

# St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church

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## *Minor Festival: St. Michael and All Angels*

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**Prayer before worship:** Dear Lord, we thank you sending your angels to proclaim the good news of the salvation you won for us. We thank you for sending your angels to protect us and keep us safe. Help us to be messengers of your grace as we share the good news of salvation with others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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**OPENING HYMN**      *God of Grace and God of Glory*      **CW 770**

- 1**      **God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your pow'r;  
crown your ancient Church's story, bring its bud to glorious flow'r.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.**
- 2**      **Lo, the hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail his ways.  
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.**
- 3**      **Cure your children's warring madness; bend our pride to your control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage lest we miss your kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.**
- 4**      **Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;  
let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore,  
serving you whom we adore.**

*Please stand*

M: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

**M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.**

**C: Amen.**

**M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.**

**C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e - ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for - ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.**

M: Let us pray. Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals. Mercifully grant that as your holy angels always serve and worship you in heaven, 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, now and forever.



*Be seated*

## FIRST LESSON

## 2 Kings 6:8-17

<sup>8</sup> Now the king of Aram was at war with Israel. After conferring with his officers, he said, “I will set up my camp in such and such a place.”

<sup>9</sup> The man of God sent word to the king of Israel: “Beware of passing that place, because the Arameans are going down there.” <sup>10</sup> So the king of Israel checked on the place indicated by the man of God. Time and again Elisha warned the king, so that he was on his guard in such places.

<sup>11</sup> This enraged the king of Aram. He summoned his officers and demanded of them, “Tell me! Which of us is on the side of the king of Israel?”

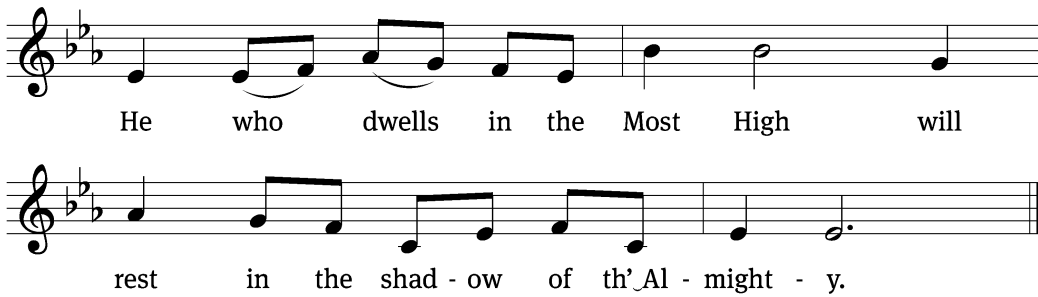
<sup>12</sup> “None of us, my lord the king,” said one of his officers, “but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the very words you speak in your bedroom.”

<sup>13</sup> “Go, find out where he is,” the king ordered, “so I can send men and capture him.” The report came back: “He is in Dothan.” <sup>14</sup> Then he sent horses and chariots and a strong force there. They went by night and surrounded the city.

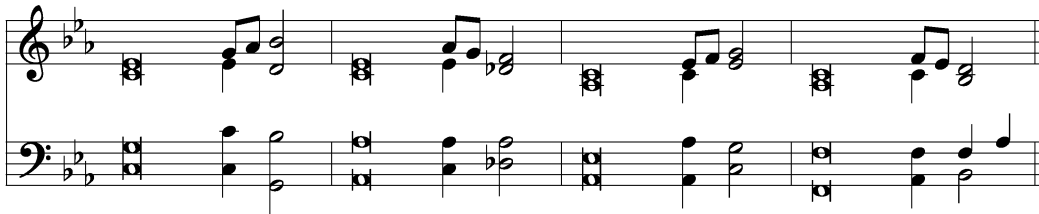
<sup>15</sup> When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. “Oh no, my lord! What shall we do?” the servant asked.

<sup>16</sup> “Don’t be afraid,” the prophet answered. “Those who are with us are more than those who are with them.”

<sup>17</sup> And Elisha prayed, “Open his eyes, LORD, so that he may see.” Then the LORD opened the servant’s eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

*Refrain*


He who dwells in the Most High will  
rest in the shadow of th'Al - might - y.

