

### Light a candle

### Sign of the cross

In the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### Sing

“How Great Thou Art” – Chris Rice [https://youtu.be/bLz3Xv2Hr\\_4](https://youtu.be/bLz3Xv2Hr_4)

“Blest be the Tie that Binds” – piano instrumental <https://youtu.be/zbj24T6JmFQ>

“I Belong to Jesus” – Selah [https://youtu.be/7zHu2q\\_1RhQ](https://youtu.be/7zHu2q_1RhQ)

“No Longer Slaves” – Jonathan David, Melissa Helser <https://youtu.be/f8TkUMJtK5k>

### God’s Word

Read: Luke 7:1-10

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

### Reflection

On September 29 many Christians remember Michael the Archangel and all of the other angels. In the Bible we see that angels act as messengers of God. They make announcements, give instructions and lead or guide God’s people. Michael the Archangel is not mentioned very often in the Bible. Archangel Michael is sent by God to help, guard and protect God’s people (Daniel 10, 12) and he leads God’s angels in battle against the evil one (Revelation 12). Therefore, Michael the Archangel is seen by many Christians as a messenger sent by God to protect His people against deadly enemies and sickness, and to guard those who work against evil forces and sickness such as police, soldiers and doctors. Jesus Christ tells us not to let our hearts be troubled, to follow him and to ask for what we need in his name (John 14:1-14). We pray for help and protection in Jesus’ name. Jesus hears us and helps us. We do not pray to angels, only Jesus. Jesus, our Saviour, loves us unconditionally and he is protective of us. Jesus is our King and our High Priest forever. The Bible tells us, “But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them” (Heb. 7:24, 25 NKJV). Jesus Christ is the Son of God and as He teaches us, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth” (Matt. 28:18 NKJV). Jesus Christ is our Good Shepherd. Jesus gives us eternal life and no one is able to snatch us out of His hand (John 10:27-30).



### Activity

Many people courageously serve in their vocations to protect us from harm and danger, and to help us when we are sick. Please remember to pray for all those who work to keep order, safety, peace and good health in our land. Pray for police, soldiers, sailors, airmen and airwomen, doctors, nurses, carers, psychologists, teachers, pastors, security workers, researchers, scientists, pharmacists, leaders in government, food suppliers...

### Music

Sing/Listen to music. Ideas:

“Amazing Grace” – Ladysmith Black Mambazo <https://youtu.be/w-Lw2E1z4IA>

“He Reigns” – Newsboys <https://youtu.be/Y8R9ZPT2T-I>

“Greatness of Our God” – Newsboys <https://youtu.be/Gf8qQLGZ3o8>

“This is Amazing Grace” – Phil Wickham [https://youtu.be/XFRjr\\_x-yxU](https://youtu.be/XFRjr_x-yxU)

“Every Praise” – Hezekiah Walker <https://youtu.be/UuuZMg6NVeA>

“Days of Elijah” – US Marines <https://youtu.be/0MtdyRDy4fU>

“Our God” – Chris Tomlin <https://youtu.be/NJpt1hSYf2o>

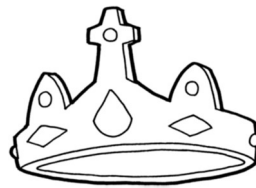
“Oceans” – Hillsong United <https://youtu.be/6GGFb6LcX3U>

“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)” – Matt Redman [https://youtu.be/2KaHr\\_5U9Cg](https://youtu.be/2KaHr_5U9Cg)

### Bible verses

Matthew 21:23-32

Acts 4:8-12



### Catechism

Holy Communion – Second Part

What does Holy Communion give us? The words of Jesus tell us what Holy Communion gives us. He says: This is my body given for you, this is my blood shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Through these words Jesus gives us forgiveness of sins, and life with God now and forever. Anyone who has God’s forgiveness also has life with God now and forever.

### Prayer

Luther’s Morning Prayer.

Make the sign of the cross and say:  
In the name of the Father and of the  
Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.  
Thank you, Father in heaven,  
through your Son Jesus Christ, for  
protecting me all night from harm  
and danger. Protect me today from  
all sin and evil, so that everything I  
do will please you. I put myself and  
all I have into your hands. Send  
your holy angel to be with me, so  
that the devil will have no power  
over me. Amen.



### Blessing

May the Lord be with us and look after us. Amen.