



HOLY TRINITY  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS***

**HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE**

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# ***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.*
- + *Childcare is available downstairs most Sundays.*
- + *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:

Throughout this bulletin, the designation Page refers to the liturgical material at the beginning of the hymnal, and Hymn refers to the hymns printed in the rest of the hymnal. 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. We commune by placing bread (regular or gluten-free) in your hands. You can dip it into the chalice of wine or you may eat the bread and take a sip of non-alcoholic wine from the chalice. If you or your child(ren) have not been baptized, we invite you to schedule a time to speak with the pastor about the meaning of the sacraments of Holy Baptism and 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.*

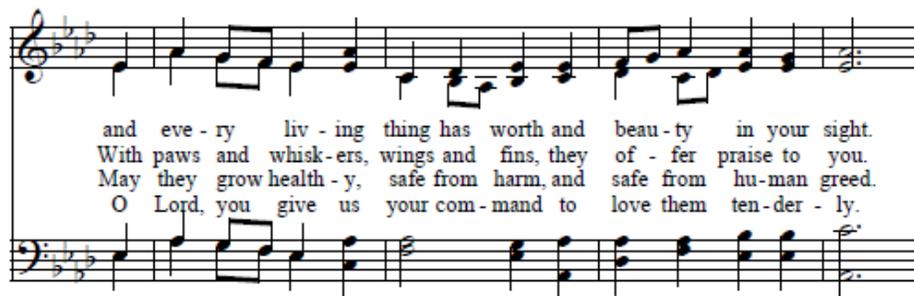
**Praise the Lord!**

# \*GATHERING SONG:

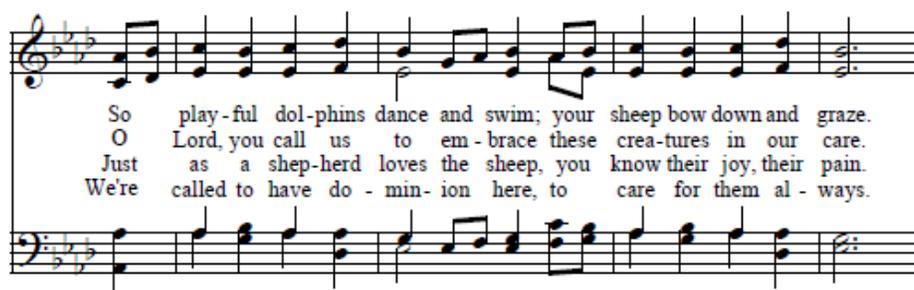
## O God, Your Creatures Fill the Earth



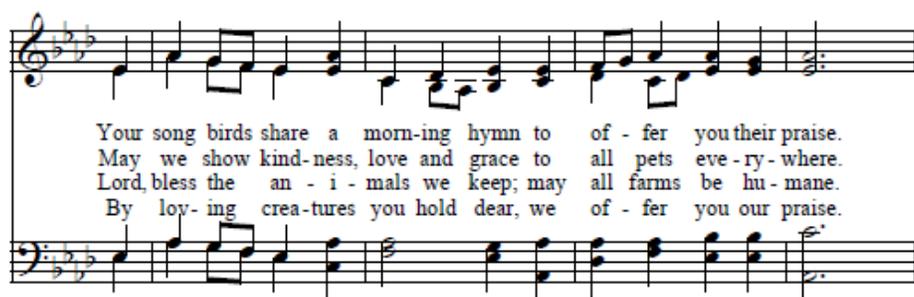
1. O God, your crea-tures fill the earth with won - der and de - light,  
2. You made the pets we wel-come in; they're won-drous bless-ings, too.  
3. You made the crea-tures on each farm; you know the things they need.  
4. Your crea - tures live in eve - ry land; they fill the sky and sea.



and eve - ry liv - ing thing has worth and beau - ty in your sight.  
With paws and whisk - ers, wings and fins, they of - fer praise to you.  
May they grow health - y, safe from harm, and safe from hu - man greed.  
O Lord, you give us your com - mand to love them ten - der - ly.



So play - ful dol - phins dance and swim; your sheep bow down and graze.  
O Lord, you call us to em - brace these crea - tures in our care.  
Just as a shep - herd loves the sheep, you know their joy, their pain.  
We're called to have do - min - ion here, to care for them al - ways.



Your song birds share a morn - ing hymn to of - fer you their praise.  
May we show kind - ness, love and grace to all pets eve - ry - where.  
Lord, bless the an - i - mals we keep; may all farms be hu - mane.  
By loy - ing crea - tures you hold dear, we of - fer you our praise.