*Tone*


**Surely he will save you from the / fowler's snare  
and from the deadly / pestilence.**

**He will cover you with his / feathers,  
and under his wings you will find / refuge.**

**You will not fear the ter- / ror of night,  
nor the arrow that / flies by day,  
nor the pestilence that stalks in the / darkness,  
nor the plague that destroys at / midday. *Refrain***

**If you say, "The LORD is my / refuge,"  
and you make the Most High your / dwelling,  
no harm will over- / take you,  
no disaster will come / near your tent.**

**For he will command his angels con- / cerning you  
to guard you in / all your ways;  
they will lift you up / in their hands,  
so that you will not strike your foot a- / gainst a stone.**

**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.     *Refrain***

**SECOND LESSON**

**Revelation 12:7-12**

<sup>7</sup> Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. <sup>8</sup> But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. <sup>9</sup> The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

<sup>10</sup> Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: “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 brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down. <sup>11</sup> They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death. <sup>12</sup> Therefore rejoice, you heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you! He is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short.”

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Please stand*

## GOSPEL

**Luke 10:17-20**

<sup>17</sup> The seventy-two returned with joy and said, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.”

<sup>18</sup> He replied, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. <sup>19</sup> I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. <sup>20</sup> However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”



*Be seated*

## HYMN of the DAY Lord God, to You We Give All Praise

CW 500

- 1 Lord God, to you we give all praise, with grateful hearts our voices raise that angel hosts you did create around your glorious throne to wait.
- 2 They shine with light and heav'nly grace and constantly behold your face. They heed your voice, they know it well; in godly wisdom they excel.
- 3 They never rest nor sleep as we; their whole delight is but to be with you, Lord Jesus, and to keep your little flock, your lambs and sheep.
- 4 The ancient dragon is their foe; his envy and his wrath they know. It always is his aim and pride your Christian people to divide.
- 5 As he of old deceived the world and into sin and death has hurled, so now he subtly lies in wait to undermine both Church and state.
- 6 A roaring lion, round he goes, no halt nor rest he ever knows; he seeks the Christians to devour and slay them by his dreadful pow'r.
- 7 But watchful is the angel band that follows Christ on ev'ry hand to guard his people where they go and break the counsel of the foe.

**8 O Lord, awaken songs of praise for angel hosts that guard our days;  
teach us to serve you and adore as angels do forevermore.**

**SERMON**

**Revelation 12:7-12**

**Thank God for His Angels**

- I. The Ones Who Protect
- II. The Ones Who Proclaim

*Please stand*

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Be seated*

**OFFERING**

*Please stand*

**PRAYER of the CHURCH**

**M:** Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

**C:** **We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.**

**M:** You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

**C:** **We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.**



M: Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

**C: Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.**

M: Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

**C: Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.**

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer*

M: We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

**C: We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

**HYMN**

*I Walk in Danger All the Way*

*CW 836 v. 1,4-6*

**1 I walk in danger all the way; the thought shall never leave me  
that Satan, who has marked his prey, is plotting to deceive me.  
This foe with hidden snares may seize me unawares  
if e'er I fail to watch and pray; I walk in danger all the way.**

- 4 I walk with angels all the way, they shield me and befriend me;  
all Satan's pow'r is held at bay when heav'nly hosts attend me.  
They are my sure defense; all fear and sorrow, hence!  
Unharmed by foes, do what they may, I walk with angels all the way.
- 5 I walk with Jesus all the way, his guidance never fails me;  
within his wounds I find a stay when Satan's pow'r assails me;  
and by his footsteps led, my path I safely tread.  
No evil leads my soul astray; I walk with Jesus all the way.
- 6 My walk is heav'nward all the way; await, my soul, the morrow,  
when you at last with joy can say farewell to sin and sorrow.  
All worldly pomp, begone! To heav'n I now press on.  
For all the world I would not stay; my walk is heav'nward all the way.

*Please stand*

## PRAYER

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people.  
Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and  
bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## THE BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord  
with gladness. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on  
you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.



*Be seated*

- 1** God's own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ!  
He, because I could not pay it, gave my full redemption price.  
Do I need earth's treasures many? I have one worth more than any  
that brought me salvation free, lasting to eternity!
- 2** Sin, disturb my soul no longer: I am baptized into Christ!  
I have comfort even stronger: Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.  
Should a guilty conscience seize me since my baptism did release me  
in a dear forgiving flood, sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?
- 3** Satan, hear this proclamation: I am baptized into Christ!  
Drop your ugly accusation, I am not so soon enticed.  
Now that to the font I've traveled, all your might has come unraveled,  
and, against your tyranny, God, my Lord, unites with me!
- 4** Death, you cannot end my gladness: I am baptized into Christ!  
When I die, I leave all sadness to inherit paradise!  
Though I lie in dust and ashes faith's assurance brightly flashes:  
Baptism has the strength divine to make life immortal mine.
- 5** There is nothing worth comparing to this lifelong comfort sure!  
Open-eyed my grave is staring: even there I'll sleep secure.  
Though my flesh awaits its raising, still my soul continues praising:  
I am baptized into Christ; I'm a child of paradise!

