

Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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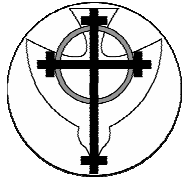
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Welcome

Welcome to the Lord's House this morning for Divine Service. Rejoice, for the Lord comes to you here in this place to give you His gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation through His precious means of grace – His Holy Word and Sacraments. We pray the Lord's richest blessings upon you as you receive these Divine gifts. Please take the time to fill out the **Record of Fellowship form** that is in the pew. If you are visiting with us this morning, we want you to know that we are overjoyed that you are here. Please make your visit known to us by introducing yourself to us after the Service and by signing the guest book that is in the hallway on the left as you leave the sanctuary. The Lord be with us in Divine Service this morning!

Holy Communion Practice

- The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very Body and Blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. In preparation for receiving this blessed Sacrament, you may refer to Martin Luther's "Christian Questions with Their Answers" found on pages 329-330 in *LSB*.
- Communicants at this altar are to be in full confessional fellowship with the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the LCMS are asked, out of love and Christian responsibility, to refrain from partaking with us this morning. If you have any questions regarding Holy Communion, you are invited and encouraged to speak with the pastor before or after the Service.
- See Matt. 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:14-20; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

Our Mission Statement

The mission of Peace Lutheran Church is to welcome all people into the fellowship of God's love by proclaiming the forgiveness of sins through Jesus Christ and to nurture our members with God's Holy Word and Sacraments.

The Festival of St. Michael and All Angels

(Observed)

30 September Anno † Domini 2007



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*(The Psalm, Collect of the Day, Gradual and Scripture Readings
are included in the bulletin this morning)*

The Service of Preparation

(Upon entering the nave, silence should be observed to allow all the opportunity to prayerfully prepare for the presence of the Lord and the reception of His gifts)

The Prelude and Ringing of the Bells

(The congregation stands at the Ringing of the Bells and faces the processional cross. It is customary to continue facing the cross as it is processed in, and to bow your head and make the sign of the cross in reverence and admiration to the Lord as it passes your pew. The same applies for the recessional as Service concludes.)

The Processional Hymn: 493 “A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”

The Confession and Absolution (pp. 184-185)

The Sanctus (p. 195)

The Lord’s Prayer (p. 196)

The Lord’s Prayer is prayed by all and its conclusion is sung by all

The Words of Our Lord (p. 197 - chanted by pastor to alternative tune)

The Pax Domini (p. 197)

The Agnus Dei (p. 198)

Distribution Hymns:

617 “O Lord, We Praise Thee”

578 “Thy Strong Word”

521 “Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken”

The Nunc Dimittis (pp. 199-200)

The Thanksgiving and Post-Communion Collect (pp. 200-201)

The Salutation and Benedicamus (pp. 201-202)

The Benediction (p. 202)

The Recessional Hymn: 795 “Voices Raised to You We Offer”

The Postlude

Soli Deo Gloria!

As you depart the Lord’s Holy House this morning, consider . . .

What undeserving love the Lord has bestowed upon us sinners in granting us the gracious protection of His holy angels! Certainly this blessed truth revealed to us in Holy Scripture should encourage us to lead holy and God-pleasing lives. What comfort it is for us Christians to know that the Lord has placed these holy messengers of His at our side to protect and preserve us in our appointed ways, and that, when our last hour shall come, the angels will come and take our spirits to be with Jesus where we shall join the heavenly choir to praise Him who loved us unto death. We therefore pray with Dr. Luther,

“Let Thy holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.”

¹⁰“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven.
¹¹For the Son of Man came to save the lost.”

The Nicene Creed (p. 191)

The Hymn of the Day: 522 “Lord God, to Thee We Give All Praise”

The Sermon: “Childlike Faith” (Rev. 12:7-12; Matt. 18:1-11)

The Offertory (pp. 192-193)

The Offering and Reception of 2008 Commitments

After the offerings are gathered and brought to the altar by the ushers, they will invite all members to present their 2008 Commitment and Time/Talent Forms to the Lord at the altar. When they invite you, please approach the altar and place your envelope into the receptacle on the table in front of the altar. It is appropriate to reverence the altar when you arrive. If you wish, you may say a short prayer or make the sign of the cross before departing down the side aisles and returning to your pew. After all forms have been received, the following will be prayed:

P: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, receive and bless these, our commitments to serve You in the coming year. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit that, with Your help and by Your grace, we may, with faithful hearts dedicated to the mission to which you have called us, fulfill them to the best of our ability; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Prayer of the Church (p. 193)

P: With angels and archangels and all the company of heaven,

C: we laud and magnify Your glorious Name.

The Service of the Sacrament

(Please read the statement regarding Holy Communion on the back of the bulletin)

The Preface (p. 194)

The Proper Preface:

It is truly good, right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Him Your majesty is praised by all the holy angels and celebrated with one accord by the heavens and all the powers therein. The cherubim and seraphim sing Your praise, and with them we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

The Service of the Word

The Psalm - Psalm 91 is chanted responsively by whole verse:



He who dwells in the shelter of the | Most High*
will abide in the shadow of the Al- | mighty.

**I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my | fortress,*
my God, in | whom I trust.”**

For he will deliver you from the snare of the | fowler*
and from the deadly | pestilence.

**He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will
find | refuge;***

his faithfulness is a shield and | buckler.

You will not fear the terror | of the night,*

nor the arrow that | flies by day,

nor the pestilence that stalks in | darkness,*

nor the destruction that wastes at | noonday.

A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your | right hand,*
but it will not come | near you.

You will only look | with your eyes*

and see the recompense of the | wicked.

Because you have made the LORD your | dwelling place—*
the Most High, who is my | refuge—

no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you,*

no plague come | near your tent.

For he will command his angels con- | cerning you*
to guard you in | all your ways.

On their hands they will | bear you up,*

lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.

You will tread on the lion and the | adder;*

the young lion and the serpent you will trample | underfoot.

“Because he holds fast to me in love, I will de- | liver him;*

I will protect him, because he | knows my name.

When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in | trouble;*

I will rescue him and | honor him.

With long life I will sat- | isfy him*

and show him my sal- | vation.”

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.

The Kyrie (p. 186)

The Gloria in Excelsis (pp. 187-189)

The Salutation and Collect of the Day (p. 189)

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.

The Old Testament Reading (p. 190): Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3

¹⁰And behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees. ¹¹And he said to me, “O Daniel, man greatly loved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for now I have been sent to you.” And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling. ¹²Then he said to me, “Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and humbled yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. ¹³The prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days, but Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I was left there with the kings of Persia, ¹⁴and came to make you understand what is to happen to your people in the latter days. For the vision is for days yet to come . . .”

^{12:1}“At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. ²And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

The Gradual is chanted responsively by whole verse:



Bless the Lord, | O my soul,*
and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!
Bless the Lord, O you his | angels,*
you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice | of his word!
Bless the Lord, | all his hosts,*
his ministers, who | do his will!
Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his do- | minion.*
Bless the Lord, | O my soul!

The Second Reading (p. 190): Revelation 12:7-12

⁷Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, ⁸but he was defeated and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. ⁹And 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. ¹⁰And 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. ¹¹And 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. ¹²Therefore, 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!”

The Triple Alleluia and Verse:

(The congregation sings the Triple Alleluia before and after the Verse, which is chanted by soloist)



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for they loved not their lives even | unto death.*



The Holy Gospel (p. 190): Matthew 18:1-11

¹At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” ²And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

⁵“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

⁷“Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! ⁸And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. ⁹And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.