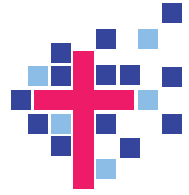


Eighteenth Sunday after PENTECOST



Welcome to Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

*By God's grace, through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, we are called to:
Worship God, Grow in faith, Share the Gospel, Serve others, Welcome all*





WELCOME

Pastor Judy Brennan

PRELUDE

Dean Robinson, organist

Fugue – Georg Philipp Telemann

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Our Creator God delights in all creatures - animals, birds and fish; wild things and domesticated; creatures great and creatures small.

May we think of God with thanksgiving whenever we witness a leaping deer or a hopping bunny; a splashing duck or a singing songbird; a majestic orca or an industrious ant.

May we be thankful for the gift of pets that bring companionship and joy to many lives, and for service and comfort and therapy animals.

May we also give thanks to God the gift of pets which brightened days past and are remembered by us with great fondness.

May we be reminded that our calling as stewards of God's creation and creatures makes us responsible for our pets but also for wildlife and the wild lands that are their homes.

We give thanks to God for all living creatures, asking God to bless them all, even as we now ask God's blessings on our pets. If you have a pet, you may like to have then with you for these words of blessing.

God bless you, my pet, my companion, my animal friend. Thank you for brightening my life and enriching this home. May my care for you be a reflection of God's care for all creatures. May this day and all your days be happy and healthy. Amen.

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.

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

CANTICLE

ELW Holy Communion: Setting Three

This Is the Feast

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Refrain

1. Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

2. Pow - er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, and hon - or, — bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

3. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Refrain

Bless - ing, hon-or, glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A - men.

Refrain

4. For the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al-le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Judy Brennan

Let us pray, in the words 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, God, 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.



THE FIRST LESSON

Doug Lieberg

Genesis 1:20-25 (NRSV)

God populates the earth with all sorts of living creatures, delighting in their diversity and proclaiming all that is made to be good.

L A reading from Genesis.

²⁰And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." ²¹So 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. ²²God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth."

²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And 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. ²⁵God 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.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

THE PSALM

*Psalm 148:7-14 (NRSV)**All creatures and all of creation join God's people in praise of the Creator.*

- ⁷Praise the Lord | from the earth,
you sea monsters | and all deeps;
⁸**fire and hail, | snow and fog,**
tempestuous wind, do- | ing God's will;
⁹mountains | and all hills,
fruit trees | and all cedars;
¹⁰**wild beasts | and all cattle,**
creeping things and | flying birds;
¹¹sovereigns of the earth | and all peoples,
princes and all rulers | of the world;
¹²**young | men and maidens,**
old and | young together.
¹³Let them praise the name | of the Lord,
for his name alone is | exalted;
His glory is above | earth and heaven.
¹⁴**He has raised up a horn | for his people.**
Praise the Lord | all the faithful,
Let all living things | praise the Lord!
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THE SECOND LESSON

Galatians 6:14-18 (NRSV)

For St. Francis, the cross was always a sign of both the sacrificial love of Christ and the new life that is offered to all by that sacrifice. Even as he relished in creation, Francis followed the model of St. Paul, the writer of Galatians, is being even more grateful for the new creation.

L A reading from Galatians.

¹⁴May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶As for those who will follow this rule — peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

¹⁷From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body.

¹⁸May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW Holy Communion: Setting Three

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

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

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 6:25-30 (NRSV)

Jesus tells a parable about God's generosity, challenging the common assumption that God rewards people according to what they have earned or deserve.

P The Holy Gospel as recorded in St. Matthew the 6th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus continued] 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?

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Judy Brennan

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW #824

This Is My Father's World


1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all
 2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the
 3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
 morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak - er's praise.
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
 This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the
 This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.
 rus - tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev'-ry-where.
 Lord is king, let heav - en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858–1901

Music: TERRA PATRIS, Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852–1930, adapt.

PROFESSING OUR FAITH

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 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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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 PEOPLE

Each petition ends, "Hear us, O Lord."

To which the congregation responds, "**Your mercy is great.**"

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.**

OFFERING

Dean Robinson, organist

Sonatina, Op. 36, No. 1 – Muzio Clementi

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face graciously shine upon you.
The Lord's mercy and peace be yours,
This day and forever.

C Amen.



God of the Sparrow



1 God of the spar - row God of the whale God of the swirl - ing
2 God of the earth - quake God of the storm God of the trum - pet
3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross God of the emp - ty
4 God of the hun - gry God of the sick God of the prod - i -



stars How does the crea - ture say Awe
blast How does the crea - ture cry Woe
grave How does the crea - ture say Grace
gal How does the crea - ture say Care



How does the crea - ture say Praise
How does the crea - ture cry Save
How does the crea - ture say Thanks
How does the crea - ture say Life

5 God of the neighbor
God of the foe
God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love
How does the creature say Peace

6 God of the ages
God near at hand
God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy
How do your children say Home

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919

Music: ROEDER, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929

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SENT TO SERVE

P Jesus said, "As I have been sent, so also I send you."

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**C Worship God,
Grow in Faith,
Share the Gospel,
Serve Others,
Welcome All. — Thanks be to God!**