**PREACHER****PRESIDING MINISTER****ORGAN****SENIOR CHOIR (6:30 pm)****SOLOIST (6:30 pm)****FLUTE (6:30 pm)****OBOE (6:30 pm)**

Pastor Rob Guenther

Pastor Jeff Bovee

Becky Berg

Adrian Smith

Kathy Wurster

Micaiah Wagner

Ella Wurster

**MLC LECTORS** ~ Throughout the year, St. John's asks men who are studying for the pastoral ministry to read for a service. We are in a privileged position to see our Lord's answer to our prayers for future called workers.

6:30 pm	Ben Springstroh	St. Luke, Little Chute, WI
8 am	Christian Dodson	Good Shepherd, The Woodlands, TX
9:30 am	David Fenske	Our Savior, Brookings, SD
11 am	Matthew Colson	New Life, Rockford, IL



**Welcome, Visitors!** Please scan the QR code to sign our Guest Register. →

### **THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S**

Sunday	8, 9:30, 11am	Worship
Tuesday	7pm	Women of St. John's
Wednesday	3:30pm	Homeschool and Public School Catechism
	6pm	Handbells
	7pm	Choir
Thursday	10am	Bible Class: Vices & Virtues
	7pm	Bible Class: Proverbs
Friday	9:30am	<b>NO</b> Women's Bible Class: Proverbs
Saturday	9:30am	Caroline Carmichael's Funeral
	6:30pm	Worship
Sunday, Oct. 6	8, 9:30, 11am	Worship
	5-8pm	Basement Reserved
Monday, Oct. 7	6:30pm	Elders' Meeting
Wednesday, Oct. 8	3:30pm	Homeschool and Public School Catechism
	6pm	Handbells
	7pm	Choir
Thursday, Oct. 9	10am	Bible Class – Vices & Virtues
	7pm	Bible Class – Proverbs
Friday, Oct. 11	9:30am	Women's Bible Class - Proverbs
Saturday, Oct. 12	8am	Board of Properties Meeting
	6:30pm	Worship

*Go to [www.stjohnsnewulm.com/calendar](http://www.stjohnsnewulm.com/calendar) for more events.*

Attendance for the past weekend was 566.

Fruits of faith given:

\$11,113 Home Operations ~ Needed to Date: \$669,792 / Received to Date: \$649,410

\$1,297 MVL ~ Received to Date: \$43,178

\$1,044 Missions ~ Received to Date: \$64,717

\$855 Building Fund

\$370 K-12 Education Assistance

\$200 LWMS

\$75 Ministerial Student Scholarship Fund

\$105 St. Paul's School Building Fund

\$50 Cards of Caring

\$10 Sanctuary Renovations

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**St. John's Administrative Assistant Job Opening** ~ The church council would like to express sincere gratitude for Lisa Goeglein's dedication and hard work as St. John's Administrative Assistant! At the end of August, they received some bittersweet news from Lisa. After 22 years of faithful service at St. John's, she will resign to take on a full-time role at MLC. As a congregation, we will be very sad to see Lisa go, but we deeply appreciate her advance notice and work during the transition period, giving us the time to begin finding a suitable replacement. This will require extra effort and flexibility, especially as we move quickly to announce the job opening, assess the position description, and begin the interview process with the Executive Committee. At this time, names and input can be sent to Pastor Guenther. Thank you, Lisa, for your faithful service!

**Stump the Pastors** ~ Join us for another Stump the Pastors Bible study on Thursday, October 17 at 7 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to ask our pastors your questions about things that may not have come up in Bible class, but you have been wondering about or perhaps something a friend has asked you about and you weren't sure how to answer. There is a box on the table in the new narthex for question submissions. Please also add your name to the sign-up sheet next to the box if you plan to attend to help us plan for refreshments that evening. Everyone is welcome!

**Cards of Caring** ~ is a group that gathers six Saturdays a year to make cards to remember our homebound and thinking-of-you members, our Befriend a Mission LWMS families, and others, as needed. This year we will meet on September 14, October 12 and November 9 from about 9 am until noon at 403 N. Minnesota St. We are looking for more volunteers to assist and make cards using recycled cards and stamp sets plus other prep work. No talents are needed and all materials are provided. We also welcome MLC students. Come as your schedule allows. A time for fellowship and service to the Lord. Contact Lois Willems at 507-676-1230 with questions.

