

## ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

Using Time Wisely  
September 28 & 29, 2024

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### AS WE GATHER

Living Wisely in an Unwise World. The theme for this week in our stewardship emphasis is “Using Time Wisely” which is an art at which we would all like to become proficient. As God’s stewards, we are called to use His gift of time wisely. The Apostle Paul reminds us how we should spend our time and where to place our focus: “So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal” (2 Corinthians 4:18 NIV). Whatever the length of time God gives us we are to make use of it to bring Him glory. “Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time” (Colossians 4:5). May God’s Holy Spirit fill us and flow through us as we seek to be the stewards God in Christ has called us to be. Next week’s theme is “Becoming Money Wise.”

**Reception of Holy Communion:** If you are planning to receive Christ's supper today, please read through the words of exhortation in the fellowship folder. For members, it is a good review of important spiritual matters for gathering at the table. For guests, it explains our stance on confession of faith, doctrinal unity, and proper spiritual preparation to receive the Supper for your benefit.

### WELCOME

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. Hebrews 12:1-3

### HANDSHAKES & HUGS

## ✘ PREPARATION ✘

### OPENING HYMN #817

### “Earth and All Stars”

Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Oh, victory! Loud shouting army! Sing to the Lord a new song!

**Refrain: He has done marvelous things. I too will praise Him with a new song!**

Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Flowers and trees! Loud rustling dry leaves! Sing to the Lord a new song! **Refrain**

Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud humming cellos! Sing to the Lord a new song! **Refrain**

Engines and steel! Loud pounding hammers! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Limestone and beams! Loud building workers! Sing to the Lord a new song!

**Refrain**

(Rise)

### INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✘ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

### CONFESSION & ANNOUNCEMENT OF GRACE

Pastor: Let us pray. O Merciful Lord whose love invites us, though our hearts and hands are unclean, cleanse and renew us by your grace, for you are the God of our salvation and it is Your joy and gift to grant us forgiveness and new life: through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Christ Jesus died to forgive you all your sins. Our same Lord Jesus Christ said, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind” and “Love your neighbor as yourself.” This is both what the Law demands and what our Christian lives seek. Consider now how your lives have reflected these commands.

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

Pastor: May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Peace be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

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To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless you, Father; Your holy name, we sing –  
Our thanks for your great glory, Lord God, our Heav'nly King.

To You, O solebegotten, The Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high.

For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever, Be worshipped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High.  
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

## SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. 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.

**People: Amen.**

(Be seated)

## ✠ WORD ✠

### FIRST READING *Psalms 31:14-24*

<sup>14</sup> But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, "You are my God." <sup>15</sup> My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors! <sup>16</sup> Make your face shine on your servant; save me in your steadfast love! <sup>17</sup> O LORD, let me not be put to shame, for I call upon you; let the wicked be put to shame; let them go silently to Sheol. <sup>18</sup> Let the lying lips be mute, which speak insolently against the righteous in pride and contempt. <sup>19</sup> Oh, how abundant is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you and worked for those who take refuge

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in you, in the sight of the children of mankind! <sup>20</sup> In the cover of your presence you hide them from the plots of men; you store them in your shelter from the strife of tongues. <sup>21</sup> Blessed be the LORD, for he has wondrously shown his steadfast love to me when I was in a besieged city. <sup>22</sup> I had said in my alarm, "I am cut off from your sight." But you heard the voice of my pleas for mercy when I cried to you for help. <sup>23</sup> Love the LORD, all you his saints! The LORD preserves the faithful but abundantly repays the one who acts in pride. <sup>24</sup> Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the LORD!

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND READING *Ecclesiastes 3:9-14*

<sup>9</sup> What gain has the worker from his toil? <sup>10</sup> I have seen the business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. <sup>11</sup> He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. <sup>12</sup> I perceived that there is nothing better for them than to be joyful and to do good as long as they live; <sup>13</sup> also that everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil—this is God's gift to man. <sup>14</sup> I perceived that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it. God has done it, so that people fear before him.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

(Rise)

### HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 12:35-40*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

**People: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>35</sup> "Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, <sup>36</sup> and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup> Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup> If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds

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them awake, blessed are those servants! <sup>39</sup> But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. <sup>40</sup> You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Be seated)

### CHILDREN’S SONG & CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

#### “Jesus in the Morning”

AGPS #143

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus in the morning, Jesus at the noontime,  
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus when the sun goes down.

