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# Bethany Lutheran Church

## St. Michael and All Angels

September 29, 2024

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### ORDERS OF WORSHIP:

**Sunday:** The Divine Service, *Rite Two*,  
starting on page 60.

*Please follow along in the hymnal  
or above the altar*

**Monday:** The Office of Compline, pg. 128

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### HYMNS:

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545:1-3

545:11-14

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**INTROIT:** Bless the Lord, you His angels, who excel in strength and do His word. Bless the Lord, all you His hosts, who heed the voice of His Word. Bless the Lord, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name!

**COLLECT:** O everlasting God, You have ordained and constituted the services of angels and men in a wonderful order: Mercifully grant that, as Your holy angels always serve You in heaven, so by Your appointment they may also help and defend us here on earth; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

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### Epistle Lesson

**N**ow war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, <sup>8</sup> but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. <sup>9</sup> And the 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. <sup>10</sup> And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. <sup>11</sup> And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. <sup>12</sup> Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!” *Revelation 12:7–12 (ESV)*

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**GRADUAL:** Alleluia! Blessed be the Lord God of our fathers: praise Him and highly exalt Him forever. Alleluia!

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## Gospel Lesson

**A**t that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”<sup>2</sup> And calling to Him a child, He put him in the midst of them<sup>3</sup> and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.<sup>4</sup> Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.<sup>5</sup> “Whoever receives one such child in My name receives Me,<sup>6</sup> but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.<sup>7</sup> “Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes!<sup>8</sup> And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire.<sup>9</sup> And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.<sup>10</sup> “See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven. *Matthew 18:1–11 (ESV)*

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## Prayer of the Church

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, **hear our prayer.**

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, **hear our prayer.**

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 [including \_\_\_\_\_]. Grant that Your holy angel may be with them always, that the evil foe may have no power over them. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Everlasting God, You have created and ordained the service of angels in a wonderful order. Mercifully grant that they may help and defend us all our life; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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## STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

*“Christian stewards seek the heart of God in faithfully, joyfully and gratefully managing all the gifts God has given.”*

### STEWARDSHIP MONTH BEGINS

Each October we take time at Bethany to diligently and prayerfully consider (as individuals and as a congregation) how to support God’s work in the coming year. Please watch for more information soon.

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## CONGRATULATIONS

God's richest blessings to **Alyssa Shields & Alex Larson**, who were united in holy matrimony yesterday at Bethany. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin married life together!

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Next Sunday, Pastor Sparley, from Parkland Lutheran, is celebrating the 40th anniversary of his ordination into the pastoral ministry. Talk to Pastor Pittenger if you'd like to know more.

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**CHOIR** Adults and High School students interested in singing are welcomed to join the choir this Wednesday at 6:00pm.

**EVANGELISM COMMITTEE** still needs more members to add to their team. Join them and spread the love of Jesus! Please contact Ricky Pasillas after service.

**YARD CARE HELP STILL NEEDED** to maintain our lawn and playfield – not as often in the fall and winter months but still important! Use our Signup Genius feature to take a turn -- scan the QR code on the back of the bulletin to get started

## VETERAN'S DAY SUNDAY OBSERVANCE HELP NEEDED TO POST COLORS

Each year on the Sunday closest to Veteran's Day we pause during the worship service to honor our veterans. This year's observance will take place on Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. Two active or retired military members are needed to post and retire the colors. Please speak with Pastor Pittenger if you can assist.

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**OCTOBER BETHANY BEACONS** are in your narthex mailboxes. Additional copies on the counter.

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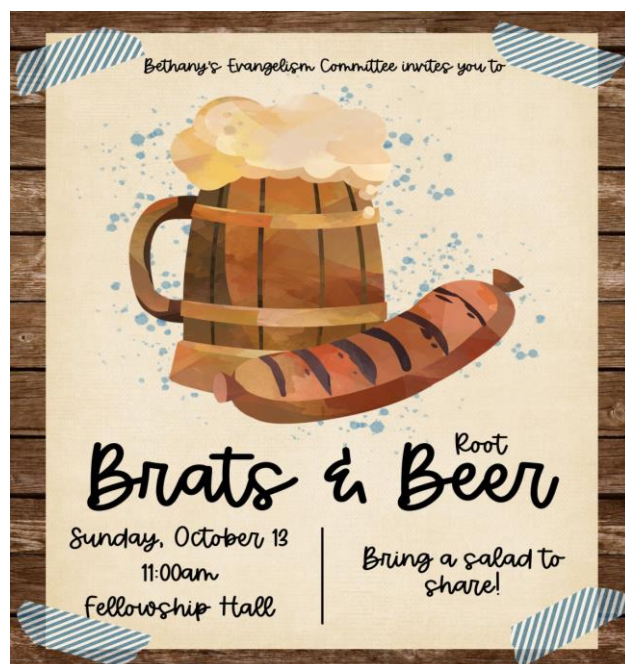
## SUNDAY 10/13

Outside After Sunday School

We'll provide Brats and Root Beer  
Please bring a salad to share

Enter the Cookie Contest – sign up on  
the hallway bulletin board today!

JOIN US FOR  
OCTOBER FUN!



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# CALENDAR

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## **SUNDAY, 9/29 St. Michael's**

**9:00 am Worship**

*(livestreamed)*

10:00 am Sunday School for all ages

## **MONDAY, 9/30**

**7:00 pm Worship**

## **TUESDAY, 10/01**

1:00 pm Juanita's Bible Study

## **WEDNESDAY, 10/02**

8:25 am Chapel

6:00 pm Choir

## **THURSDAY 10/03**

9:00/10:45 am Power Hour

## **SATURDAY, 10/05**

9:00 am Men's Fellowship

## **SUNDAY, 10/6 Trinity 21**

**9:00 am Worship**

*(livestreamed)*

**Grades 5-8<sup>th</sup> sing**

10:00 am Sunday School for all ages

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*Flowers on the Altar this week are given to the glory of God by Norm & Dorothy Reinhardt in celebration of their 43<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary.*

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## **SERVING YOU TODAY**

**Preacher**

**Elder on Duty**

**Organist/Accompanist**

**Acolytes**

Pastor Pittenger

Doug Seals

Mrs. Barb Mantey

Percich, Singleton

*~Communion is offered on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays & Mondays of the month~*

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