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## \*GREETING

The grace of 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

Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## Gathering+Word+Table+Sending

### \*FIRST READING 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Naaman, a Syrian general, suffers from leprosy. In this passage Elisha miraculously cures his illness, but only after Naaman realizes, with the help of his servants, that he also needs healing for his pride. This foreign general then acknowledges the sovereignty of the God of Israel.

1Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. 2Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. 3She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." 7When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

8But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." 9So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. 10Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." 11But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! 12Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. 13But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it?"

How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean?'" 14 So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

15a-c Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel." Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

## **\*PSALM**

## **Psalm 111**

1 Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

**2 Great are your works, O Lord,  
pondered by all who delight in them.**

3 Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,  
and your righteousness endures forever.

**4 You cause your wonders to be remembered;  
you are gracious and full of compassion.**

5 You give food to those who fear you,  
remembering forever your covenant.

**6 You have shown your people the power of your works  
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

7 The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;  
all of your precepts are sure.

**8 They stand fast forever and ever,  
because they are done in truth and equity.**

9 You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant  
forever;  
holy and awesome is your name.

**10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;  
all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise  
endures forever.**

## **\*THE GOSPEL** Luke 17:11-19

Jesus' mission includes making people clean again. Unexpectedly, a Samaritan healed of leprosy becomes a model for those who would praise and worship God and give thanks for God's mercy.

<sup>11</sup>On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup>As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, <sup>13</sup>they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" <sup>14</sup>When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. <sup>15</sup>Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup>He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup>Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? <sup>18</sup>Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" <sup>19</sup>Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

***Response after the announcement:***

*Response after the conclusion:*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY:** All God's Critters Have A Place in the Choir.

All God's creatures got a place in the choir  
Some sing low and some sing higher,  
Some sing out loud on a telephone wire,  
Some just clap their hands, or paws, or anything they've got now

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Listen to the top where the little bird sings  
On the melodies and the high notes ringing,  
And the hoot owl cries over everything  
And the blackbird disagrees

Singing in the night time, singing in the day,  
When little duck quacks, and he's on his way

And the otter hasn't got much to say  
And the porcupine talks to himself

All God's creatures got a place in the choir  
Some sing low and some sing higher,  
Some sing out loud on a telephone wire,  
Some just clap their hands, or paws, or anything they've got now

The dogs and the cats they take up the middle  
While the honeybee hums and the cricket fiddles,  
The donkey brays and the pony neighs  
And the old gray badger sighs

Listen to the bass, it's the one on the bottom  
Where the bullfrog croaks and the hippopotamus  
Moans and groans with a big t'do  
And the old cow just goes moo

All God's creatures got a place in the choir  
Some sing low and some sing higher,  
Some sing out loud on a telephone wire,  
Some just clap their hands, or paws, or anything they've got now

It's a simple song of living sung everywhere  
By the ox and the fox and the grizzly bear,  
The dopey alligator and the hawk above,  
The sly old weasel and the turtle dove

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## **Blessing of the Animals**

### **\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Response after each petition: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.***

### **\*PEACE**

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

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

## **PARISH 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... **Gracious God,  
in your great love you richly provide for our needs.  
Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,  
and make us ready to share with all in need;  
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.  
Amen.**

### **\*Words of Institution**

#### **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**

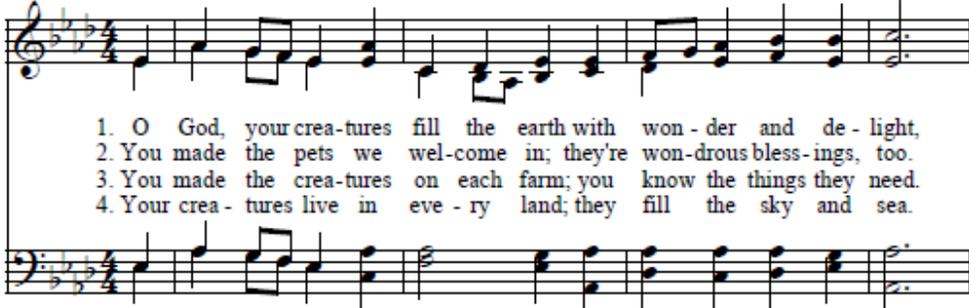
Let us pray... **God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

