



**SEASON OF CREATION: LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING
Blessing of the Animals**

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
October 1, 2023
9:00 AM**

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Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

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;
and 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.



*Members of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, in response to Christ's love,
Reach out in service to each other, the community, and the world.*

Welcome to Worship! All words will be displayed on the screen.

Kids, don't forget your Praise Packs!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Monte



PRELUDE

"The Lord's My Shepherd"

Garth Edmundson

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Help us to wonder, Lord, to stand in awe, to praise you for the richness of the world you have laid before us.

C: God of the universe, all creatures praise you: the sun setting on the lake, the birds flying upward toward the heavens;

P: the growl of the bear, the wide eyes of the tiger,

C: the purring of the cat, the swift legs of the cheetah,

P: the jumping of the bunnies, the leaping of the dog,

C: the descent of the dove.

P: God of the universe, the music of your creatures echoes throughout creation and in heaven a symphony is made.

C: Help us to wonder, Lord, to stand in awe, to praise you for the richness of the world you have laid before us.



OPENING HYMN

"All Creatures Worship God Most High"

#835, Verses 1, 2, 6



READING

Psalm 104:1, 10-30

Reader: ¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty.

Pulpit: ¹⁰ You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills,¹¹ giving drink to every wild animal; the wild donkeys quench their thirst.

Lectern: ¹² By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation; they sing among the branches.

Reader: ¹³ From your lofty abode you water the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.

Pulpit: ¹⁴ You cause the grass to grow for the cattle and plants for people to cultivate, to bring forth food from the earth

Lectern: ¹⁵ and wine to gladden the human heart, oil to make the face shine and bread to strengthen the human heart.

Reader: ¹⁶ The trees of the field^[f] are watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.¹⁷ In them the birds build their nests; the stork has its home in the fir trees.

Pulpit: ¹⁸ The high mountains are for the wild goats; the rocks are a refuge for the coney.

Lectern: ¹⁹ You have made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting.²⁰ You make darkness, and it is night, when all the animals of the forest come creeping out.

Reader: ²¹ The young lions roar for their prey, seeking their food from God.²² When the sun rises, they withdraw and lie down in their dens.

Pulpit: ²³ People go out to their work and to their labor until the evening.

Lectern: ²⁴ O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Pulpit: ²⁵ There is the sea, great and wide; creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.

Reader: ²⁶ There go the ships and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.²⁷ These all look to you to give them their food in due season;
²⁸ when you give to them,

Lectern: they gather it up;

Reader: when you open your hand,

Pulpit: they are filled with good things.

Reader: ²⁹ When you hide your face,

Lectern: they are dismayed;

Reader: when you take away their breath,

Lectern: they die and return to their dust.

Reader: ³⁰ When you send forth your spirit,

All: **they are created and you renew the face of the ground.**

R: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Monte

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 6:25-34

²⁵"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? ²⁶Look 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? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you — you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do

not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴"So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

 **SERMON**

Pastor Monte

 **SERMON HYMN**

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

#789, Verses 1, 2

† APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by power of the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven and

is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

† PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer

 **PEACE**

*P: The peace of Christ be always with you. C: And also with you.
Please greet one another with the words, "Peace be with you."*

 **OFFERING**

*Pew Pads are located at the far end of each pew.
Please fill them out and pass them, noting those seated around you.*

Children are invited to gather at the back during the anthem and help bring forward the offering.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Open your hearts.

C: We open them to God and to one another.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

† 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.

DISTRIBUTION

P: Come, for the feast is ready. Come to the table and receive these gifts: the gift of healing for those in pain, the gift of forgiveness for those in sin, the gift of assurance for those in doubt, and the gift of hope for those in tears.

C: May we who share these gifts also share Christ with one another and with all the earth.

You will be invited to stand or kneel at the altar.
If you wish to have the Pastor bring communion to your pew, please notify an Usher.
All are Welcome!



DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“As the Deer”

“This is My Father’s World”

Martin Nystrom
#824, All Verses

† PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us give thanks for this meal.

C: We thank you, Christ, for the meal we have celebrated with you, and we pray that through your body and blood we may be healed and become agents of healing for the earth. Amen.

 **BENEDICTION**

CLOSING HYMN *“Let All Things Now Living”*

#881, Verses 1, 2

 **DISMISSAL**

<i>P: We have been born</i>	C: to care for the Earth.
<i>P: We have been called</i>	C: to be blessing for all.
<i>P: Christ commissions the Church:</i>	C: Bring Good news to Creation!
<i>P: Rise, rejoice in the challenge.</i>	C: Delight in God’s love!

POSTLUDE *“O God of Earth and Altar”*

Wayne Wold

+ THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ASSISTED DURING WORSHIP TODAY! +

CHANCEL FLOWERS are given by **Carol Peterson**
to celebrate the birthday of Mark Peterson.

