

St. Michael and All Angels (observed)

September 27, 2020

Together in Our Father's Household

Helping to serve today:

Liturgical Deacon:	Matt Sowers Next Sunday: Matt Sowers
Organist:	Karen Meyer
Flautist:	Lisa Meyer
Altar Guild:	Barbara Mack, Carolyn Thielman, Roxie Wietrzykowski (Next Week: <i>Unchanged</i>)
Usher:	Will Sowers Next Week: Mike Brown
Videographer:	Will Sowers Next Week: Matt Davenport

Last Week at Good Shepherd:

✙ In Worship:	45
✙ Offering:	
General Fund	\$2,235
Mission Focus	\$10.00
Organ Fund	\$75.00

Together in Our Father's Word: Listed below are an Old Testament and a New Testament reading for each day of the week through next Sunday. (Any readings in parentheses indicate additional, optional readings.) Join with your family of faith in this daily time with our Father.

27-Sep-20	Mal. 3:6-4:6	Matt. 4:12-25
28-Sep-20	Deut. 1:1-18	Matt. 5:1-20
29-Sep-20	Deut. 1:19-36	Matt. 5:21-48
30-Sep-20	Deut. 1:37-2:15	Matt. 6:1-15
1-Oct-20	Deut. 2:16-37	Matt. 6:16-34
2-Oct-20	Deut. 3:1-29	Matt. 7:1-12
3-Oct-20	Deut. 4:1-20	Matt. 7:13-29
4-Oct-20	Deut. 4:21-40	Matt. 8:1-17

Included in our prayers this week:

- ✙ Thanksgiving for the Lord's protective care, including the ministry of His holy angels, against the forces of temptation, despair and evil;
- ✙ For wisdom in our exploration of the creation's mysteries, that we not abuse the gift or the responsibility of our stewardship;
- ✙ For guidance in how best to serve the Lord through good works that glorify Him and serve the neighbor;
- ✙ For civility in our politics, blessings upon our leaders, and upon all who pursue the causes of peace and justice for all;
- ✙ For the suppression of war and violence and the establishment of peace and security;
- ✙ For repentant faith to all who approach the Lord's table;
- ✙ Thanksgiving for the saints who have gone before us, leaving a legacy of faith and faithfulness;
- ✙ For those suffering illness or affliction of body or mind, especially . . .

Those homebound and in care centers:

- Fern Brown (Landings of Oregon)

- Barb Eilert (Kingston of Perrysburg)
- Marge Porkert (home)
- Frank Holub (Goerlich Center)
- Marilyn Vergot (The Lakes of Sylvania)
- Carole Ciralsky (Kingston of Perrysburg)

Infirm / recovering:

- Marsha Pinniger (recovering at her daughter's)
- Lois Klug (home)
- Joachim Lugnbuehl (brother-in-law of Donna Schumacher, respiratory problems)

Tests or treatment:

- Angie Broyles (general health concern)

Chronic/severe health problems:

- Kevin Schwake (melanoma)
- Kim Pinniger (accepted as a patient at the Mayo Clinic, awaiting kidney transplant)
- Monica Steele (former member, cancer has returned)
- Duane Harrison (friend of the Jahns, diagnosed with cancer)
- Amy Remer (young mother of four, battling cancer)

Today's Word from God: *Our Father in Heaven Protects His Children by Giving His Holy Angels Charge Over Them.* We live in "a time of trouble" (Dan. 12:1), in the midst of great tribulation; for Satan and his wicked angels have been thrown out of heaven and have come down to earth "in great wrath," with woeful "temptations to sin" and with constant accusations (Rev. 12:8-12; Matt. 18:7). Even so, we are encouraged by the presence and protection of St. Michael and the holy angels, whom God sends to help us in the strife (Dan. 10:11-13). By "the authority of his Christ," His holy angels guard and keep us in body and soul. These heavenly servants of God preserve His human messengers on earth, the ministers of "the blood of the Lamb," against all the power of the enemy; for by "the word of their testimony," the Church is saved and the devil is defeated (Rev. 12:10-11; Luke 10:18-19). By their preaching and Baptism of repentance, the old Adam and the old evil foe are "drowned in the depth of the sea" (Matt. 18:6); and as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, so are His people delivered and raised from the dust of the earth through the forgiveness of their sins (Dan. 12:1-3).

Grace Notes: ♪ **The Order of Service, Part 14—Preface,**

Sanctus: Drawn toward the gifts of Jesus' body and blood, our hearts are lifted up in thanksgiving and praise as we anticipate the reception of the gifts that carry with them our redemption. The Sanctus, meaning "holy," brings together the song of heaven's angels in adoration of the Holy Three in One and the acclamations of Palm Sunday: "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest." (Adapted from *Didache: A Narrative Commentary on the Divine Service* by Rev. John Pless. Used by permission.)

