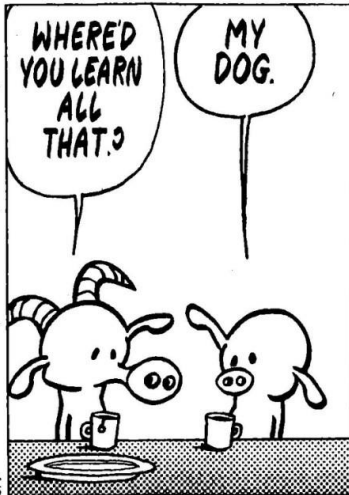
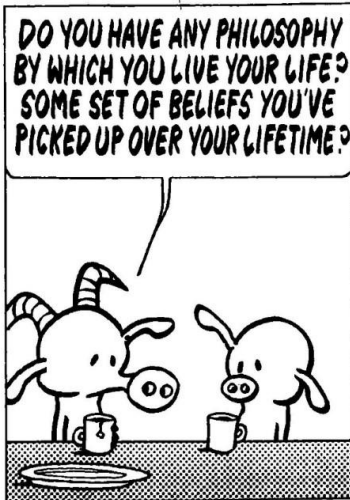


PEARLS BEFORE SWINE STEPHAN PASTIS



Commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi
Blessing of the Animals
October 1, 2023



Welcome to Diamond Lake Lutheran Church!

We are so glad you and your pets are here! St. Francis of Assisi, founder of the Franciscan order, believed nature is a mirror of God and called creatures his brothers and sisters. Our pets become family as well, so today, as we approach the Feast of St. Francis (October 4), we will bless our pets!

Children are encouraged to be present for worship—activity bags are located in the narthex or children are invited to use the Pray-Ground at the front of the sanctuary. A nursery is located on the lower level if you need it. Please join us after worship for Bogart's Doughnuts, coffee, and fellowship in the Lakeview Room. And there are treats for your pets, too! Dog and cat food samples are available in the Lakeview Room.

Participating in Today's Service

Pastor: Andrea Roske-Metcalf

Assisting Minister: Sue Haffield

Acolyte: Olivia Roske-Metcalf

Reader: Graydon Royce

Communion Servers: Iris McKigney, Carol Anderson, Sue Nelson, Graydon Royce, Joe Plummer, Cyndi Kresse, Melinda Batz

Ushers: Bob Kresse, Graydon Royce, Adam Podratz

Ensemble: Casey Quinn, Sue Krahling, Sue Nelson, Cynthia Dickison, Russ Michaletz, Del Hamaker, Dr. Bruce Gleason

Organist/Pianist: Dr. Kevin Hobbs

Tech Crew: John Nelson, Frank Anderson

Pray-ground Clean Up: Carol Anderson, Cyndi Kresse

Worship Notes

SPECIAL ASSISTANCE: Feel free to ask one of the ushers for hearing devices or large print bulletins.

We invite those who are able to stand each time the † symbol appears.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

TRINITY CHIMES

† LITANY OF REPENTANCE & LONGING

P: In the beginning, the Spirit over the deep;
new life daily unfolding at God's call.
Darkness and light: Good.
Skies, lands, and seas: Good.
The earth and all that fills it—plants and rocks,
the finned, the feathered, the furry: Good.
At the last, humankind in God's image: Very good.
Yet we have failed to draw from that goodness
in care for God's creation.

**C: Forgive us, God, for the ways we have
exploited earth and its creatures.**

P: We have misunderstood our calling
to be protectors of God's creation.

**C: Forgive us, God, for the ways we have
exploited earth and its creatures.**

P: We long for new relationships with God's creation
that has been entrusted to us.

**C: Help us, God, to make a new community
with all that lives alongside us.**

P: May the merciful God who calls us
to tend earth and all its creatures,
deepen our knowledge of creation's interweaving,
so that our lives are shaped in wholeness and peace
with all living things; in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

‡ OPENING HYMN

All Creatures, Worship God Most High! (1-4), ELW 835

‡ GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the
Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

‡ KYRIE

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. For your
 Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

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

Help, save, and de - fend us, O God.
 mer - cy. A - men.

‡ CANTICLE OF PRAISE



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

‡ PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.

C: **Holy God, we thank you for the gift of life. Recalling Francis who celebrated your love for all creation, today we embrace our connectedness to all: to wind, sea, and sky; to earthworm, giraffe, and chicken; to fish and puppy, to cats of the jungle and in our homes. Deepen our care for all that lives; in the name of Jesus, our teacher, savior, and friend. Amen.**

READING: GENESIS 1:1, 20-28

R: A reading from, the book of Genesis, the 1st Chapter.

¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

²⁰ God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." ²¹ So 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. ²² God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴ And 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. ²⁵ God 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. ²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

²⁷ So humans were created in God's image, in the image of God they were created; male and female God created them.

