

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

OCTOBER 10, 2026

10:00 AM Outdoor Worship Service

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church warmly welcomes people of any age, race, nationality, sexual orientation, life circumstance, and physical or mental capability

*You are invited to stand—please silence your cell phones

∞ GATHERING ∞

WELCOME

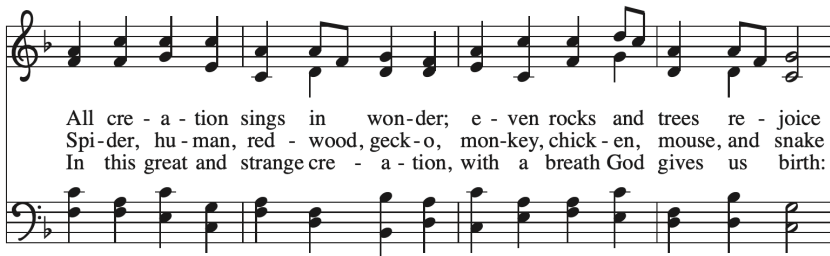
*GATHERING SONG “The Earth is Full of Wit and Wisdom”



1 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, sound-ing God's de - light-ed laugh,
2 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, wo - ven in - to har - mo - ny.
3 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom: pen - guin, pla - ty - pus, and snail,



from the ti - ny ro - ly - po - ly to the tree - top - tall gi - raffe.
Ev - 'ry crea-ture has a pur - pose, ev - 'ry flow'r and bum-ble - bee.
cac - tus, sea slug, oak, and al - gae, from the mi - crobe to the whale.



All cre - a - tion sings in won-der; e - ven rocks and trees re - joice
Spi - der, hu - man, red - wood, geck - o, mon-key, chick - en, mouse, and snake
In this great and strange cre - a - tion, with a breath God gives us birth:



as they join the ring-ing cho - rus: ech - oes of our Mak - er's voice.
live with-in a sin - gle fab - ric: cloth that on - ly God could make.
born of soil to live as stew - ards, called to love and serve the earth.

*GREETING AND PRAYER

P Bless the Lord, all you his creatures.

G **Bless the Lord, in heaven and on earth.**

P Let us pray. O God, you have made all living things. May you bless the animals of the earth and sea and air with security of habitat, plentiful food and clean water. May you bless the animals that provide service and companionship for us. We give thanks for these pets who bring us such comfort, joy, and playfulness. As you take care of us, help us take care of them.

G **Amen.**

✧ WORD ✧

READING

P A reading from Genesis.

Genesis 1:20-28, 31

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

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

PSALM

P Let us say together Psalm 148, verses 7 -14.

G **Praise Our God from the earth, you sea creatures and ocean depths, lightning and hail, snow and mist, and storm winds that fulfill God's word, mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars, wild animals and all cattle, small animals and flying birds, rulers of the earth, leaders of all nations, all the judges in the world, young men and young women, old people and children – let them all praise the Name of Our God whose Name alone is exalted, whose majesty transcends heaven and earth, and who has raised up a Horn for God's people to the praise of the faithful, the children of Israel, the people dear to God!**
Alleluia!

LITANY AND PRAYER

- P** For all your creatures that breathe and move and have life,

G **We thank you, O Lord.**

P That we may love and honor the works of your hand,

G **We thank you, O Lord.**

P That each pet here may be treasured with care,

G **We thank you, O Lord.**

P Creator of all things and giver of all life, let your blessing be upon all the animal inhabitants of the earth. For those seen and unseen creatures and living things

that attest to your creative power, we ask your blessing. We pray for victims of animal cruelty. Bless all who care for injured and abused animals. Comfort those who mourn for their pets and for endangered and extinct species. May our relationships with the animals with us today mirror your love. May our care for them be an example of your bountiful mercy. Grant each animal health and peace. Strengthen us to love and care for them as we strive to imitate your love.

G **Amen.**

SENDING

*BLESSING

- P** As God has blessed you with these pets, so may they be blessed by your love and care. And may the blessing of Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit be with you now and forever. **G** **Amen.**

BLESSING OF INDIVIDUAL ANIMALS

*SENDING SONG

“Shalom”

Sha - lom, my friends, sha - lom, my friends, sha - lom, sha - lom.
Sha - lom, cha-ve-rim, sha - lom, cha-ve-rim, sha - lom, sha - lom.

Sha - lom my friends, sha - lom, my friends. Sha - lom, sha - lom.
Sha - lom cha-ve-rim, sha - lom cha-ve-rim. Sha - lom, sha - lom.

Rev. Karen Boda Pastor
Anna Kate Peed Musician

**Are you worshipping with us for the first time?
WE WELCOME YOU!**

Sunday services are at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.
We offer Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. for all ages.
Come Share in God's Love with Us!

Come to any or all of our Upcoming Events!

Fall Harvest Dinner—October 11th, Worship 8:30 | 10:45 AM
Stay for a German feast following the 10:45 AM service.

Trunk or Treat—October 28th, 6 PM
All are welcome—lower parking lot off Eagle Drive - Free treats and fun activities!

Blood Drive - October 31, 2026 8 AM - 1 PM
Register at redcrossblood.org | sponsor code: goodshepherdlutheran

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Lower Parking lot on November 7, 2026 10 AM - 1 PM
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