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*Luke 10:17-20*

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**Michael and All Angels – September 29th, 2013**

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We welcome you to St. John Lutheran Church. We are delighted to have you worship with us this morning. Should you have no permanent church-home in this community, why not consider making this one your own? Please sign the guest book as you leave worship today or the attendance pad in the pew. You are most welcome here at St. John! Most elements of our service can be found in the bulletin, everything else is in the hymnal. Page refers to the numbered pages towards the front of the hymnal, hymns are bold and towards the back. Please rise when there is an \*, congregational responses are in **bold**, and underlined elements of the service are found in the hymnal.

**HOLY COMMUNION**  
**Michael and All Angels– September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

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.

**PRELUDE:** 'Voluntary on 'Picardy' – arr. Al Roberts (Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*GATHERING HYMN #531 – *The Trumpets Sound***

**\*GREETING**

Sisters and brothers in Christ, beloved children of God: grace, mercy, and peace 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.**



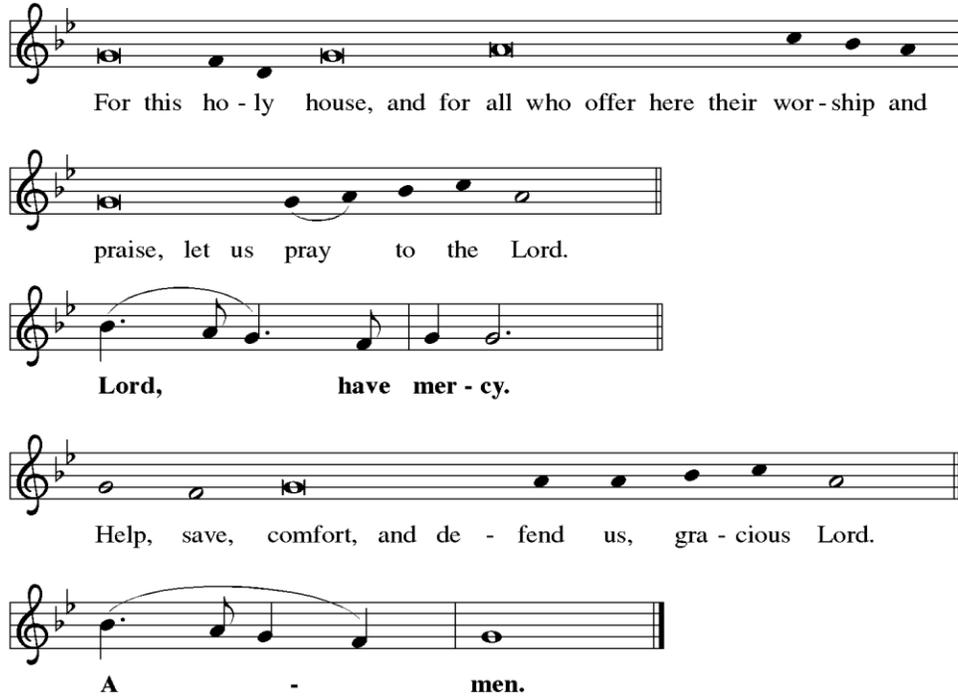
For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of



God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this ho - ly 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.

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be  
 peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.  
*Refrain*  
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, 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, hon - or, 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, al - le - lu - ia.

### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

**Amen**

### FIRST READING: Daniel 10:10–14; 12:1–3

*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.*

<sup>10</sup>But then a hand touched me and roused me to my hands and knees. <sup>11</sup>He 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. <sup>12</sup>He 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. <sup>13</sup>But 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, <sup>14</sup>and 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."

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. <sup>2</sup>Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup>Those 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



Bless the LORD, you an - gels, all you hosts of God.

<sup>1</sup>Bless the LORD, <sup>1</sup>O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless God's <sup>1</sup>holy name.

<sup>2</sup>**Bless the LORD, <sup>1</sup>O my soul,  
and forget not <sup>1</sup>all God's benefits?**

<sup>3</sup>who forgives <sup>1</sup>all your sins  
and heals all <sup>1</sup>your diseases;

<sup>4</sup>**who redeems your life <sup>1</sup>from the grave  
and crowns you with steadfast <sup>1</sup>love and mercy;**

<sup>5</sup>who satisfies your desires <sup>1</sup>with good things  
so that your youth is renewed <sup>1</sup>like an eagle's.

<sup>20</sup>**Bless the LORD, you angels, you mighty ones who <sup>1</sup>do God's bidding,  
who obey the voice <sup>1</sup>of God's word. R**

<sup>21</sup>Bless the LORD, all you <sup>1</sup>hosts of God,  
you servants who <sup>1</sup>do God's will.

