



Blessing of the Animals

August 21, 2022
Peace Lutheran Church
Hutchinson, Minnesota

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP- Psalm 148

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

¹ Praise the LORD.

Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights above.

² Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

³ Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars.

⁴ Praise him, you highest heavens
and you waters above the skies.

⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for at his command they were created,
⁶ and he established them for ever and ever—
he issued a decree that will never pass away.

⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth,
you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,

⁸ lightning and hail, snow and clouds,
stormy winds that do his bidding,

⁹ you mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars,

¹⁰ wild animals and all cattle,
small creatures and flying birds,

¹¹ kings of the earth and all nations,
you princes and all rulers on earth,

¹² young men and women,
old men and children.

¹³ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;
his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

Praise the LORD. (NIV)

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

6:30pm & 8:30am **HYMN 793 (Maroon): Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven**

10:00am **This is the Day** (*We will sing this twice.*)

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made, that the Lord hath made.

We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made.

CONFESSION

Let us make confession of our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

O God our Father, we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have transgressed Your law and have brought injury to others. We have not always shown forth our faith in every aspect of our lives. We sincerely repent of our sins. Grant us Your grace and forgiveness in Jesus Christ. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit within us, lead us to amend our sinful lives that each day we may grow in righteousness and godly living to the glory of Your holy name.

The Lord hears our pleas and accepts our prayers. To each of us, our Lord promises forgiveness, life, and salvation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

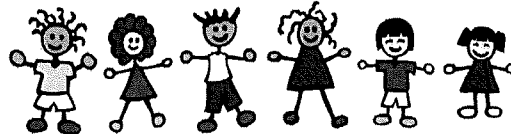
HYMN: This is My Father's World

**This is my Father's world, And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings The music of the spheres.**

**This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas--His hand the wonders wrought.**

**This is my Father's world: The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white, Declare their Maker's praise.**

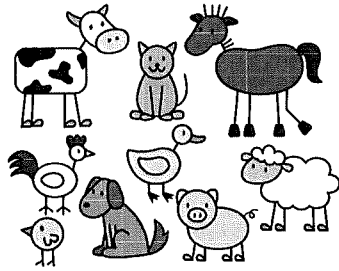
**This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.**



Children's Sermon: Blessed by the Lord

**This is my Father's world: O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.**

**This is my Father's world: Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King: let the heavens ring! God reigns; let earth be glad!**



10:00am ONLY – Blessing of the Animals

SONG: Earth And All Stars

**Earth and all Stars, Loud rushing planets! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Mountains and Lakes, Rivers and Cornfields! Sing to the Lord a new song!
He has done marvelous things. I too will praise Him with a new song!**

**Kittens and Dogs, Rabbits and Goldfish! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Donkeys and Sheep, Horses and Chickens! Sing to the Lord a new song!
He has done marvelous things. I too will praise Him with a new song!**

**Turkeys and Ducks, Hamsters and Gerbils! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Tadpoles and Frogs, Geckos and Turtles! Sing to the Lord a new song!
He has done marvelous things. I too will praise Him with a new song!**

**Eagles and Cranes, Warblers and Blue Jays! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Cardinals and Owls, Sparrows and Finches! Sing to the Lord a new song!
He has done marvelous things. I too will praise Him with a new song!**

**Mothers and Dads, brothers and sisters! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Uncles and Aunts, Grandmas and Grandpas! Sing to the Lord a new song!
He has done marvelous things. I too will praise Him with a new song!**

Readers: 6:30pm John Mons; 8:30am Mary Haag; 10:00am Betty Ruskamp

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 66:18-23

¹⁸ “And I, because of what they have planned and done, am about to come and gather the people of all nations and languages, and they will come and see my glory.

¹⁹ “I will set a sign among them, and I will send some of those who survive to the nations—to Tarshish, to the Libyans and Lydians (famous as archers), to Tubal and Greece, and to the distant islands that have not heard of my fame or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory among the nations. ²⁰ And they will bring all your people, from all the nations, to my holy mountain in Jerusalem as an offering to the LORD—on horses, in chariots and wagons, and on mules and camels,” says the LORD.