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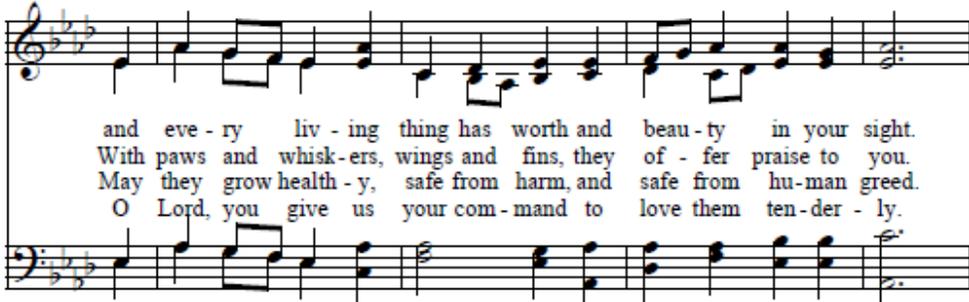
#### **\*BENEDICTION**

**God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, † one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love. Amen.**

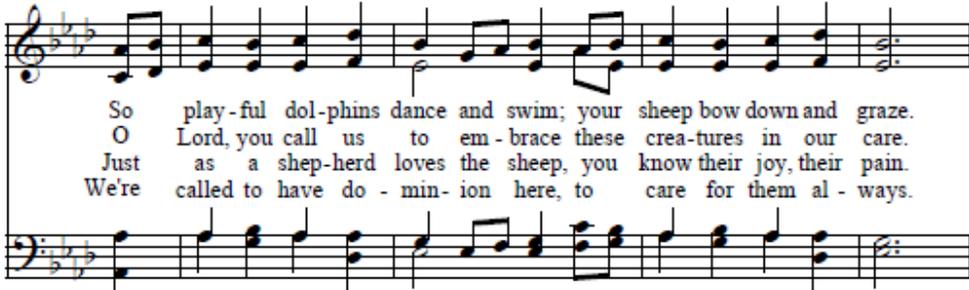
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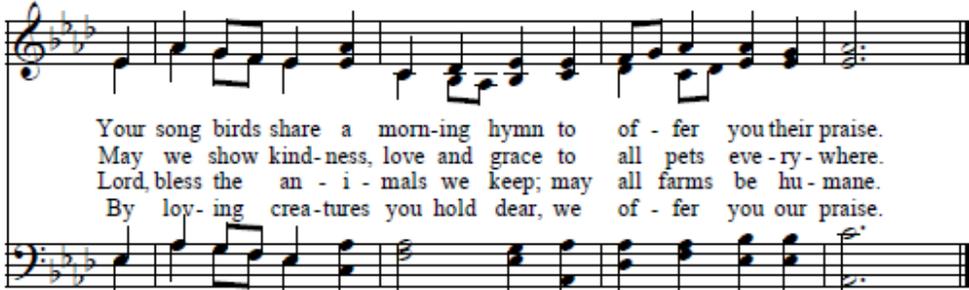
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 2. You made the pets we wel-come in; they're won-drous bless-ings, too.  
 3. You made the crea-tures on each farm; you know the things they need.  
 4. Your crea- tures live in eve-ry land; they fill the sky and sea.



and eve-ry liv-ing thing has worth and beau-ty in your sight.  
 With paws and whisk-ers, wings and fins, they of-fer praise to you.  
 May they grow health-y, safe from harm, and safe from hu-man greed.  
 O Lord, you give us your com-mand to love them ten-der-ly.



So play-ful dol-phins dance and swim; your sheep bow down and graze.  
 O Lord, you call us to em-brace these crea-tures in our care.  
 Just as a shep-herd loves the sheep, you know their joy, their pain.  
 We're called to have do-min-ion here, to care for them al-ways.



Your song birds share a morn-ing hymn to of-fer you their praise.  
 May we show kind-ness, love and grace to all pets eve-ry-where.  
 Lord, bless the an-i-mals we keep; may all farms be hu-mane.  
 By lov-ing crea-tures you hold dear, we of-fer you our praise.

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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!***

## **We 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)*

**Anthony I. (in jail)**

**Bob Young**

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

**Barbara and Marty Schaefer**

**Carol Collier (Pamela's Sister)**

**Coke Stimmler**

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

**Ethan PrevotEAU**

**Gigi Schmuckal**

**Gordon Svendsen**

**Janet Hillhouse**

**Jessica Serrano (cancer treatment)**

**Julianne Fredericks**

**Kevin Lobdell**

**Kim W (Friend of Sharon Kipp)**

**Kumkum Agrawal**

**Lillian Pogreba**

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

**Logan & family (great grandson of Lynn)**

**Lynn Garbe-Recknagel**

**Mandi PrevotEAU**

**Mary (sister of Christine Segerhammar, on her cancer journey)**

**Pam Davis**

**Patricia Kipp**

**Peter B.**

**Rachel San Diego**

**Roger S.**

**Sue Davis**

**Therese Kerins**