ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

Outside of the cross, an angel is probably the most recognizable symbol for the Christian faith today. Christian bookstores are filled with statues and paintings of beautiful angels with long blonde hair, wearing a beautiful silky dress and white fluffy wings.

However, angels in the Bible don’t really look like that. Nowhere does an angel appear in the form of a woman but always as a man. The idea of wings comes from the fact that the seraphim in Isaiah’s vision had wings to cover their face and feet and also to fly with (Isaiah 6:2). Angels also don’t appear to be very cute and cuddly, but their main job is found in what their name literally means: “a messenger.”

We see this in both the Old and New Testaments that angels come with a message from God, like when Gabriel told Mary that she would conceive and bear the Son of the Most High (Luke 1:26-38). Angels are also warriors like the two that saved Lot and his daughters from Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 19:1-22). When we call Jesus the “Lord God of Sabaoth,” we are saying that he is the commander-in-chief of the angelic army of heaven.

More than just pretty things to look at, angels are messengers and warriors.
One of the greatest of these messengers and warriors is Michael the archangel (higher-ranking angel). On Sunday, September 29th, we celebrate St. Michael and all the angels. Michael is mentioned only a few times in Holy Scripture: Daniel 10 and 12, Jude 1:9, and Revelation 12.

In his revelation, St. John sees a war break out in heaven. It’s Michael and his angels against the dragon (the devil) and his fallen angels. Satan was in heaven doing what he does best: accusing us of our sins before God, hoping that our Lord wouldn’t love us and forgive as he always does. And so, Michael shuts the devil up and throws him out of heaven with the two greatest weapons in the whole world: the blood of the Lamb and the word of God.

You see, angels in and of themselves aren’t anything outside of Jesus, the Lamb of God. Satan is conquered when the God’s Son is crucified for the sins of the world. All Michael has to do is throw that victory of the cross in the devil’s face. That’s what all the angels do on our behalf and what we can do as well.

The devil is a sore loser. He knows he’s lost, but he just can’t stand it. And so before the Lord comes back on the Last Day, Satan is doing whatever he can to lead people away before he’s finally locked up forever in hell.

But the devil is no match for Jesus. He cannot handle the blood of the Lamb and the word of God. That’s what Michael used, what our guardian angels use, and what we need to be defended from the devil. The blood of the Lamb and the word of God is our only defense.

Such blood and such a word are found every Sunday in the Lord’s house. The Lord God of Sabaoth comes into our midst in the Divine Service. Heaven comes down to earth. And as we are gathered around his altar to feast upon his body and blood in bread and wine, we are joined with angels and archangels (Gabriel and Michael), and with all the company of heaven. The blood of the Lamb and the word of God cleanse us of all our sin, so that there’s nothing left for the devil to accuse us of. He’s got nothing us. It is finished.

In Christ,

Pastor Haller
September Divine Services
(services with Holy Communion)

Sunday, September 1, 2019
The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity
Divine Service Setting 3
Luke 18:9-14

Sunday, September 8, 2019
The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity
Divine Service Setting 1
Mark 7:31-37

Sunday, September 15, 2019
The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity
Divine Service Setting 3

Sunday, September 22, 2019
The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity
Divine Service Setting 3
Luke 17:11-19

Sunday, September 29, 2019
The Feast of St. Michael & All Angels
Divine Service Setting 1
Matthew 18:1-11

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**donations**

THUMB AREA CRISIS CENTER
 donations can be placed in box under fellowship hall window

- SEPTEMBER
  body wash

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF
donations can be given to the Quilting Bee group

- bars of soap

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**SHUT-IN ADDRESSES**
Continue to pray for those who can’t be with us on Sunday mornings.

Jean Adams
8678 W. Deckerville Rd.
Reese, MI 48757

Helen Osborn
50 Dockham Rd.
Columbiaville, MI 48421

Marie Scott
4471 Sheffield Pl.
Bay City, MI 48706

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL ICE CREAM FLOATS**

Sunday, September 8, 2019
Join us after the Divine Service in the fellowship hall for ice cream floats as we celebrate a new year of Sunday School.

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**HARVEST DINNER**

Sunday, October 27, 2019 at 5 pm
Pork dinner
Invite your family and friends!