“They will bring them, as the Israelites bring their grain offerings, to the temple of the LORD in ceremonially clean vessels. ²¹ And I will select some of them also to be priests and Levites,” says the LORD.

²² “As the new heavens and the new earth that I make will endure before me,” declares the LORD, “so will your name and descendants endure. ²³ From one New Moon to another and from one Sabbath to another, all mankind will come and bow down before me,” says the LORD. ²⁴ “And they will go out and look on the dead bodies of those who rebelled against me; the worms that eat them will not die, the fire that burns them will not be quenched, and they will be loathsome to all mankind.” (ESV)

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EPISTLE READING: Hebrews 12:4-24

⁴ In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. ⁵ And have you completely forgotten this word of encouragement that addresses you as a father addresses his son? It says,

“My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline,
and do not lose heart when he rebukes you,

⁶ because the Lord disciplines the one he loves,
and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son.”

⁷ Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father? ⁸ If you are not disciplined—and everyone undergoes discipline—then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all. ⁹ Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of spirits and live! ¹⁰ They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness. ¹¹ No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

¹² Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees. ¹³ “Make level paths for your feet,” so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed.

¹⁴ Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. ¹⁵ See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many. ¹⁶ See that no one is sexually immoral, or is godless like Esau, who for a single meal sold his inheritance rights as the oldest son. ¹⁷ Afterward, as you know, when he wanted to inherit this blessing, he was rejected. Even though he sought the blessing with tears, he could not change what he had done

¹⁸ You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom and storm; ¹⁹ to a trumpet blast or to such a voice speaking words that those who heard it begged that no further word be spoken to them, ²⁰ because they could not bear what was commanded: “If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned to death.” ²¹ The sight was so terrifying that Moses said, “I am trembling with fear.”

²² But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, ²³ to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. (ESV)

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

6:30pm, 8:30am ▲ GOSPEL ALLELUIA

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia. (repeat)

Thy Word is a path to follow, a light to show the way.

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Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia. (repeat)

10:00am Caribbean Alleluia (We will sing this twice.)

Halle, halle, halle--lu-jah, Halle, halle, halle—lu-jah,

Halle, halle, halle—lu-jah, Hallelujah, hallelujah.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 13:22-30

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²² Then Jesus went through the towns and villages, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. ²³ Someone asked him, "Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?"

He said to them, ²⁴ "Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. ²⁵ Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, 'Sir, open the door for us.'

"But he will answer, 'I don't know you or where you come from.'

²⁶ "Then you will say, 'We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.'

²⁷ "But he will reply, 'I don't know you or where you come from. Away from me, all you evildoers!'

²⁸ "There will be weeping there, and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown out. ²⁹ People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. ³⁰ Indeed there are those who are last who will be first, and first who will be last." (ESV)

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SONG: 10,000 REASONS (Adapted from PSALM 103)

Chorus: **Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul
 Worship His holy name
 Sing like never before, O my soul
 I'll worship Your holy name**

**1. The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
 It's time to sing Your song again
 Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes. *Chorus***

**2. You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
 Your name is great and Your heart is kind
 For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *Chorus***

**3. And on that day when my strength is failing
 The end draws near and my time has come
 Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore. *Chorus, Chorus***



THE APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

PRAYERS & THE LORD’S PRAYER

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

8:30am 198 Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)
HYMN 610 (Maroon): Lord Jesus, Think on Me
HYMN 801 (Maroon): How Great Thou Art

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. Amen.

HYMN: He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands

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| 1. He’s got the whole world in His hands... | He’s got the whole world in His hands. |
| 2. He’s got the little tiny baby in His hands... | He’s got the whole world in His hands. |
| 3. He’s got the wind and the rain in His hands... | He’s got the whole world in His hands. |
| 4. He’s got the sun and the moon in His hands... | He’s got the whole world in His hands. |
| 5. He’s got ev’rybody here in His hands... | He’s got the whole world in His hands. |

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