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Visiting today? Welcome!

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Notes for Today's Service

We hope that you will be able to join with us in worship in person. More information at templelutheran.org

We will be taking pictures of this worship service, your likeness may be shown on Temple's website and mailings.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS – *After today's sermon, some of our ministers will be moving around the worship space offering a blessing for your animal(s). With the blessing, dogs and cats will receive edible treats. If there are any dietary restrictions we should be aware of, please alert the minister at the time of the blessing. We are also happy to offer you a medal of St. Francis, which you are free to fasten to your animal's collar, leash, carrying case, or anywhere else you'd like!*

OFFERING - *During today's service, an offering will be gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. At Temple Lutheran Church, we acknowledge financial stewardship to be an act of discipleship, done in response to the Good News of God's love. As you hear God's Word today and consider the ways God has blessed you, we invite you to share only what God is calling you to share. We thank you for your generous gifts, and assure you that your donations will help to change lives as we transform church, our neighborhood, and God's world in the name of Jesus.*

Please consider e-giving as a way to continue meeting your pledge to Temple. Please contact our Financial Secretary for information or the form to do this at finsecretary@templelutheran.org.

WELCOME

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

GATHERING SONG: All Creatures, Worship God Most High!

(vs.1&4)

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!

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**God, our Creator, help us to love
all creatures as our kin,
all animals as our partners on Earth,
all birds as messengers of praise,
all small beings as expressions of your mysterious design
and all frogs as voices of hope. Amen.**

LET US READ PSALM 148 RESPONSIVELY

Congregation, please read bold text.

Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!

**²Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his host!**

**³Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars!
⁴Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!**

**⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for he commanded and they were created.
⁶He established them forever and ever;
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

**⁷Praise the LORD from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps,
⁸fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy wind fulfilling his command!**

**⁹Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!**

**¹⁰Wild animals and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!**

**¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!**

**¹²Young men and women alike,
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.**

**¹⁴He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his faithful,
for the people of Israel who are close to him.
Praise the LORD!**

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God!**

Please rise for the reading of the Gospel

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 11th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 11:25-30

²⁵At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

LITANY OF BLESSING

Spirit of Life, for all the beautiful, loving, loved animals we see before us, we ask,

May they be blessed, as they have blessed us.

For all the animals who bring loveliness and happiness into our lives, though they are not here today—for their long lives and good health, we ask,

May they be blessed, as they have blessed us.

We lift up the names of animals we have loved and lost:

Of their memories, we ask,

May they be blessed, as they have blessed us.

For all the animals who live in fields and on farms, in the seas and on the desert, who depend on human kindness for their well-being and on our foresight for their habitats and homes—for all the species we have yet to discover, in the amazing diversity of life with which they grace our world,

May they be blessed, as they have blessed us.

For animals large and small, beautiful to our eyes and not-so-beautiful, cuddly and creepy, we ask,

May they be blessed, as they have blessed us.

And we ask this blessing for ourselves as well, in the words attributed to Albert Schweitzer: “Make us, ourselves, to be true friends to animals, and so to share the blessings of the merciful.”

Amen.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

SONG OF THE DAY: Pass It On

It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing;
That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it:
You spread His love to everyone, you want to pass it on.

How wonderful is fall when all the leaves are changing.
You hear your Savior's call and see all he is arranging.
That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it:
You want to sing, it's fresh like fall, you want to pass it on.

I wish for you my friend, this happiness that I've found.
You can depend on Him, it matters not where you're bound;
I'll shout it from the mountain top, I want my world to know:
The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING SONG

Make me a channel of your peace

Prayer of St. Francis



- 1 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.
2 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.
4 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.



Where there is ha - tred, let me bring your love;
Where there's de - spair in life, let me bring hope;
It is in par - don - ing that we are par - doned,

Last time to coda ⊕



where there is in - ju - ry, your par - don, Lord;
where there is dark - ness, on - ly light;
in giv - ing of our - selves that we re -



and where there's doubt, true faith in you.
and where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy.

2

3 O Mas - ter, grant that I may nev - er seek so

much to be con - soled as to con - sole, to be

un - der - stood as to un - der - stand, to be

D.C. (stanza 4) al coda

loved as to love with all my soul.

⊕ *Coda*

ceive, and in dy - ing that we're born to e - ter - nal life.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

**Gracious God,
in your great love you richly provide for our needs.
Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,
and make us ready to share with all in need;
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

Like children in the arms of Jesus, receive this blessing:
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
Amen.

SENDING SONG: Jesus Loves Me!



DISMISSAL

Go in peace, Welcome Unconditionally!

Thanks be to God.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS COMING WEEK:

For Healing and Encouragement: Paula Andrade, Paul Arata, Margaret Barger, Jack Byers, Mike Carr, Joan Clarke, Linda Cohen, Jane Corso, Bobbie Delaney, Gordon Dersheimer, Declan Devlin, Julie Diehl, Diane Donnelly, Jeanne Donofrio, Chase Doyle and Adam, Christie Ennis, Bill Faust, Shane Faust, Kristine Ferguson-Franklin, Michelle Filler, Lois Ann Forgress-Oler, Kelly Gallagher, Michael Gallagher Jr., Roger Gasper, Todd Gasper, Evin Gerofsky, Thomas Gibson (Gibby), Roy Hallowell, Greg Hallquist, Florence Homer, Clay Isakson, Craig Jamgochian, Boyce Johnson, Em Johnston, Gina Kapusniak, Kailyn Kilfoyle, Kim Komar, Louis F. Lamoreux, Calvin Lawler, Jean Long, Lori Lutz, Madison Lynn, Susie Margarite and family, Salvino Marra, Janet Marinari, Wayne Meider, Lino Mescia, Cadence Monroe, Helen Neiser, Betty Pagan, Carmen Palacios, Tonya Parker, Pat Rhodes, Jeanne Santarsiero, Vivi Shea, Chris Smith, Clark Smith, Merry Snyder, Patricia Snyder, Karen Spangler, Derick Spence, Phil Strybuc, Gaetan Termini, Dick Torti, Steve and Sue Voccola, Lily Walker, Barbara Ward, Philip White, Linda Wilke, and Chloe Gorby Zarko.

CALENDAR OF REGULAR MEETINGS AND REHEARSALS

Tuesdays	7:15 p.m.	Handbell Choir
	8:30 p.m.	AA Meeting
Friday	7:30 p.m.	I Am Responsible [AA meeting]
Saturdays	9:30 a.m.	Bryn Mawr Early Birds [AA meeting]
Sundays	8:15 a.m.	Early Worship
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Café
	10:00 a.m.	In-person, Live Streamed Worship Sunday School held during worship.
	11:15 a.m.	Chancel Choir

12-Step meetings are held regularly at the church, but not all of them are posted, at the request of each group's leadership.

Please contact Pastor Tim if you have an addiction and need help.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October	5	Blessing of the Animals
	5	Wurstfest! 1-6 PM
	6 & 20	Bible Study
	13	Spiritual Direction Group
	25 & 27	TLC Food Pantry 1-2:30 PM
	26	Reformation Sunday – Wear Red
November	2	All Saints Sunday

Partners in Ministry

Ministers	People of Temple Lutheran Church
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Director of Discipleship	Rob Mannix
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