**September Offering Envelope** ~ St. John's recognizes the importance of supporting the future called workers of the WELS and has created the **Ministerial Student Scholarship Fund** as a means of assistance to St. John's members training for service in the ministry. These funds are matched through the Congregational Partnership Grant Program and distributed to the St. John's members who are attending Martin Luther College and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. Please consider supporting them with an extra donation.

### **AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Ladies' Night Out** ~ Women of St. John's, our annual Ladies' Night Out will be Tuesday, October 1 at 6 pm at Carl's Corner in Essig. There is a signup sheet on the table in the new narthex for a headcount along with a copy of their menu that we will order from that evening. Please sign up by Sunday, September 29. Make sure to bring cash that evening as that is the only payment method they accept. If you would like to attend, but need a ride, please contact Sarah Logston ([logstonsarah@gmail.com](mailto:logstonsarah@gmail.com)).

**You Know a Combat Veteran** ~ You know a combat veteran in your family or even a member here that has been impacted by their deployments. They may wrestle with what they did or saw and feel like no one else understands. They may doubt the forgiveness and peace God offers them. They are invited to join fellow WELS and ELS veterans for a weekend spent learning that God is invested in their spiritual and mental health. LMSG is hosting their annual spiritual retreat November 14-17, at Camp Shiloh, Texas entitled Building Bridges, A Spiritual Retreat for Battle Buddies. Attendees are encouraged to come with their "battle buddy" a trusted friend, spouse, or caregiver, but may come on their own and meet a future battle buddy there. Registration ends October 1st. Assistance with travel is available. Retreat details and registration information can be found at [www.lutheranmilitary.org](http://www.lutheranmilitary.org). Invite the person you know today.

**MLC Wind Symphony Concert** ~ pot • pour • ri | ,pōpə'rē | “a mixture of things” — Take one part fanfare, add two parts song, a dash of pasodoble, and just a hint of medievalism, and the result is a delightful mixture of melodies! Please join the Martin Luther College Wind Symphony on Homecoming weekend for Potpourri! As the title suggests, the concert program is a collection of diverse musical traditions, with each piece presenting a distinct musical flavor. The concert will be held on Sunday, October 6, at a special time, 1 pm, in the MLC Auditorium. Can't make it in person? Watch the livestream on MLC's YouTube channel.

**Men of His Word Conference** ~ The 9th annual Men of His Word Conference (Theme: Built to SERVE) will be held at the Mayo Civic Center in downtown Rochester, MN on Saturday, October 26, 2024. Please go online at [www.menofhisword.org](http://www.menofhisword.org) to register and get details about schedule, breakout sessions, keynote speaker, cost, etc. Please join us for a day of worship, praise and fellowship in God's Word!

**More Than the Score** ~ is an exciting offering on the MLC campus. Join us on home football game days to hear from MLC professors on various topics. Next up is a history tour of “Old Main” on October 5<sup>th</sup> (Homecoming Day). The free lectures start at 11 am in the MLC Cafeteria Conference Center. Please register since seating is limited. To register, scan the QR code, visit [bit.ly/MLCMoreThanScore](http://bit.ly/MLCMoreThanScore) or email [alumni@mlcwels.edu](mailto:alumni@mlcwels.edu).

**Now Hiring!** ~ Martin Luther College is accepting applications for a part-time Vocal Instructor, a part-time Athletics Equipment Manager, and a regular part-time Assistant Teacher at the Early Childhood Learning Center. Interested individuals should apply online at [mlc-wels.edu/hr/](http://mlc-wels.edu/hr/).

**Focus on the Ministry – WLS** ~ Have you ever thought of becoming a pastor? Has anyone ever told you that you should seriously think about the pastoral ministry? Have you ever wondered whether you might have the gifts to serve as a pastor someday in a congregation? To encourage and help you in your decision-making process, we invite you to visit Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary (WLS) in Mequon, Wisconsin, for a 2-day Focus on Ministry event. During this trip you'll tour the seminary campus, visit classes, worship in chapel, and stay in the dorms. You'll also enjoy fellowship, games, food, and entertainment with young men from the seminary who are preparing to be pastors. They will answer your questions and share with you what it's like to train to be a pastor.

# HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING A PASTOR?

Sunday-Monday,  
November 17-18, 2024

or

Sunday-Monday,  
February 23-24, 2025

- Tour the campus & worship in the chapel
- Visit classes & stay in the dorms
- Meet current seminary students
- See what pastoral preparation is all about



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