

REJOICE

THAT YOUR
NAMES ARE
WRITTEN IN
HEAVEN

-Luke 10:20b



FEAST OF MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

September 27, 2026

MISSION STATEMENT

To reflect God's love through caring service to our church, the community, and the world.

WELCOME STATEMENT

We welcome and encourage the full participation of all people, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, age, ability, appearance, or anything else that threatens to divide us. We have all been claimed as God's children, and all are welcome here.

"There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus."

-Galatians 3:28

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Presiding Minister—Pastor Anne Andert
Organist/Choir Director—Cheryl Licary
AV Assistant—Milton Dodson

Assisting Minister—Nancy Ribbeck
Communion Assistants—Cindy Blair and Char Kepler
Communion Prep—Cindy Blair
Lector—Bill Ribbeck
Greeter—Terry and Dianne Bahnub
Ushers—Terry Amundson, Steve Christensen,
Rich Olmstead, and Darryl Schutte

INTRODUCTION

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.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Please take a moment to fill out the yellow worship card, which will be collected during the gathering hymn.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

Congregation: Amen.

P: Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God,

C: we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

P: Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Holy God, We Praise Your Name—#ELW 414



1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -
 3 Lo, the ap - os - tol - ic train join your sa - cred
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,
 above are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
 name to hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
 three we name you, though in es - sence on - ly one;



all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
 in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with
 and the white-robed mar - tyrs fol - low; and from morn to
 un - di - vid - ed God we claim you and, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
 sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"
 set of sun through the church the song goes on.
 bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

Text: source unknown; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820–1900

Music: GROSSER GOTT, *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, 1774

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GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray... 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.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST LESSON: Daniel 10: 10-14, 12:1-3

L: A reading from Daniel.

¹⁰ A hand touched me and roused me to my hands and knees. ¹¹ He 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.

¹² He 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. ¹³ But 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 ¹⁴ and 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.

² Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³ Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 103:1-5, 20-22

L: We read Psalm 103 responsively:

- ¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.
- ² **Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all God's benefits—**
- ³ who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases;
- ⁴ **who redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**
- ⁵ who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- ²⁰ **Bless the LORD, you angels, you mighty ones who do God's
bidding, who obey the voice of God's word.**
- ²¹ Bless the LORD, all you hosts of God,
you servants who do God's will.
- ²² **Bless the LORD, all you works of God, in all places where God
rules; bless the LORD, O my soul.**

SECOND LESSON: Revelation 12:7-12

L: A reading from Revelation.

⁷ War broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, ⁸ but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. ⁹ 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.

¹⁰ Then 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 brothers and sisters has been thrown down,

who accuses them day and night before our God.

¹¹ But 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.

¹² Rejoice 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!"

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Celtic Alleluia—ELW #174



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GOSPEL: Luke 10:17-20

P: The holy gospel, according to Luke, the 10th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁷ The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" ¹⁸ He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹ Indeed, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰ Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Anne Andert

Angel Messengers, Guardians, and Guides

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones—ELW #424



1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright
2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, more
3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, ye
4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, su -



ser - aphs, cher - u - bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain:
glo - rious than the ser - a - phim, lead their prais - es:
pa - tri - archs and proph - ets blest: "Al - le - lu - ia!
per - nal an - thems ech - o - ing: "Al - le - lu - ia!



"Al - le - lu - ia!" Cry out, do - min - ions, prince - doms,
"Al - le - lu - ia!" Thou bear - er of the e - ter - nal
Al - le - lu - ia!" Ye ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyrs
Al - le - lu - ia!" To God the Fa - ther, God the



pow'rs, arch - an - gels, vir - tues, an - gel choirs:
Word, most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the Lord:
strong, all saints tri - um - phant, raise the song:
Son, and God the Spir - it, Three in One:



"Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!" Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623

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THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: United with the great cloud of witnesses throughout the ages, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A: Good and gracious God, we pray for the church. For bishops, pastors, and deacons. We pray for the next pastor called to this congregation. Prepare their heart and the hearts of this congregation to work with one another for the sake of our neighbor. We pray for all the baptized, sent into the world as messengers of your love. Holy God,

C: We praise your name!

A: God of justice, we pray for the nations and their leaders. For all who, like Michael, fight against evil and work for justice. For soldiers, peacemakers, and all who defend the rights of others. For those who protect children and vulnerable adults. Holy God,

C: We praise your name!

