

St. John's Lutheran Church
September 01, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.
Season of Creation

(An usher rings the church bells 5 minutes before church service starts)

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude – Linda Ranney

(Acolyte -When music starts light candles)

Greeting and Call to Worship

Come, let us worship God, who gifted us with life and Creation to sustain life.

We praise God for the wondrous Creation.

Come, let us follow Lord Jesus Christ, who inspires us to hope and act for justice and righteousness.

We give glory to God, who restores the groaning Creation and the vulnerable.

Come let us move with Holy Spirit, striving to establish justice and produce the firstfruits of hope.

We praise God for the abundant life that is assured to all Creation.

Heavenly Triune God and Creator of all, we gather here, made in the image of the Creator,

Who created in love.

We gather in the name of the redeemer, our Savior Jesus Christ,

Who reconciles all of Creation.

We gather in the presence of the life Giver, your Holy Spirit,

Who inspires new life and instills hope.

Gathering Hymn *"Earth is Full of Wit and Wisdom"* ACS#1064 v. 1-3 (Please Stand)



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.

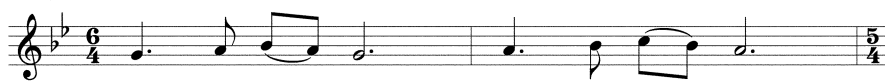
Apostolic Greeting

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.**

Kyrie - Mass of Creation

(cantor first time, assembly repeat)

Refrain



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



Lord, have mer - cy.

Music: *Mass of Creation*, Marty Haugen, © 1984, GIA Publications, Inc.

Canticle of Praise – Mass of Creation

(choir sings verse 1)

Refrain
Assembly

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to all peo - ple on earth.

1. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory. Refrain

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Holy God, **creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Genesis Reading (for the Great Vigil); Genesis 1:1-2:2; Psalm 135

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was barren, with no form of life; it was under a roaring ocean covered with darkness. But the spirit of God was moving over the water. God said: “I command light to shine!” And light started shining. God looked at the light and saw that it was good. He separated light from darkness and named the light “Day” and the darkness “Night.”

Refrain:

Cantor: Pastor Christine, assembly repeats

And God saw that it was good,
and there was eve-ning, and morn - ing.

The Second Day: God said, “I command a dome to separate the water above it from the water below it.” And that’s what happened. God made the dome and named it “Sky.”

Refrain

The Third Day: God said, “I command the water under the sky to come together in one place, so there will be dry ground.” And that’s what happened. God named the dry ground “Land,” and he named the water “Ocean.” God looked at what he had done and saw it was good. God said, “I command the earth to produce all kinds of plants, including fruit trees and grain.” And that’s what happened. The earth produced all kinds of vegetation. God looked at what he had done ...

Refrain

The Fourth Day: God said, “I command lights to appear in the sky and to separate day from night and to show the time for seasons, special days, and years. I command them to shine on the earth.” And that’s what happened. God made two powerful lights, the brighter one to rule the day and the other to rule the night. He also made the stars. Then God put these lights in the sky to shine on the earth, to rule day and night, and to separate light from darkness. God looked at what he had done ...

Refrain

The Fifth Day: God said, “I command the ocean to be full of living creatures, and I command birds to fly above the earth.” So God made the giant sea monsters and all the living creatures that swim in the ocean. He also made every kind of bird. God looked at what he had done, and it was good. Then he gave the living creatures his blessing – he told the ocean creatures to live everywhere in the ocean and the birds to live everywhere on earth.

Refrain

The Sixth Day: God said, “I command the earth to give life to all kinds of tame animals, wild animals, and reptiles.” And that’s what happened. God made every one of them. Then he looked at what he had done, and it was good. God said, “Now we will make humans, and they will be like us. We will let them rule the fish, the birds, and all other living creatures.” So God created humans to be like himself; he made men and women. God gave them his blessing and said, “Have a lot of children! Fill the earth with people and bring it under your control. Rule over the fish in the ocean, the birds in the sky, and every animal on the earth. I have provided all kinds of fruit and grain for you to eat. And I have given the green

plants as food for everything else that breathes. These will be food for animals, both wild and tame, and for birds.”

