

Seedlings 🌱: "Praised be You, my Lord, with all your creatures; especially Brother Sun, who is the day, and through whom You give us light."



Sunrise on the Solstice at Lake Story near Galesburg

[The Canticle of the Sun](#)

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

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

*Praised be You, my Lord, with all your creatures;
especially 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 to You, Most High One.*

*Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars;
in heaven You formed them clear and precious and beautiful.*

*Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Wind,
and through the air, cloudy and serene,
and every kind of weather through which You give sustenance to Your creatures.*

*Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Water,
which is very useful and humble and precious and chaste.*

*Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Fire,
through whom You light the night;
and he is beautiful and playful and robust and strong.*

*Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Mother Earth,
who sustains us and governs us and who produces
varied fruits with colored flowers and herbs.*

*Praised be You, my Lord,
through those who give pardon for Your love,
and bear infirmity and tribulation.*

*Blessed are those who endure in peace
for by You, Most High, they shall be crowned.*

*Praised be You, my Lord,
through our Sister Bodily Death,
from whom no living man can escape.*

*Woe to those who die in mortal sin.
Blessed are those whom death will find in Your most holy will,
for the second death shall do them no harm.*

*Praise and bless my Lord,
and give Him thanks,
and serve Him with great humility.*

Amen



Saint Francis is said to have composed this song of praise in 1225, and it is considered the first poem in vernacular Italian. Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical "Laudato Si" takes its name and inspiration from Saint Francis' work. The title means "Praise Be to You" in medieval Italian, a phrase that is repeated throughout the Canticle.

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Summer Solstice Reminds Us of God's Grace to All

submitted by Carrie Watkiss, Council President

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Outdoor Worship, Summer and Autumn 2024



Wild flower meadows north of the Brookfield Zoo.



The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, July 14th



The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, August 4th with the Wilson Family ELCA Sponsored Missionaries in Tokyo followed by a Luncheon



In 2010, Andrew and Sarah Wilson embarked on a fascinating project to retrace Martin Luther's steps when the famous Friar undertook his only trip to Rome on foot in 1510 or 1511.

That year was the 500th anniversary of Luther's journey to Rome. The couple hiked across half of Germany, through parts of Austria and Switzerland, over the Alps, and finally across northern Italy to Rome, in a walking tour that covered one thousand miles. Their remarkable effort inspired the book, Here I Walk, by Andrew with an afterword by Sarah.



**The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, October 6th
with the Blessing of Animals
in Commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi,
October 4th**



Birthing season on the Salt Creek.

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[Jesus] also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water... (Isaiah 35:6b-7a).***

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