A: God of healing, we pray for all who are grieving, for all who are sick, for those facing ongoing treatments, for all reeling from a difficult diagnosis, for those who struggle with mental health, for those who are uninsured or underinsured or afraid to access health care, for all who need your hand of healing to rest on them and give them peace. Hear the names of those we whisper aloud before you or in the silence of our hearts. Holy God,

C: We praise your name!

A: God of resurrection and new life, with thanksgiving we remember those who have gone before us in the faith. Thank you for the life and witness of Bob Pederson. Console all who mourn. Gather us with them around your heavenly throne, where together with Michael and all the angels, we will join in singing everlasting praise. Holy God,

C: We praise your name!

P: Almighty God, equip us like Michael and the other angels who have faced deep darkness, that we, too, are ready to face injustice and evil in the world. Give us courage, wisdom, and strength to go where you lead us, even when the road ahead is scary. Holy God,

C: We praise your name!

P: In the company of your saints we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your eternal mercy and love; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

MEAL

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

C: **And also with you.**

*Please greet one another, as you feel comfortable,
using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.**
After the sharing of the peace, you may be seated.*

Please be seated.

OFFERING

For online giving, simply scan QR code:

*Offering is received as ushers pass the plate
down each row. As we sing the Offertory,
ushers bring offering forward.*



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Victory Is Ours

-arr. Keesecker/Text: Desmond Tutu

*Goodness is stronger than evil;
love is stronger than hate;
light is stronger than darkness;
life is stronger than death.
Victory is ours, victory is ours
through God who loves us.*

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray... God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in
love to our neighbors, today and always.

C: **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of
everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, using the key of D major (indicated by two sharps: F# and C#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and might; heav - en and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est." The score consists of five lines of music. The first line contains the first four measures, the second line the next four, the third line the next four, the fourth line the next four, and the fifth line the final four measures, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics are aligned with the notes: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and might;" on the first line, "heav - en and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est." on the second line, "Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est." on the third line, and "san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est." on the fourth line.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: *Now the Feast and Celebration*, Marty Haugen

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: 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

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us:

**C: 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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Receive who you are; Become what you've received:
The body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive Communion.

*Come forward by the center aisle and return to pews by side aisle.
The bread is given first, then select either a small cup of red wine or white
grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available; please ask the server. Empty
cups are placed in the basket. Children may come forward for a blessing.*

Please stand as you are able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray... Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us
with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table
to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation,
healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we
pray.

C: Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE & BLESSING OF THE QUILTS AND KITS

P: God, you call us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Send forth your Spirit today as we call upon you to bless our work and make it holy. Help these quilts and kits, our offerings of hope, travel across the furthest distances to reach our most weary neighbors and surround them with your grace and peace.

C: Jesus, open our hearts to love our neighbors.

P: God, we give you thanks for the pieces of fabric, thread, sewing machines and the items collected for the kits. May their presence be a sign of your faithful promise, may these quilts wrap our neighbors in unending love, and may these kits offer dignity and healing.

C: Jesus, open our hearts to love our neighbors.

P: God, we give thanks for all those who have taken part in creating these quilts and kits. May you guide us to greater empathy for our neighbors in crisis, for the mothers that struggle to feed their hungry children, for the fearful, the anxious, the isolated. May these quilts and kits provide comfort and relief to those who are downtrodden around the world.

C: Jesus, open our hearts to love our neighbors.

P: God, be with those who will receive these gifts — neighbors we have never met, neighbors who are far away, neighbors who, like us, long for your grace and mercy. May the work crafted from our humble hands serve as a beacon of light and hope to those who are suffering and fill them with the peace that is only found in you.

C: Jesus, open our hearts to love our neighbors.

P: We thank you for this ministry of service, for the opportunity to comfort those in their darkest hours, to remind our neighbors in Christ of your loving presence. Bring us ever closer to your heart and our neighbors in need throughout the world. We pray all this in the name of Jesus, the one who is our hope.

C: Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION ✝

P: May the God of heaven and earth
shower grace and favor upon you.
May God always send holy angels to
minister to you in your times of need.
May you stand with the saints and all
the angels of heaven before Christ's eternal throne.
And may God almighty, Father, Son ✝, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen**

SENDING HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise —ELW #834



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824–1908, alt.
 Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional
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DISMISSAL

A: People of God, go in peace,

C: to do justice,

love kindness,

and to walk humbly with our God. (*Micah 6:8*)

POSTLUDE



ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOVEMBER ELECTION – GET READY TO VOTE!