Refrain

The Seventh Day: So the heavens and the earth and everything else were created. By the seventh day God had finished his work, and so he rested. God blessed the seventh day and made it special because on that day he rested from his work. That’s how God created the heavens and the earth.

Refrain

Psalm 135

Cantor: Pastor Christine

We Praise You, O Lord

Psalm 135

Mike Balhoff, Gary Daigle
and Darryl Ducote

Refrain

We praise you, O Lord, for
all your works are won-der-ful. We praise you, O
Lord, for - ev - er is your love.

Children’s Time

Gospel Acclamation: Mass of Creation

(Cantor first time, assembly repeat)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Gospel: John 1:1-14

The Holy Gospel according to John the 1st Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

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

Sermon – Rev. Curt Rohland (*Please Sit*)

Hymn of the Day “Creating God, Your Fingers Trace” ELW#684 vs.1-3

- 1 Creating God, your fingers trace the bold designs of farthest space;
 let sun and moon and stars and light and what lies hidden praise your
 might.
- 2 Sustaining God, your hands uphold earth's myst'ries known or yet
 untold; let water's fragile blend with air, enabling life, proclaim your
 care.
- 3 Redeeming God, your arms embrace all now despised for creed or race;
 let peace, descending like a dove, make known on earth your healing
 love.

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Petition: Creator God, may we hope and act with Creation.

The Peace

(Ushers collect offering. Begin at the back of the sanctuary on the inside aisle and collect as you move to the front and continue around to the outside aisle returning with the offering to the Gathering Area. One usher collects offering from balcony.)

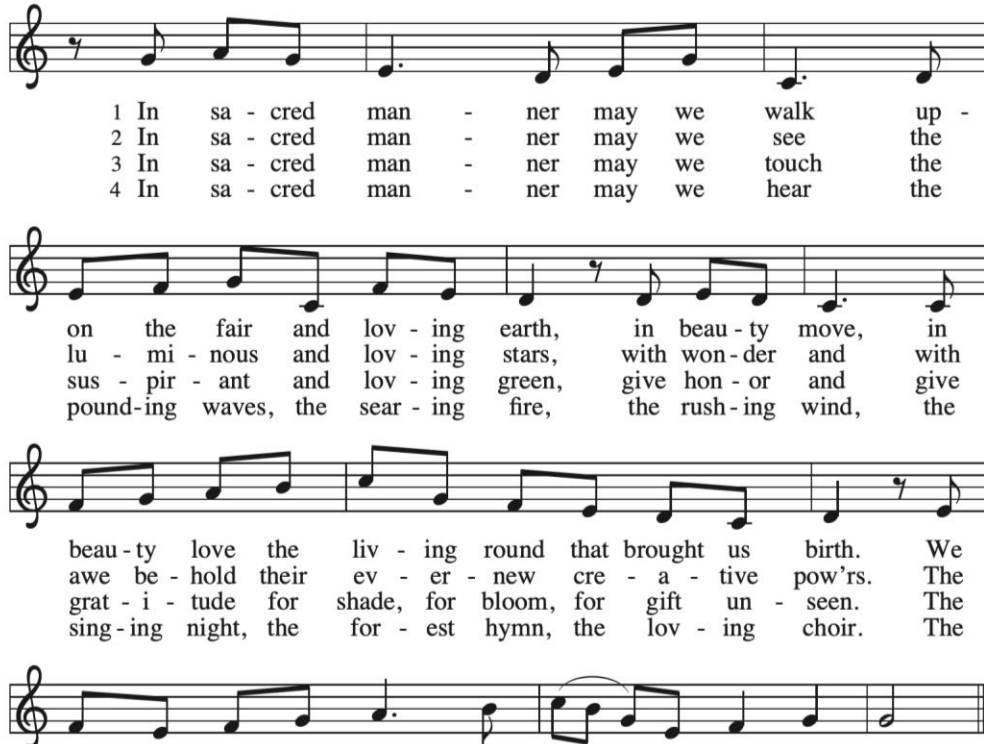
Offering - "Canticle of the Sun" by Marty Haugen; St. John's Choir