ETERNAL FLAME for the first half of the month of October
is given by **Jim Carlsen & Catherine Sendek** in honor of blessings received.

You can now **GIVE ONLINE**, by scanning the QR code:



Thank you for all the ways you contribute to the life and ministry of the church!

OFFICE HOURS NEXT WEEK

Monday, October 2:	8am-1pm
Tuesday, October 3:	9am-11am
Wednesday, October 4:	Church office closed
Thursday, October 5:	8am-1pm

Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DIRECTORY SIGN-UP

Please sign up for a slot to have your directory picture taken. Sign up in person on Sundays or online Monday—Saturday at ucdir.com. Our church code is WI295, our password is photos. **We also need hosts during the photography days and your recent pictures of St. Luke's events.** Photos can be sent to stlukes@slchurch.org, with "directory photos" in the subject line.

NIGHT TIGERS: OUR NEIGHBORHOOD OWLS

TODAY at 10:15

Lower Fellowship Hall

Join us for an all-ages program, as we conclude our Season of Creation by learning about one of God's majestic creatures. Brooke Gilley, a naturalist from Wehr Nature Center, will lead us in this delightful and informative program. Preschool – 3rd grade will have Sunday school as normal. 4th grade and above will attend this program with their classes.

PUMPKIN PATCH OUTING

Saturday, October 21 at 10:00 am

Basse's Farm in Colgate –bassesfarms.com

Sign up deadline (to receive this pricing) October 15.

Meet at the pumpkin patch. Activities include: entertaining shows, pig races, corn maze, zip line, games for all ages, and much, much more! We will meet at 11:30 to enjoy a hayride to the pumpkin patch together. Most activities are included in the cost of \$15 per person (children 0-1 free), pumpkins are an additional fee of \$4.19 (any size), as well as pony rides, and U-pick apples. Sign up at church or online (slchurch.org/pumpkin).

HEPHATHA WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

All purchased items should be returned by Sunday, October 29th

Collection bin near the Sanctuary entrance

We are once again partnering with Hephatha Lutheran Church this fall to provide coats, hats/gloves, underwear and socks for children in their congregation. There is also a need for diapers. Please contact Karen Feucht (karebair78@hotmail.com) or Pat Larsen (larsenbobpat@gmail.com) if you have any questions. A physical sign-up sheet will be available at the welcome center every Sunday morning. Online sign up is an option



Scan the QR code here:

Thank you for your consideration!

Church ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIFTH AVENUE TRIO FALL RECITAL

Sunday, October 8th at 2:00 pm

St. Luke's Sanctuary

Featuring Kimberly Hawkinson (Oboe), Andrea Clark (Bassoon) and Peter Gibeau (Piano). Admission is free, accepting donations for the St. Luke's Piano Fund.

BUY A KEY

To finish paying for our beautiful piano, we invite you to "buy a key". 76 of the 88 keys have been claimed. We pray that this piano will bless our worship for years to come!

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Wednesdays at 1:00 pm

New Worship Opportunity! Join us for scripture, prayer, and communion, in the Gathering Space of the Sanctuary. Help us spread the word!

YOGA

Mondays at 11:30 am

Upper Fellowship Hall

Sign up at alexdruzny.com or email alexdruzny@gmail.com with questions.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Monday, October 2

9:00 am Quilters

11:00 am Yoga

Wednesday, October 4

1:00 pm Worship

Confirmation Family Night

6:00 pm Handbell Choir

7:00 pm Choir

Thursday, October 5

9:00 am Retiree Breakfast @ Melrose

Friday, October 6

Church Office Closed

Sunday, October 8

9:00 am Worship

10:00 am Fellowship

10:15 am Education Hour

2:00 pm 5th Avenue Trio Recital/Piano Fundraiser

We love children at St. Luke's, and welcome babies and young children and all their exuberance into worship! To make it easier for parents, we have "busy bags" available by the entrance, as well as "praise packs" that help encourage children's engagement in worship. We also have a cry room available in the back of the sanctuary with changing facilities and rocking chairs. We know it takes a lot of work to get to church and worship with young ones; we're glad you're here!

Let the little children come to me ...
it is to such as these that the
kingdom of God belongs.

Mark 10:14, NRSV



****PRAISE PACK ICONS****



Light your candle when the candles are lit at the front of the church & hold it up high.
At the end of the service turn your candle off.



Take out the cross & hold it tight during tight during times of prayer.



Use the ribbon stick to move to the music



Look at the booklet on the clipboard to follow along with today's reading(s), or follow along on the screen



While listening to the sermon, color the picture(s) & do the activity sheets on your clipboards. Can you make any connections between your sheets & the sermon?



Put "I Give myself to God" Paper in the offering plate as your offering.