5 As he of old deceived the world
And into sin and death has hurled,
So now he subtly lies in wait
To undermine both Church and state.

6 A roaring lion, round he goes,
No halt nor rest he ever knows;
He seeks the Christians to devour
And slay them by his dreadful pow'r.

7 But watchful is the angel band
That follows Christ on ev'ry hand
To guard His people where they go
And break the counsel of the foe.

8 For this, now and in days to be,
Our praise shall rise, O Lord, to Thee,
Whom all the angel hosts adore
With grateful songs forevermore.

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LESSONS FOR LAMBS

ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS (SEPTEMBER 29)

The color for St. Michael and All Angels is white.

What to listen for during the service?

Listen for the word angel or angels during the service. When do we hear about angels during the service? What do angels do for us?

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:1-11

(The Gospel Reading is from the part of the Bible that is about Jesus and his ministry.)

1 At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" 2 And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them 3 and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. 4 Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

5 "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, 6 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.

7 "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! 8 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. 9 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.

10 "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."

Questions to talk about with your parents:

1) Who does Jesus say we need to become like to enter the kingdom of heaven?
2) What does Jesus say we need to do to become the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? Should we be proud or humble?
3) Jesus says anyone who receives a child receives Him, but what does He say about someone who causes a child to sin?
4) What does Jesus say about temptations?
5) Does Jesus really mean we should cut off our hand or tear it out our eye? What is He telling us by saying this? Where do sins really come from?
6) Jesus tells us in verse 10 that children have angels that "always see the face of" His "Father who is in heaven." Is it comforting to know you have angels watching over you? What do the angels want us to do?

People of the Bible: Michael

Michael and Gabriel are the only two angels that are named in the Bible. Michael is an archangel we hear about in the Book of Daniel, Jude, and Revelation. Michael is the guardian angel of the Israelites and fights against the enemies of God's people. He is the leader of God's heavenly armies against Satan, and receives his power through the power of Christ. We learn through the readings on Michael that angels in heaven are involved in the battles and sufferings of God's people, and the angels fight to save them. The holy angels always want to point us to Christ and His Word. Michael is a servant of God who brings God's grace to His people.

HYMN – "Lord God, to Thee We Give All Praise"

1 Lord God, to Thee we give all praise,
With grateful hearts our voices raise,
That angel hosts Thou didst create
Around Thy glorious throne to wait.

2 They shine with light and heav'nly grace
And constantly behold Thy face;
They heed Thy voice, they know it well,
In godly wisdom they excel.

3 They never rest nor sleep as we;
Their whole delight is but to be
With Thee, Lord Jesus, and to keep
Thy little flock, Thy lambs and sheep.

4 The ancient dragon is their foe;
His envy and his wrath they know.
It always is his aim and pride
Thy Christian people to divide.