²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and steward it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 148 (read responsively)

- ¹ Alleluia! Praise God from the heavens;
praise God in the heights!
- ² **Praise God, all you angels;
praise God, all you hosts!**
- ³ Praise God, sun and moon;
praise God, all you shining stars!
- ⁴ **Praise God, you highest heavens
and you waters above the heavens!**
- ⁵ Let them praise the name of God,
by whose command they were created.
- ⁶ **God established them forever and ever;
and gave a decree which won't pass away.**
- ⁷ Praise God from the earth,
you sea creatures and ocean depths,
- ⁸ **lightning and hail, snow and mist,
and storm winds that fulfill God's word.**
- ⁹ Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars,
- ¹⁰ **Wild animals and all cattle,
small animals and flying birds,**
- ¹¹ Rulers of the earth, leaders of all nations,
all of the judges in the world,
- ¹² **Young men and young women,
old people and young children—**
- ¹³ Let them all praise the name of God,
whose name alone is exalted;
- ¹⁴ **whose majesty transcends heaven and earth,
and who raised up a horn for God's people,
to the praise of the faithful,
the children of Israel,
the people dear to God!**
Alleluia!

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON ON THE STEPS

The Circle of the Days
by Reeve Lindbergh; ill. by Cathie Felstead

HYMN OF THE DAY

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee, ELW 836

‡ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

A brief silence is kept before the prayers.

L: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

‡ SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: And also with you.

You may share the peace with those around you.

OFFERING

*A Place in the Choir, Bill Staines (arr. D. Adams)
Performed by: DLLC Ensemble*

Text to Give: 833-755-0230

For other options, go to www.dllc.org and click "Giving"

‡ OFFERTORY



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

‡ OFFERING PRAYER

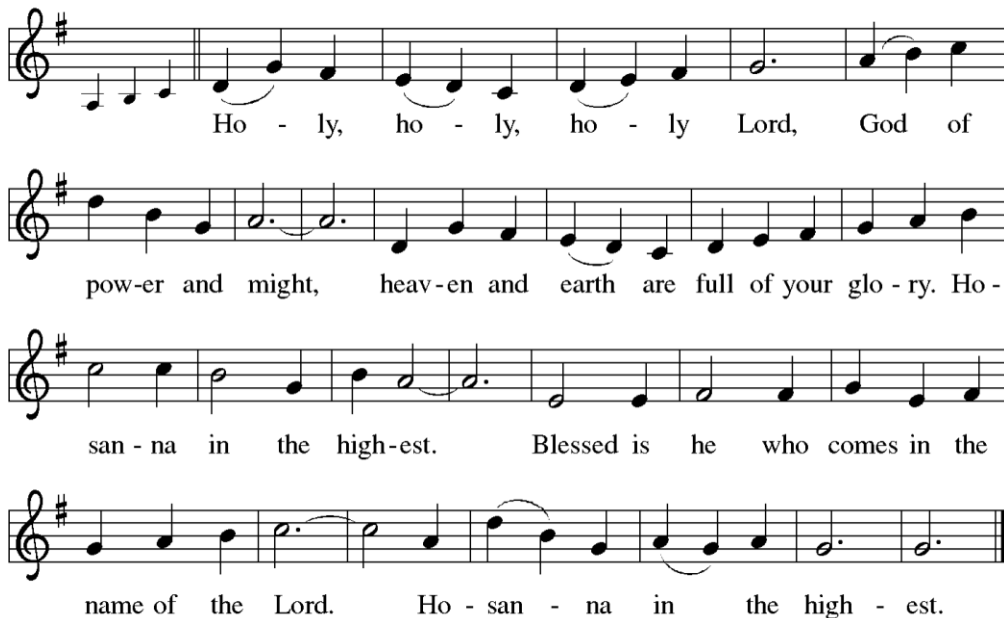
- L: God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C: **Amen.**

‡ GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: **And also with you.**
- P: Lift up your hearts.
- C: **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

‡ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

‡ LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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

P: Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat, and live as part of God's new creation.

DISTRIBUTION

As Christ offered himself without restriction to those gathered at the last supper, so too he invites all gathered here to partake in this meal. If you wish to receive the sacrament, come forward with your hands outstretched to receive the bread, and dip it either in the red wine or the white grape juice (both offered in each chalice). If you wish to receive a blessing from the pastor instead, come forward with your hands over your heart.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If it is difficult for you to come forward, please inform an usher, and the pastor will bring the sacrament to you in your seat.

COMMUNION HYMNS

*For the Beauty of the Earth, ELW 879
Let the Whole Creation Cry, ELW 876; Morning Has Broken, ELW 556*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

‡ BLESSING

P: God, the Source of glory,
God, the Word of life,
God, the Spirit of truth
bless you all, now and forever.

C: Amen.

‡ SENDING SONG

Let All Things Now Living, ELW 881

‡ DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace, love your God, serve your neighbor.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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We acknowledge that we gather as Diamond Lake Lutheran Church on the traditional land of the Wahpekute band of the Santee division of the Dakota people past and present.

Our mission: Stirred by the Spirit of Christ to learn, follow, and serve.

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