



HOLY TRINITY
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

October 10, 2021 | 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.
- + 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.

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PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WORDS OF WELCOME

***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

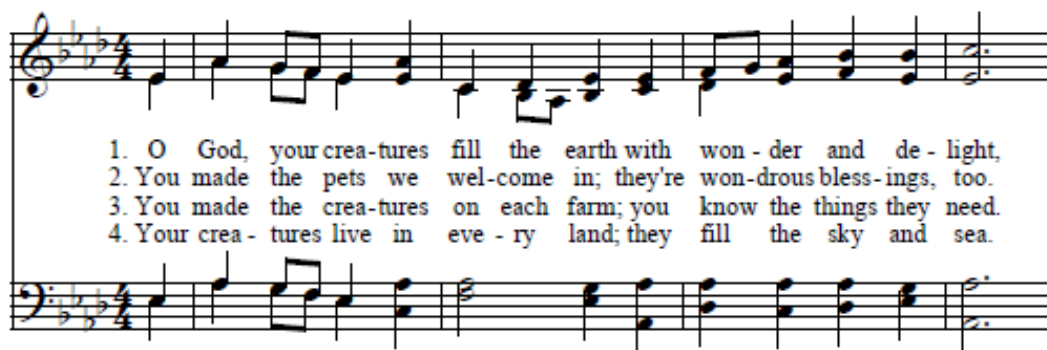
Praise the Lord!

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

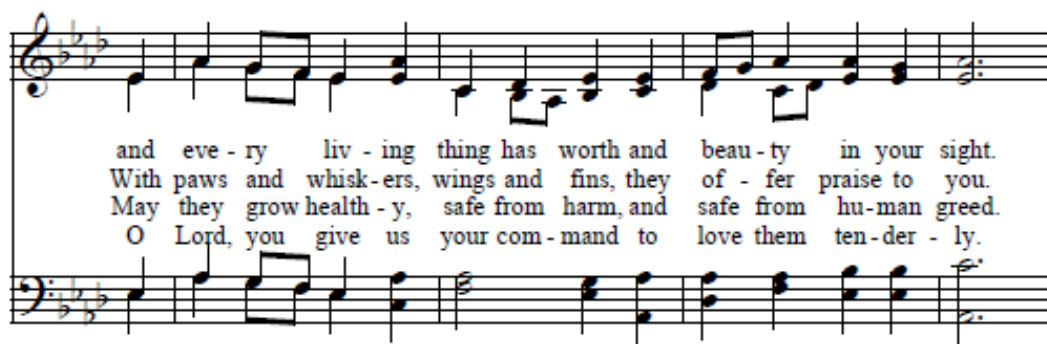
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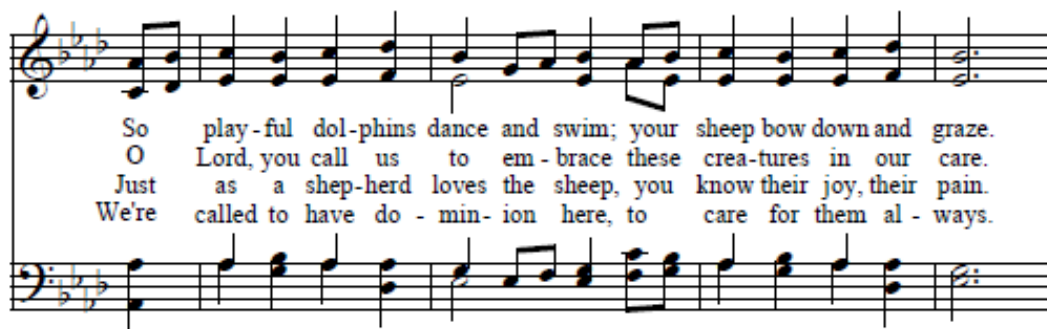
O God, Your Creatures Fill the Earth



