:** Linda Dobson



Moxham Lutheran

Minister of Music: Matthew Sprinkle

Communion Assistants: Kim Williams & Kathie McCreary

Acolyte: Mike McCreary

Council Representative: Mike McCreary

Lector: Mark Koch + **Greeter:** Mark Koch

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