



# HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

## ***BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS***

October 6, 2024 | 10:30 a.m.



## ***Holy Trinity's Mission:***

### ***Loving, Witnessing and Growing through God's Grace***

#### **Welcome to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church!**

We celebrate and share God's gifts by worshipping together, caring for each other, and doing God's work in the community and beyond. We believe that Christ has made us one body with many members, sharing in God's grace and unconditional love.

We joyfully welcome ALL people, without exception — of every age, sex, race, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, or of anything else that divides us — to join with us in worship, learning, fellowship, prayer and service.

*"For in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ...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 3:26, 28

If you are a guest, please fill out one of the welcome cards and place it in the offering plate or hand to the ushers, so we know how we can be of service to you. Following worship, please stay for coffee and conversation!

#### **Blessings,**

#### ***The People of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church***

- + *Restrooms are located in Beilstein Hall.*
- + *Changing tables are in the nursery downstairs and in Beilstein Hall. If you need directions, please speak to an usher.*
- + *Large print editions of the bulletin are available from the ushers.*

#### **Worship Notes:**

Liturgical directions, known as rubrics, are printed in italics; the ministers' part is printed in normal font; and the congregation's part is printed in **bold** text. An asterisk (\*) indicates to stand as able.

God's grace and love are gifts to all. All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you do not partake of Holy Communion, you are invited to come forward and cross your arms to receive a blessing.

# Gathering+Word+Table+Sending

## WORDS OF WELCOME

### PRELUDE

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (BASED ON PSALM 148)

*All dogs and cats, large and small*

***Praise the Lord!***

*All rabbits, hamsters, and guinea pigs*

***Praise the Lord!***

*All goldfish, guppies, and swimming creatures*

***Praise the Lord!***

*All robins, wrens, and singing birds*

***Praise the Lord!***

*All raccoons, squirrels, and deer*

***Praise the Lord!***

*All horses, cows, and sheep*

***Praise the Lord!***

*All lizards, snakes and creeping things*

***Praise the Lord!***

*Every animal in the sky, the sea, and the forest along with every human voice.*

***Praise the Lord!***

## \*GATHERING SONG:

### All Things Bright and Beautiful



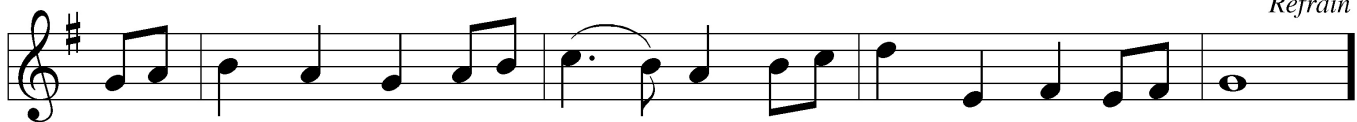
All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea - tures great and small,



all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



- 1 Each lit - tle flow'r that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
- 2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun - tains, the riv - er run - ning by,
- 3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
- 4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell



God made their glow - ing col - ors, God made their ti - ny wings.  
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky.  
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - 'ry one.  
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

Text: Cecil F. Alexander, 1818–1895, alt.

Music: ROYAL OAK, English tune, 17th cent., adapt. Martin Shaw, 1875–1958

## \*GREETING

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

**And also with you.**

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you have made us and all living things. You are even more wonderful than what you have made. We thank you for giving us these pets who bring us joy. As you take care of us, so also we ask your help so that we might take care of those who trust us to look after them. By doing this, we share in your own love for all creation. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

## Gathering+**Word**+Table+Sending

### **FIRST READING: GENESIS 1:1-25**

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill

the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

**SECOND READING: ISAIAH 11:1-10**

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.  
The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.  
His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide by what his ears hear;  
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.  
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
and a little child shall lead them.  
The cow and the bear shall graze,  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.  
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.  
They will not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain;

for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord  
as the waters cover the sea.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

**\*THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 6:25-29**

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.

The gospel of our Lord.  
***Praise to you, O Christ.***

**SERMON**

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Response after each petition:* Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**\*PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*(All may greet each other with the peace of Christ.)*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**OFFERING**

*(An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.)*

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray... **God our provider, we bring nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it. Accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table, and with them the offering of our lives. Nourish us now with the life that really is life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

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 and 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.

**THE 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 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**

**COMMUNION**



## \***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray...

**Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.**

**O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love.**

**For it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.  
Amen.**

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### \***BENEDICTION**

Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us. Almighty God + bless you with grace, mercy, and peace, now and forever. **Amen.**

# \*SENDING SONG

## All Creatures, Worship God Most High!



1 All crea-tures, wor - ship God most high! Sound ev - 'ry voice in earth and  
2 Sing, broth - er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and  
3 Sing, broth - er fire, so mirth - ful, strong; drive far the shad - ows, join the  
4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain or sor - row



sky: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen - dor  
grain: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful,  
throng: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in  
grieve: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur - dens and your



bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night:  
clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare:  
fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:



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

5 And you, most gentle sister death,  
waiting to hush our final breath:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,  
fair is the night that leads us home.  
Alleluia.

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,  
and worship God with humble heart:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,  
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:  
Alleluia.

Text: Francis of Assisi, 1182–1226; tr. composite  
Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623  
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## \*DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love, witness, and grow through God's grace.  
**Thanks be to God and we will.**

## POSTLUDE

***Please join us for coffee & fellowship following service!***

## Remember in Prayer

*If you would like to add or remove  
someone from the prayer list,  
please call the office or  
email [sancarloshtlc@gmail.com](mailto:sancarloshtlc@gmail.com)  
\* **indicates members of HTLC***

**Antone** W. (in Jail)

**Astrid** King

**Bob** Sickels (Lori's father)

\***Bob** Young

**Bradn** Buerkle (our missionary in Russia)

**Bruce** Pollock (Cancer treatment)

\***Coke** Stimmler

**Debbie** Knorpp (friend of the Southards)

**Emanuel** Glason

**Gaila** Serrano (Cancer)

\***Gigi** Schmuckal

\***Janet** Hillhouse

**Janice** Veach

**Jessica** Serrano (cancer treatment)

\***Julianne** Fredericks

\***Lillian** Pogreba

**Lindsay** (Lynn's granddaughter, Cathy's niece)

\***Lynn** Garbe-Recknagel

**Mary** (cancer, Christine Segerhammar's sister)

\***Mary** Webb

**Max** (Anne's cousin)

**Michael** Caine (health issue)

\***Pam** Davis

\***Patricia** Kipp

\***Sharon** Kipp

\***Sue** Davis

**Therese** Kerins



## October 12th & 13th

Help us make this year's faire a success by volunteering at our booth! We'll be guiding families and kids in creating fun and simple pet rocks—such a great way to connect with the community and represent our churches!

We have two-hour shifts available with the first and last helping to set up and tear down.

A portrait of Martin Luther, the German theologian, in a black cap and robe, set against a blue background.

# Reformation Day

**Sunday, October 27th**  
**10:30am**

*Don't forget to wear red!*

A graphic for All Saints' Day featuring a dark blue background with a light blue circular glow behind several lit white candles with yellow flames. A green leafy branch is visible on the left side.

NOVEMBER 3RD

# ALL SAINTS' DAY

Bring a photo of a loved one you'd like to remember as we celebrate the great cloud of witnesses that surround us. Let's come together in worship and reflection, giving thanks for the saints in our lives.

**Sunday**  
**November 3rd**  
**10:30am**