Stewardship Corner: Jim Elliot, a missionary martyred for his faith, made this profound statement: *"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose."* Through faith, we understand the truth in this statement. All of our worldly possessions will at some time be taken from us. We will lose them during our lifetimes, or they will be taken away at death. They cannot be kept forever. However, we have the opportunity to use our material possessions in service to the Lord by giving to those in need and to God's Church. What we give through faith will provide spiritual dividends for us as well as for others. As Paul wrote, *"The gifts you sent are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God"* (Philippians 4:18). In verse 17, he wrote, *"Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account."* What we do in Christ's name for Him, we cannot lose.

Announcements

Coming Up at Good Shepherd: ♦ **Sun., Sept. 27**, Bible Study (9:00 AM) ♦ Divine Service (10:30 AM) ♦ **Tues., Sept. 29**, *St. Michael and All Angels* ♦ **Wed., Sept. 30**, Bible Class (10:00 AM) ♦ **Thur., Oct. 1**, Ladies Breakfast (9:30 AM) ♦ **Sun., Oct. 4**, Bible Study (9:00 AM) ♦ Divine Service (10:30 AM) ♦ **Wed., Oct. 7**, Bible Class (10:00 AM) ♦ Semi-Shut-In Divine Service (2:00 PM) ♦ **Thur., Oct. 8**, Ladies Breakfast (9:30 AM) ♦ **Sun., Oct. 11**, Bible Study (9:00 AM) ♦ Divine Service (10:30 AM)

Good Shepherd is seeking candidates to nominate for various positions of leadership, and we ask the membership to take this to heart, pray our Lord to supply us with willing workers, and consider who might be good candidates for Congregation Secretary, our Board of Elders, the Board of Discipleship, or the Board of Trustees.

Today's Mission Focus Offering will go to our District's 1-1-1 initiative to supplement mission funding. We are receiving a special offering and invite each worshiper to give \$4 (\$1 for every 1 worshiper for every 1 week of the month). What you choose to give is of course between you and the Lord. The point is to call us as God's people to recognize how richly blessed we are, and to share from those blessings toward the spreading of the Gospel of Christ.

In its meeting Wednesday night, the Church Council voted to distribute \$11,000 from last year's earnings from our endowment fund as follows: + The Lutheran Church of Venezuela (*Iglesia Luterano Venezuela*, or ILV) – \$6,000 + *The English District* (and through it, the Synod) – \$2,000; + *Worship Anew* – \$2,000 + *Issues, Etc.* – \$1,000. We are grateful to God for this blessing and the opportunity to use it in His mission. The Council was able to hear a presentation on the ILV and the dire circumstances it faces in Venezuela (including pastors who are receiving no wages), and it is our prayer that this gift will alleviate some of that suffering and support the ILV in her mission and ministry.

Bible Study Update: We have resumed both our Sunday morning and Wednesday morning Bible classes for those who can safely participate. **The Sunday morning class** begins at 9:00 AM in the fellowship hall. **The Wednesday morning class**, also in the fellowship hall, begins at 10:00

AM as we continue in our study of Genesis. We are practicing social distancing and encourage participants to wear face coverings. No coffee or refreshments will be served, but participants are welcome to bring their own. Please join us in this important component of our life together as the family of our Father, as we share together and grow in His Word.

We also commend to you (and especially to those who cannot safely join in our on-site studies) ***"The Word of the Lord Endures Forever,"*** Available Online at *Issuesetc.org*. This daily 15 minute, verse-by-verse Bible study is currently examining St. Matthew's Gospel.

The recent hurricanes and the deadly derecho storm in Iowa remind us not only of the passing nature of this earthly life, but of the opportunity God's people have to show the love of Jesus. While there are many commendable charities (and, sadly, plenty of scams as well) that are active in circumstances like these, we commend our Synod's *Disaster Response* as a way to offer help with confidence, and to do so *in the name of Jesus*. To donate online, goto <https://www.lcms.org/how-we-serve/mercy/disaster-response>. You can also make a credit card gift by phone by calling the LCMS toll-free gift line between 8 a.m. and 4:10 p.m. Central time at 888-930-4438. To give by mail, send your check payable to "The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod" with the memo line or a note indicating the gift is for "Disaster Response," and mail your contribution to:

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
Mission Advancement
P.O. Box 66861
St. Louis, MO 63166-6861

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Life Quotes: *"As Christians, we understand better than most that life is weighted with profound suffering and buoyed by eternal hope. As such, it's time to raise our children to appreciate what a big, beautiful struggle parenthood is and that it simply cannot happen without offering compassion, love, and grace to children still in the womb and to the mothers and fathers who view the scales more filled with suffering than hope."* Tawnia Hoehne, Frazee, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org