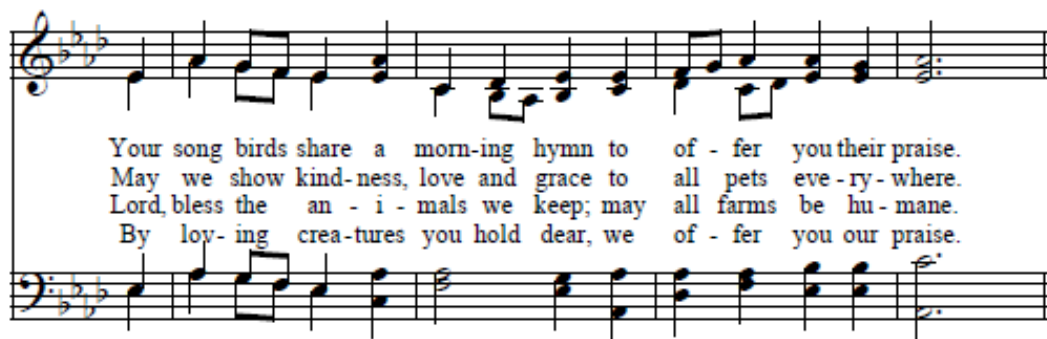
1. O God, your crea-tures fill the earth with won - der and de - light,
2. You made the pets we wel-come in; they're won-drous bless-ings, too.
3. You made the crea-tures on each farm; you know the things they need.
4. Your crea - tures live in eve - ry land; they fill the sky and sea.



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**

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.**

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FIRST READING Job 39:1-18

¹"Do you know when the mountain goats give birth?

Do you observe the calving of the deer?

²Can you number the months that they fulfill,
and do you know the time when they give birth,

³when they crouch to give birth to their offspring,
and are delivered of their young?

⁴Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open;
they go forth, and do not return to them.

⁵"Who has let the wild ass go free?

Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass,

⁶to which I have given the steppe for its home,
the salt land for its dwelling place?

⁷It scorns the tumult of the city;
it does not hear the shouts of the driver.

⁸It ranges the mountains as its pasture,
and it searches after every green thing.

⁹"Is the wild ox willing to serve you?

Will it spend the night at your crib?

¹⁰Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes,
or will it harrow the valleys after you?

¹¹Will you depend on it because its strength is great,
and will you hand over your labor to it?

¹²Do you have faith in it that it will return,
and bring your grain to your threshing floor?

¹³"The ostrich's wings flap wildly,
though its pinions lack plumage.

¹⁴For it leaves its eggs to the earth,
and lets them be warmed on the ground,
¹⁵forgetting that a foot may crush them,
and that a wild animal may trample them.

¹⁶It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own;
though its labor should be in vain, yet it has no fear;

¹⁷because God has made it forget wisdom,
and given it no share in understanding.

¹⁸When it spreads its plumes aloft,
it laughs at the horse and its rider. Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 121

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills —
from where will my help come?

²**My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.**

³He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.

⁴**He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

⁵The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

⁶**The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

⁷The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.

⁸**The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.**

***THE GOSPEL**

Matthew 11:25-30

²⁵At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and
have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious
will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one
knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son
and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Response after the announcement:

Glory to you, O Lord.

Response after the conclusion:

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 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: 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.*)

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... **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**

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 blessing, at this table we have seen you face to face, and in the gift of Christ's body and blood, our hearts have been refreshed. Send us now to shine with your goodness and bear witness to the one we have received: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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**

Hymn 835(verses 1-3)

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.

***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 church office or email office@sancarloshtlc.org.

Antone (In Prison)

Anthony I. (in jail)

Bob Young

Bradn Buerkle (our missionary in Russia)

Carol Collier (Pamela's Sister)

Coke Stimmler

Debbie Knorpp(Debbie Knorpp,
friend of the Southards)

Denyl Morgan

Gigi Schmuckal

Gordon Svendsen

Janet Hillhouse

Julianne Fredericks

Kim Veerbeek

Lillian Pogreba

Linda Svendsen

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

Logan & family (great grandson of Lynn)

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

Michael C. (homeless)

Pam Davis

Patricia Kipp

Rachel San Diego

Sue Davis

Therese Kerins