



August 24, 2025

Blessing of the Animals

Pioneer Lake Lutheran Church

A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
in the Northern Great Lakes Synod

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Blessed be God, Creator of all living things.

And blessed be God's creation, which shows forth God's love.

OPENING SONG *All Things Bright and Beautiful* (WOV 767)

GREETING

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

READING FROM ST. FRANCIS

Most High, all-powerful, good Lord,
Yours are the praises, the glory, and the honor, and all blessing.

**To You alone, Most High, do they belong,
and no human is worthy to mention Your name.**

Praised be You, my Lord, with all Your creatures,
especially Sir Brother Sun, who is the day and through whom You give us light.

**And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendor;
and bears a likeness of You, Most High One.**

READING: Genesis 6:17-22

A reading from Genesis

For my part, I am going to bring a flood of waters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die.

But I will establish my covenant with you, and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you.

And of every living thing, of all flesh, you shall bring two of every kind into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female.

Of the birds according to their kinds, and of the animals according to their kinds, of every creeping thing of the ground according to its kind, two of every kind shall come in to you, to keep them alive.

Also take with you every kind of food that is eaten, and store it up, and it shall serve as food for you and for them.

Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

READING: Psalm 8

**ALL: O Lord, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

You have set your glory above the heavens.
Out of the mouths of babes and infants
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.

**When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;
what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?**

Yet you have made them a little lower than God,
and crowned them with glory and honor.
You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet,

**all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,
the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

**ALL: O Lord, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

REFLECTION

Pr. Grant Van Lishout

SONG

This is My Father's World

(ELW 824)

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING FOR CREATION

For Brother Sun and Sister Moon, for Brother Wind and Sister Water, **We thank You, O Lord.**

For the gift of animals, wild and tame, feathered and furred, scaled and smooth, **We thank You, O Lord.**

For the companionship of pets, the beauty of wildlife, and the mystery of all living beings, **We thank You, O Lord.**

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Today, we wish to acknowledge and give thanks for creation, especially for the animals and pets in our lives.

*We give you thanks for (pet's name) and the blessings s/he has brought to (family).
We pause in gratitude and pray your abundant blessings upon _____ in the name
of Jesus our Lord and Savior, **AMEN.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

LORD'S PRAYER

SONG

Let All Things Now Living

(ELW 881)

SENDING

Go in peace, serving Christ and cherishing all creation.
Thanks be to God!

