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**MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS**

**September 29, 2024**

**10:00 AM**

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**WELCOME STATEMENT**

We, at Faith Lutheran Church, welcome you as a child of God. As Paul said in his letter to the Galatians, “for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith.” (Galatians 3:26) We strive to be a place where everyone is welcomed and affirmed.

No matter your age, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, marital status, faith background, political leanings, or mental or physical ability – you are welcome as you are. As children of God, we are all one in Christ Jesus and rely on the unconditional nature of God’s love and grace to be our help and guide.

**INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY**

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**

“Praise My Soul the God of Heaven” arr. Michael Burkhardt

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

[Read in Unison]

**Submit yourselves, then to God. Resist the devil, and it will flee from you. Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you. James 4:7-8**

The Inclusive Bible

**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.**

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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.**

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**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**

### 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.*

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 OF THE DAY: Psalm 103:1-5, 20-22 (Read in Unison)

**1Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
  and all that is within me, bless God’s holy name.  
 2Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
  and forget not all God’s benefits—  
 3who forgives all your sins  
  and heals all your diseases;  
 4who 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.  
 20Bless 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.  
 22Bless 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

*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.*

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.**

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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### GOSPEL: 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.

### 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**

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**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 Intercession**

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.

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.**

**offering**

“Pray For the People” (arr. Pepper Choplin)

Chancel Choir

**Offering Prayer**

Let us pray.

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 also 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**

Through him the archangels sing your praise, the angels fulfil 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, forever praising you and singing:

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**Thanksgiving at the Table**

In the night in which he was betrayed, 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.

**Lord’s Prayer**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.** **Save us from the time of trial** **and deliver us from evil.** **For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,** **now and forever. Amen.**

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME TO THE LORD’S TABLE.**

There are gluten free wafers available, just let the pastor know when you are at the altar rail. As you receive communion, in the center of each tray, there are a few glasses filled with white grape juice for those who prefer juice rather than wine.

If you would prefer only a blessing, please have your hands folded and the pastor will give you a blessing.

**Invitation to Communion**

Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

**Communion**

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

**Communion SONG – BREAD OF LIFE FROM HEAVEN (ELW 474)**

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**Instrumental Music**

“Here I Am to Worship” Tim Hughes, arr. Victor Labenske

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

**Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray.

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 – PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY (ELW 859)**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Follow Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

 “Praise to The Lord, The Almighty” arr. John Innes

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**FLC SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, September 29**

* Sunday School @ 9am in Old Fellowship Hall
* Worship Service @ 10:00 am: **Michael and All Angels**
* Acolyte Training@ 11am

**Monday, September 30**

* Boy Scouts @ 7pm in Old Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday, October 1**

* Bible Study @12pm in Library – Hybrid
* Girl Scouts Meeting @5:30pm in Old Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, October 2**

* Quilters Meet @ 9:30 am
* Faith Bells rehearsal @ 6:30pm
* Chancel Choir/Singing Sinners rehearsal @ 7:30pm

**Thursday, October 3**

* Alzheimer Caregiver Support Group @7pm

**Sunday, October 6**

* Sunday School @ 9am in Old Fellowship Hall
* Worship Service @ 10:00 am: **20th Sunday after Pentecost**
* Youth Group @ 11:30 at LAUNCH

**PRAYER PARTNERS**

We are participating in this activity and would love for you to add your signature. The letter is located on the table underneath the bulletin board entitled Prayer Partners.

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**For safety reasons, please do not allow your children to wander unsupervised past the coat racks or downstairs during the church service.**

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**FAITH VOLUNTEERS**

#### **September 29 October 6**

#### Greeter(s): Harold & Jan Sollenberger Greeter(s): Nick Hershenberger, Matt Schnizlein

#### Reader: Jon Harrison Reader: Elaine Harrison

Lay Assistant: Paul Hereza Lay Assistant: Mike Eschelbach

Ushers: Brenda Kopf, Mike Eschelbach Ushers: Brenda Kopf

Altar Care: Elaine Harrison Altar Care: Elaine Harrison

Sunday School: Connie Nelson Sunday School: John McCracken

Coffee Hour: The Nelsons Coffee Hour: The Hereks

Counters: Brenda Kopf, Paul Hereza Counters: Brenda Kopf, Paul Hereza

Acolyte: Andrew Herek Acolyte: Charlie Herek

**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF**

**LWR** continues to aid refugees and persons displaced by natural and human disasters. We are collecting items for Personal Care Kits in September.