<sup>22</sup>**Bless the LORD, all you works of God, in all places <sup>1</sup>where God rules;  
bless the LORD, <sup>1</sup>O my soul. R**

## SECOND READING: Revelation 12:7-12

*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.*

<sup>7</sup>And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, <sup>8</sup>but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. <sup>9</sup>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.

<sup>10</sup>Then 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.

<sup>11</sup>But 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.

<sup>12</sup>Rejoice 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**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



*Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

**\*GOSPEL READING Luke 10:17–20**

*The missionary church ("the seventy-two") 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.*

<sup>17</sup>The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" <sup>18</sup>He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>19</sup>See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup>Nevertheless, 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.

**CHILDREN'S SERMON  
SERMON****\*HYMN OF THE DAY #424: *Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones*****\*NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again

**in accordance with the scriptures;  
 he ascended into heaven  
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
 and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
 who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
 who has spoken through the prophets.  
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**\* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Holy and almighty God, let your church shine like a beacon of your righteousness to all the world. Accomplish your will through the members of the body of Christ. Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

Move your Spirit over lands and waters in renewing action. Bring life into blossom everywhere, that all creation may bear witness to your goodness. Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

Preserve those who are punished and abused for testifying to Christ and his cross. Keep them secure in the authority that you have over all powers. Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

Lift up all who are made low and weary under the burden of sin, illness, or grief especially Bill, Kathy, Jim, Raymond, George, Wanda Jean, Helen, Francis & Grace, Kathryn, Ed, Fred & Jane, and David & Ellen. Deliver them from all that threatens their life in you. Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

Be the source of faith and strength for missionaries who bring your healing and hope to places filled with death and despair. Use them to proclaim your good news. Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

Living God, giving thanks for all messengers who have made your salvation known especially Michael and all angels, whom we commemorate today, we pray you to shape our lives, that we may make you known to others. Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

Into your hands, O Holy One, we entrust all for whom we pray, confident in your abundant and abiding mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.  
**Amen.**

**\*PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

**OFFERING  
OFFERTORY**

**OFFERING HYMN #188 *Create in Me a Clean Heart***

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -  
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**\*DIALOGUE**

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.**

**\*PREFACE**

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. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. The archangels sing your praise, the angels fulfill your commands, the cherubim and seraphim continually proclaim your holiness; the whole company of heaven glorifies your name and rejoices to do your will. therefore we pray that our voices may be heard with theirs, for ever praising you and saying:

**\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food, you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.

You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life, and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven. You sent your Son to eat with sinners and to become food for the world.

In the night in which he was handed over,  
 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, therefore, his life given for us and his rising from the grave, we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal: strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want, and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

The reign of God is at hand.

Come, taste the joy prepared for you.

**COMMUNION**

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

*In response to Jesus' invitation, all are welcome to come forward and experience the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine of communion. Through this meal, we know forgiveness, life and salvation as the blessings of God's sacramental grace. All are invited forward for communion or a blessing. The area of individual cups on the platter, surrounded by green tape, contains grape juice.*

**COMMUNION SONG**



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

**COMMUNION HYMN #490: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence**

**\*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in grace. **Amen.**

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

O God, the host at every meal,  
at this table you spread out a feast for all peoples,  
the bread of life and the cup of salvation.  
Send us from this banquet  
to invite others into these good things,  
to let justice roll down like waters,  
and to care for the least of our sisters and brothers;  
through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and our Savior.  
**Amen.**

**\*BLESSING**

The blessing of almighty God, the Father of glory, + Jesus Christ our peace, and the Spirit of truth,  
be upon you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

**\*SENDING SONG #787: *On Eagle's Wings*****\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is with you..  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:** *Toccata on 'Grosser Gott, wir loben Dich'* – arr. Flor Peters (Holy God, We Praise Thy Name)

The flowers are given by Christine and Robert Dishong for their daughter Danielle's 11<sup>th</sup> birthday and for the glory of God.

**8:00 am**

**Assisting Minister:** Laurie Passione  
**Communion Assistant:** Christine Dishong  
**Acolyte:** Laura Greb  
**Usher:** Dave Knauff

**10:30 am**

**Assisting Minister:** Martha Ward  
**Communion Assistant:** Jim Ward  
**Acolyte:**  
**Usher:** Frieda Carbo

**Attendance Last Week:** 78  
**Weekly Budgeted Need:** \$ 2,669.62  
**YTD Budgeted Expenses:** \$104,115.00  
**YTD Actual Expense:** \$ 90,338.42

**Attendance last year:** 54  
**Last Week's Giving:** \$1,812.00  
**Year to Date Receipts:** \$117,202.41

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