Love Him, Love Him,

Love Him in the morning, Love Him at the noontime,  
Love Him, Love Him, Love Him when the sun goes down.

Serve Him, Serve Him,

Serve Him in the morning, Serve Him at the noontime,  
Serve Him, Serve Him, Serve Him when the sun goes down.

### SERMON HYMN #467 “Awake, My Heart, with Gladness”

St. 1-4

Awake, my heart, with gladness, See what today is done;  
Now, after gloom and sadness, Comes forth the glorious sun.  
My Savior there was laid Where our bed must be made  
When to the realms of light Our spirit wings its flight.

The foe in triumph shouted When Christ lay in the tomb;  
But lo, he now is routed, His boast is turned to gloom.  
For Christ again is free; In glorious victory  
He who is strong to save Has triumphed o’er the grave.

This is a sight that gladdens-What peace it doth impart!  
Now nothing ever saddens The joy within my heart.  
No gloom shall ever shake, No foe shall ever take  
The hope which God’s own Son In love for me has won.

Now hell, its prince, the devil, Of all their pow’r are shorn;  
Now I am safe from evil, And sin I laugh to scorn.  
Grim death with all its might Cannot my soul affright;  
It is a pow’rless form, Howe’er it rave and storm.

### SERMON

(Rise)

### HYMN #467

#### “Awake, My Heart, with Gladness”

St. 5-7

The world against me rages, Its fury I disdain;  
Though bitter war it wages, Its work is all in vain.  
My heart from care is free, No trouble troubles me.  
Misfortune now is play, And night is bright as day.

Now I will cling forever To Christ, my Savior true;  
My Lord will leave me never, Whate’er He passes through.  
He rends death’s iron chain; He breaks through sin and pain;  
He shatters hell’s grim thrall; I follow Him through all.

He brings me to the portal That leads to bliss untold,  
Whereon this rhyme immortal Is found in script of gold:  
“Who there My cross has shared Finds here a crown prepared;  
Who there with Me has died Shall here be glorified.”

### APOSTLES’ CREED

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

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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** As your offering is collected, **please sign our fellowship folder** located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the folder along to others in your pew, and return it to the center aisle. You may check the folder to see names of those to greet after the service.

(Rise)

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Remember, Lord, your Holy Church. May your holy angels watch over her and guard her. Grant her peace and unity throughout the world.  
Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Remember Matthew, our Synod president; Eric, our district president; and all pastors, teachers, deaconesses and servants of your Church. Strengthen them in the true faith, and enable them to teach it well.  
Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Remember our president, our public servants and all in our armed forces. Guide, bless, protect and uphold them in honor. Bring all nations into the ways of peace and justice. In your kindness and love, grant us seasonable weather and an abundance of the fruits of the earth. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Remember all marriages Lord. Bless them and keep them that they might be examples of your love to us your Church. Especially be with Brian and Linda Zellmer as they celebrate their 43<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary. Continue to preserve them that they may celebrate their marriage for many more years. Lord in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Remember all who suffer for your name, all who are in prison, the hungry and ill-clad, the poor and the lonely, those who travel, and all who cry out to you in their time of need, especially all who have asked for our prayers especially Judy Conrad and family as they mourn their beloved Ralph, and also Sheri, Charlotte, Carole, Wendy, June, Audrey,

Janice, David, Helga, Ruth, Dick, Michael, Margie, Anna, Charlene, Danielle, Marlene, RoseMarie, Dorothy, Marga, Ardis, Noah, Guy, Mike, Jill, Janet, Vern, Cathy, Shirley and Sarah. Grant that your holy angel may be with them always, that the evil foe may have no power over them. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Father in heaven, your Son instituted His Holy Supper for the forgiveness of our sins. Give us humble hearts to receive this blessed Sacrament with thanksgiving, and strengthen us through the same for our daily lives of faith. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: 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.

**People: Amen.**

**✠ SACRAMENT ✠**

**PREFACE**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**PROPER PREFACE**

Pastor: 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:

## SANCTUS

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Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

### PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen.**

### AGNUS DEI

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O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(Be seated)

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

### HYMN #617 "O Lord, We Praise Thee"

O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,  
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.

Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish

Our weak souls that they may flourish: O Lord, have mercy!

May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary, That our sins and sorrows did carry,  
And Thy blood for us plead In all trial, fear, and need: O Lord, have mercy!

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Thy holy body into death was given, Life to win for us in heaven.

No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;

May this feast thereof remind us! O Lord, have mercy!

Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee

That Thy blood should bless and sustain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;

Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mercy!

May God bestow on us His grace and favor That we follow Christ our Savior  
And live together here in love and union

Nor despise this blest Communion! O Lord, have mercy!

Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us; Grant that heav'nly minded He make us;

Give Thy Church, Lord, to see Days of peace and unity: O Lord, have mercy!

### HYMN #621

### "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Let all mortal flesh keep silence And with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly-minded, For with blessing in His hand  
Christ our God to earth descending Comes our homage to demand.

King of kings yet born of Mary, As of old on earth He stood,  
Lord of lords in human vesture, In the body and the blood,  
He will give to all the faithful His own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven Spreads its vanguard on the way  
As the Light of Light, descending From the realms of endless day,  
Comes the pow'rs of hell to vanquish As the darkness clears a way.

At His feet the six-winged seraph, Cherubim with sleepless eye,  
Veil their faces to the presence As with ceaseless voice they cry:  
"Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

### HYMN #636

### "Soul, Adorn Yourself With Gladness"

Soul, adorn yourself with gladness, Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,  
Come into the daylight's splendor, There with joy your praises render.

Bless the One whose grace unbounded This amazing banquet founded;  
He, though heav'nly, high, and holy, Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

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Hasten as a bride to meet Him, And with loving rev'ence greet Him.  
For with words of life immortal He is knocking at your portal.  
Open wide the gates before Him, Saying, as you there adore Him:  
Grant, Lord, that I now receive You, That I nevermore will leave You.  
He who craves a precious treasure Neither cost nor pain will measure;  
But the priceless gifts of heaven God to us has freely given.  
Though the wealth of earth were proffered,  
None could buy the gifts here offered:  
Christ's true body, for you riven, And His blood, for you once given.  
Now in faith I humbly ponder Over this surpassing wonder  
That the bread of life is boundless Though the souls it feeds are countless:  
With the choicest wine of heaven Christ's own blood to us is given.  
Oh, most glorious consolation, Pledge and seal of my salvation!  
Jesus, source of lasting pleasure, Truest friend, and dearest treasure,  
Peace beyond all understanding, Joy into all life expanding:  
Humbly now, I bow before You; Love incarnate, I adore You;  
Worthily let me receive You And, so favored, never leave You.  
Jesus, sun of life, my splendor, Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,  
Jesus, joy of my desiring, Fount of life, my soul inspiring:  
At Your feet I cry, my maker, Let me be a fit partaker  
Of this blessed food from heaven, For our good, Your glory, given.  
Lord, by love and mercy driven, You once left Your throne in heaven  
On the cross for me to languish And to die in bitter anguish,  
To forego all joy and gladness And to shed Your blood in sadness.  
By this blood redeemed and living, Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.  
Jesus, bread of life, I pray You, Let me gladly here obey You.  
By Your love I am invited, Be Your love with love requited;  
By this Supper let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.  
Through the gift of grace You give me As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

## COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. Visit, O Lord, the homes in which your people dwell, and keep all harm and danger far from them. Grant that we may dwell together in peace under the protection of your holy angels, sharing eternally in your blessings; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**People: Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN #514 "The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us"

The Bridegroom soon will call us, "Come to the wedding feast."  
May slumber not befall us Nor watchfulness decrease.  
May all our lamps be burning With oil enough and more  
That we, with Him returning, May find an open door!

There shall we see in glory Our dear Redeemer's face;  
The long awaited story Of heav'nly joy takes place:  
The patriarchs shall meet us, The prophets' holy band;  
Apostles, martyrs greet us In that celestial land.

There God shall from all evil Forever make us free,  
From sin and from the devil, From all adversity,  
From sickness, pain, and sadness, From troubles, cares, and fears,  
And grant us heav'nly gladness And wipe away our tears.

In that fair home shall never Be silent music's voice;  
With hearts and lips forever We shall in God rejoice,  
While angel hosts are raising With saints from great to least  
Almighty hymn for praising The Giver of the feast.

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