All donations go to Orphan Grain Train

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**KNOWN SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

3  Hannah Haller
   Brittany Howell
   Danae Palm
4  Gordon Bingham
   Hunter Reid
7  Deegan Walstead
9  Joanne Reinbold
12 Markel Lokinski
15 Earl Voss
17 Jean Trisch
18 Troy Swoffer
20 Brian Steinley
21 Landen Tetil
27 Sarah Spencer

**KNOWN SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

5  Don & Carolyn Carpenter
24 Neal & Heather Rushford
29 Ryan & Danae Palm
Have you ever wondered what makes us Lutherans so different from other Christians? What do the Methodists and Baptists believe anyways? Why are the Roman Catholics so strange? Is anyone even Eastern Orthodox anymore or is that just a European thing? What’s with the Amish?

Join us on Sundays in Adult Bible Class as we explore the differences between us Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Christians and all the rest, and you will see how God has preserved his truth in our church body that rests solely on his grace alone through faith alone by Christ’s work alone.

A small booklet (looks like the picture to the left) has been put into your church mailbox. Check it out and bring it to class.

King Solomon wrote, “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it” (Proverbs 22:6). The most important thing a parent can do is give their child the Savior of the World found in his precious word. This is done at home all the time but also on Sunday mornings. First in the Divine Service and then in Sunday School.

This quarter, the children will study the beginning of the New Testament when God sent his Son to save us.

### WIDE OPEN STAND THE GATES

A Hymn Festival Extolling Christ’s Gifts in Worship

- **October 20, 2019 at 4 pm**
- **Grace Lutheran Church**
  303 W. Ruth St., Auburn, MI 48611

**Commentators:**
- Rev. Daniel Burhop of Trinity Lutheran, Reese
- Rev. Aaron Schian of Grace Lutheran, Auburn

There will be a mass choir made up of members of area churches, organ, brass, and other instruments. If you are interested in singing in the mass choir, please contact Nathan Beethe at kantor.graceauburn@gmail.com or call or text (989) 460-8014
WHERE DID THE LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF QUILTS AND KITS GO IN 2018?

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Serving our Lord in the Month of September

**Elders for September**
Harold Burnison & Steve Reinbold

**Ladies Aid for September**
Irene Stange & Jean Trisch

**Sunday, September 1, 2019**
_Greeters:_ Aaron & Heather Reinbold  
_Ushers:_ David Hills, Ed McAlpine, Brian Steinley, Steve Reinbold  
_Refreshments:_ Carolyn Carpenter, Joyce Dickson, Ann Emery, Sharon Hadaway

**Sunday, September 8, 2019**
_Greeters:_ Dan & Tracey Reinbold  
_Ushers:_ Larry Spencer, Joseph Bublitz, Daniel Bublitz, Steve Reinbold  
_Refreshments:_ Sandy, D’Addeazio, Sarah Hall, Hannah Haller, Joanne Hills

**Sunday, September 15, 2019**
_Greeters:_ Leslie Reinbold  
_Ushers:_ Harold Burnison, Vic Trisch, Jim Burnison, Steve Reinbold  
_Refreshments:_ Beth Hoppe, Mary Masker, Lil McAlpine, Karen Mendyk

**Sunday, September 22, 2019**
_Greeters:_ Steve & Melinda Reinbold  
_Ushers:_ Lee Voss, Jason Hall, David Weber, Steve Reinbold  
_Refreshments:_ Sarah Pierce, Susan Pfund, Sarah Reid, Heather Reinbold

**Sunday, September 29, 2019**
_Greeters:_ Larry & Diane Spencer  
_Ushers:_ Earl Voss, Hunter Reid, Michael Reid, Steve Reinbold  
_Refreshments:_ Joanne Reinbold, Leslie Reinbold, Tracey Reinbold, Diane Spencer

**If you are unable to provide refreshments when scheduled, please switch with someone on the list.**

**If your name is not on the Greeter and/or Refreshment list and you would like to serve, please contact the church office.**

**the Secondary Elder assigned for that month will also serve as the fourth usher.**

**If you’re not able to serve on a particular Sunday, please call another usher to replace you.**