

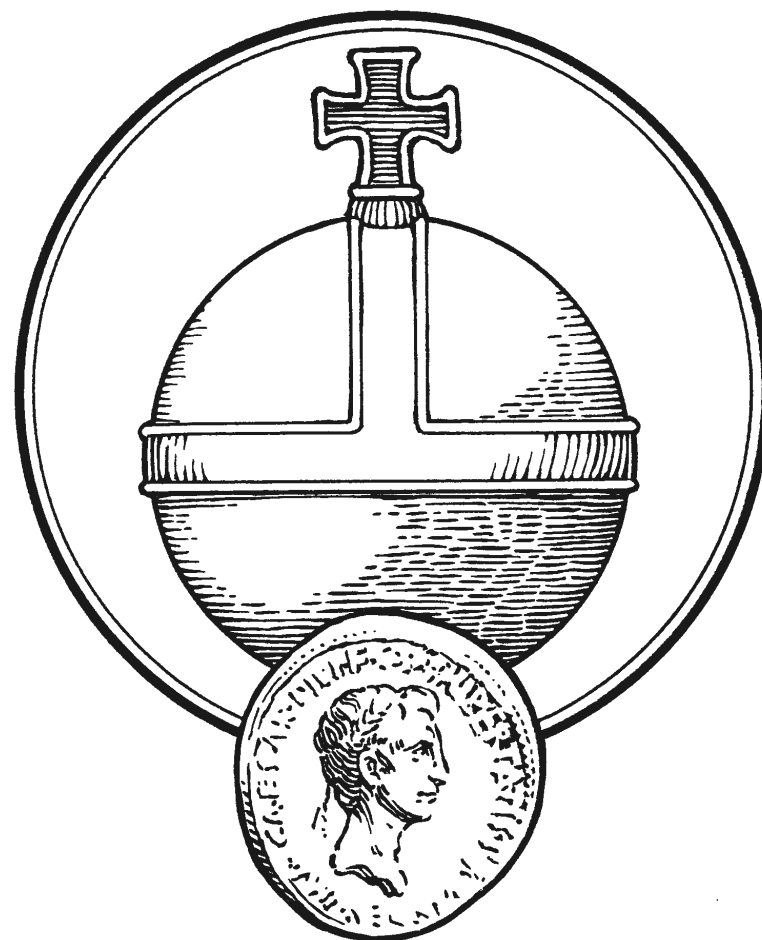
Word Scramble

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LESSONS FOR LAMBS

THE TWENTY-THIRD WEEK AFTER TRINITY

The color for the Twenty-Third Week after Trinity is green.



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What to listen for during the service?

Listen for the word "angels" during the service. What does it say the angels are doing? Do they serve and protect us? Do they worship with us? Listen also for the word "Sabaoth." This word means "heavenly armies" which refers to God's army of angels in heaven.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:15-22

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

15 Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his words. 16 And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. 17 Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" 18 But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? 19 Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. 20 And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" 21 They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." 22 When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

Questions to talk about with your parents:

- 1) Who wanted to "entangle Jesus in his words"? Why did they want to do this?
- 2) Caesar was the ruler at that time, so money had his picture on it, just like today our money has pictures of past US Presidents. Does Jesus think it is right to pay taxes to the government?
- 3) Jesus says to render "to God the things that are God's." What things belong to God? Do the things we have really belong to God?
- 4) Can you give God anything that doesn't already belong to Him?
- 5) In Baptism, we are joined to Christ and then belong to God. If we can't really give God anything, what is the one thing God wants from people? Is it faith and trust in Him?

People of the Bible: Michael & Gabriel

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 work to save them. Gabriel is also an archangel who serves as a messenger of God. He appears in the Book of Daniel too, but more importantly he is the angel who announces the coming birth of John the Baptist and of Jesus in the Book of Luke. Both Michael and Gabriel are servants of God who bring God's grace to His people.

Hymn - "When in the Hour of Deepest Need"

- 1 When in the hour of deepest need
We know not where to look for aid;
When days and nights of anxious thought
No help or counsel yet have brought,
- 2 Then is our comfort this alone
That we may meet before Your throne;
To You, O faithful God, we cry
For rescue in our misery.
- 3 For You have promised, Lord, to heed
Your children's cries in time of need
Through Him whose name alone is great,
Our Savior and our advocate.
- 4 And so we come, O God, today
And all our woes before You lay;
For sorely tried, cast down, we stand,
Perplexed by fears on ev'ry hand.
- 5 O from our sins, Lord, turn Your face;
Absolve us through Your boundless grace.
Be with us in our anguish still;
Free us at last from ev'ry ill.
- 6 So we with all our hearts each day
To You our glad thanksgiving pay,
Then walk obedient to Your Word,
And now and ever praise You, Lord.