Each Personal Care Kit contains

* 1 bath-size towel (medium weight, dark color)
* 1 comb (heavy duty with large teeth)
* 1 pair of nail clippers
* 1 toothbrush (adult size)
* 2 or 3 bars of soap (Ivory preferred)
* 1 pair of shoelaces

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**QUILTERS**

The Faith Lutheran quilting team is getting ready to pack our congregation’s annual fall shipment to Lutheran World Relief. Thank you to everyone who has contributed items for making school kits, personal care kits, as well as materials for making quilts.

* This year’s shipping expenses will be about $275. If you’d like to make a donation toward the cost, there will be envelopes for you labeled “Quilters-LWR Shipping” to use for donations.
* **A colorful blanket with different designs

  Description automatically generated**If you’ve got a larger vehicle and would be willing to help drive donation boxes to the ingathering site in Howell on Saturday morning October 12 or Sunday afternoon October 13, please talk with Ramona Backman (517-755-0054).

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**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ CARD WRITING FOR BRING SMILES TO SENIORS**

Bring Smiles to Seniors sends cheerful greeting cards to people in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. These cards brighten people’s days and remind them that they are valued and remembered. Diane Hill from our own congregation is the Michigan coordinator of this effort! There is a basket of unfinished cards on the counter in the Narthex.

**CONFIRMATION DATES**

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October 13 - Class #2 – Commandments 3 – 6

November 24 - Class #3 – Commandments 7-10

**Wednesdays – 6:15 – 7:15 pm**

October 9 - Class #3 – Commandments 4 & 5

October 23 - Class #4 – Commandments 6 & 7

November 20 - Class #5 – Commandments 8-10

**TBD – Date in December**

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**FIRST COMMUNION CLASS**

Pastor Bruce would like to offer a First Communion class on Saturday, October 12 from 9:30 am – 12:00 pm. This is for all who take communion. For all children and youth who can attend, please have an adult accompany them.

It is important for us to review and learn what it means to take communion to the extent that we can understand it. This is an intergenerational event. Please e-mail Pastor Bruce at pastorbruce@faithlutheranokemos.org, to register as books will need to be ordered.

**THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE**

**What** - Our way to participate with other churches/businesses in Meridian Township to help those in need of food during Thanksgiving. The Township has a program that allows churches like Faith to donate money to help those in need.  The Township will take the money we donate and purchase "food only" Meijer cards to be given to those that reach out for food assistance during the Thanksgiving Holiday. We would like to collect $1000 to help 12-14 families.  
  
**When** - Money will be collected Sept. 1-Oct. 13  
($$ is due to the Township by Oct. 15)  
  
**How** - you may donate by check (please note Meridian Thanksgiving on the envelope) or via Vanco (choose Caring Committee). Cash/Checks may also be placed  in the offering plate with a note on the envelope “Meridian Thanksgiving”, or via your Vanco account and select “Caring Committee”.  
Please contact Natalie Dingledine or Kathy Mace with questions.

**MNI FREE PANTRY FUNDRAISER**

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Description automatically generatedEnjoy a delicious meal, benefit a great cause and feel good all over.  
On Monday, October 14th from 5 pm to 9 pm, Culver’s of OKEMOS SOUTH at 3440 Okemos Road (near the I-96 Freeway entrance) has offered to donate up to 20% of their sales to our Mini Free Pantries. Dine in and be served by members of the Pantry Committee, order from drive thru, or order on-line.

Visit culvers.com to order on-line. Thank you for your support!

**Colorful hands with hearts on them

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**Sunday, November 3 after coffee hour the Property Committee will need volunteers for two important projects**

* **Annual Fall Grounds Clean Up**:  Shrub and tree trimming, removing fallen branches, and leaf raking/blowing.  Maximum time commitment:  2 hours.  Questions:  Bob Nelson.
* **Election Precinct Set Up**:  Faith hosts 3 voting precincts at our facility; two in Fellowship Hall, one in the Narthex/Lobby.   Chairs and tables need to be moved to make way for election equipment.  Questions:  Rick Beaderstadt

Sign up sheets will be on the table in the Narthex beginning in October.

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**AARP Foundation Tax-Aide** is looking for volunteers to help seniors prepare tax returns for the 2024 tax year. We prepare tax returns starting early February through approximately April 15. We also have other volunteer opportunities: Client Facilitators (assist taxpayer with completing paperwork), Shift Coordinators, Technical Support, etc.

Training and support are provided to help you learn new skills. The training will probably take place during December and January. You can apply at aarpfoundation.org/taxaidevolunteer.

If you have any questions you can contact Ken Milne.