Join Church in Society on **TODAY**, immediately following worship in the Chapel for an informational session with the League of Women Voters. Learn about registration, polling places, ballots, and voting procedures—and bring your questions! All are welcome.

KIDS CONNECT | YOUTH CONNECT

Kids Connect (children pre-k through 5th grade) follows a play-based curriculum that corresponds with the church calendar.

Youth Connect, a space to explore what it means to follow Jesus in our everyday lives and is for youth in grades 6-12.

Starting NEXT Sunday, October 4, Youth Connect and Kids Connect will be from 10:15 am - 11:00 am. Children and youth will leave the service after communion, get a bite to eat to bring to class, then head upstairs. This means the children will be in worship. Please remember that kids are kids. They won't be perfect, and their attendance in worship is how they learn to worship. We hope everyone will welcome the children and youth among us with grace, care, and love.

CARDS FOR VETERANS

We hope you will join us from **2-6 pm on Friday, October 2**, for a card making event. You'll help to create handmade cards that will be given to local veterans. No previous experience in making cards is required and all the necessary supplies will be provided. Bring a snack to share, and a beverage of your choice. Sign up in the Commons!

FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL

WELCA'S Harvest Festival will be held **Friday, October 16 and Saturday, October 17** this year! Donations can be dropped off at the church. If you need help carrying items, please plan to drop them off on Sunday or Monday mornings, when someone will be able to help you. We will also be looking for donations of crafts and baked goods the week before the sale.

RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE NOW

Tickets for the raffle prizes will be sold today. Admire the afghan and wooden barn quilt that are on display in the Commons. Take a chance to win one of these prizes or a \$100 Butterfly Restaurant gift card; or be one of the two winners of a \$100 gift card from Woodman's. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5. Theme baskets donated by the women of our W/ELCA circles are also on display. Tickets will be sold for \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday	September 27	8:30a 9:30a 9:30a 10:30a 10:30a 10:45a 1:00p	Choir Worship Kids Connect Youth Connect Coffee Hour "Get Ready to Vote" Session Televised Worship (Ch. 992)
Monday	September 28	8:30a 5:00p	Sewing Bee Education
Tuesday	September 29	9:00a	Staff Meeting
Wednesday	September 30	5:00p 7:00p	Televised Worship (Ch. 992) Confirmation
Thursday	October 1	6:00p	OA
Friday	October 2	9:30a 2:00p	BAREA Board Cards for Veterans
Saturday	October 3	9:00a	Board/Committee Meeting
Sunday	October 4	8:30a 9:30a NEW → 10:15a TIME → 10:15a 10:30a 1:00p	Choir Worship Kids Connect Youth Connect Coffee Hour Televised Worship (Ch. 992)

WORSHIP SERVICES ARE LIVESTREAMED

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Links and bulletins: oursaviorsbeloitwi.org/worship.

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT OUR SAVIOR'S

It is a joy to have you join us for worship. Wherever you are from, wherever you are in life or on your faith journey, we are glad you are here. Please fill out a Yellow Slip for attendance and prayer requests.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

We have large print bulletins and hearing enhancers for anyone who may need them, please see an usher for assistance.

STAY CONNECTED

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SCRIPTURE

You may want to prepare for next week by studying the scriptures.

- Isaiah 5:1-7
- Psalm 80:7-15
- Philippians 3:4b-14
- Matthew 21:33-46

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Join us for WELCA'S FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL

Friday, October 16 & Saturday, October 17
9:00 am to 4:00 pm 9:00 am to 2:00 pm



HOUSEHOLD, CRAFT, BAKE, & JEWELRY SALES

Donations are now being accepted.



LUNCH SERVED DAILY

Time: 11:00 am–12:30 pm
Cost: \$10



RAFFLE PRIZES

Purchase your tickets today!

This year's prizes include:

- Afghan
- Wooden Barn Quilt
- \$100 gift card The Butterfly Supper Club
- \$100 gift card Woodman's Market
- \$100 gift card Woodman's Market



**Take a
chance
to win!**

**Tickets
are \$1
each or
6 for \$5.**



THEME BASKETS

On display in the Commons; tickets are \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5.

