

**MINNESOTA VALLEY CHURCH; September 29, 2024**  
**St. Michael and All Angels; Singers: Fugleberg**  
**THEME: St. Michael, guardian angels and children**

**PRELUDE:** Jan Ellingson

**CALL TO WORSHIP: From Psalm 91**

**PASTOR:** He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High,  
**ALL:** Will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.  
**PASTOR:** I will say of the Lord, “He is my refuge and fortress,  
**ALL:** My God, in whom I trust.”

**SINGSPIRATION FROM THE HYMNAL:**

**PowerPoint:** “There’s a New Name Written Down in Glory”  
**Hymn #607:** “Be Thou My Vision”  
**Hymn #561:** “It is Well With My Soul”  
**Hymn #577:** “Does Jesus Care”  
**Hymn #586:** “Near to the Heart of God”  
**Hymn #362:** “Jesus Loves the Little Children”

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE:**

**READER:** Luke Johnson

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:** *Daniel 10:1-7; 12:1-3*  
**SECOND LESSON:** *Revelation 22:7-12*

**READER:** Here ends the reading of God’s Word.  
**CONGREGATION SINGS:** God be praised, for His glad Tidings!

**CONFESSION OF FAITH:** 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, dead and buried; He descended into  
hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into  
heaven; And is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
From where He shall 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

**GLORIA PATRI:** *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the  
Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is not, and ever shall be, world  
without end. Amen, Amen.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER**

**PRAISE SONGS:** 1 or 2 praise songs chosen by JAN (on PowerPoint)

**SERMON:** “TREASURING CHILDREN” Matthew 18:1-11  
Pastor Tom Olson

## **I. CHILDREN ARE OUR EXAMPLES**

**Matthew 18:1-5** At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”  
**2** He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. **3** And he said: “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. **4** Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. **5** And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.

## **II. CHILDREN ARE TO BE PROTECTED**

**Matthew 18:6-9** “If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea. **7** Woe to the world because of the things that cause people to stumble! Such things must come, but woe to the person through whom they come! **8** If your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life maimed or crippled than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into

eternal fire. 9 And if your eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell.

### III. CHILDREN HAVE GUARDIAN ANGELS

**Matthew 18:10** “See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven.

**HYMN #363** “When He Cometh, When He Cometh”

**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 that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen*

### **BENEDICTION**

**DOXOLOGY** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below, Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men. A-men. A---men.*

**POSTLUDE:** Jan Ellingson