(Acolyte will collect the offering from the ushers to place on the altar during Offertory) (Observe a time of silence and reflection)

Appointed Congregants will bring forward items from the Farmer's Market as an offering

Offertory "In Sacred Manner" ACS#1071 v.1-2

(Please stand)



1 In sa - cred man - ner may we walk up -
2 In sa - cred man - ner may we see the
3 In sa - cred man - ner may we touch the
4 In sa - cred man - ner may we hear the

on the fair and lov - ing earth, in beau - ty move, in
lu - mi - nous and lov - ing stars, with won - der and with
sus - pir - ant and lov - ing green, give hon - or and give
pound - ing waves, the sear - ing fire, the rush - ing wind, the

beau - ty love the liv - ing round that brought us birth. We
awe be - hold their ev - er - new cre - a - tive pow'rs. The
grat - i - tude for shade, for bloom, for gift un - seen. The
sing - ing night, the for - est hymn, the lov - ing choir. The

stand on ho - ly ground. We stand on ho - ly ground.
heav - ens show us God. The heav - ens show us God.
trees shall shout for joy. The trees shall shout for joy.
morn - ing stars shall sing. The morn - ing stars shall sing.

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. Blessed are you, **O God, source of every gift of your creation.**
By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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:

Holy, Holy, Holy Mass of Creation

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

The musical notation is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff continues the melody. The third staff continues the melody. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

Eucharistic Prayer & Words of Institution

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

Invitation to Table *(Please Sit)*

(Acolyte- comes forward for communion. The 2 ushers will go to the front of the Sanctuary and begin releasing worshippers to receive a wafer and wine.)

Lamb of God Mass of Creation

Cantor:

1. Je-sus, Lamb of
2. Je-sus, Bread of
3. Je-sus, Prince of

All:

God,
Life,
Peace,
you take a-way the sins of the world: have

Last time
Cantor:

mer-cy on us. Je-sus, Lamb of God; you

All:

take a-way the sins of the world: grant us your peace.

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Communion Hymn "Now We Join in Celebration" ELW#462 v.1-3

- 1 Now we join in celebration at our Savior's invitation,
dressed no more in spirit somber, clothed instead in joy and wonder;
for the Lord of all existence, putting off divine transcendence,
stoops again in love to meet us, with his very life to feed us.
- 2 Lord, as round this feast we gather, fill our hearts with holy rapture!
For this bread and cup of blessing are for us the sure possessing
of your loving deed on Calv'ry, of your living self, our vict'ry,
pledge of your unfailing presence, foretaste here of heav'nly gladness.
- 3 Lord, we share in this communion as one fam'ly of God's children,
reconciled through you, our brother, one in you with God our Father.
Give us grace to live for others, serving all, both friends and strangers,
seeking justice, love, and mercy till you come in final glory.

Post Communion Blessing (*Please stand*)

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray. Holy God, **you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Welcome Nursery Attendant – Tyeanna Segura

Blessing

May God who can set Creation free, show us his glory.

Glory to God.

May God who knows our groaning and crying, bring about new life.

Now and always.

May God who helps us in our weakness, give us the firstfruits of hope.

The Lord is our hope.

And may the Triune God sprinkle into our hearts the dew of his grace and bless us all.

Amen.

Sending Hymn “*Light Dawns on a Weary World*” ELW#726 v.1-3

(Acolyte – Extinguish candles)

- 1 Light dawns on a weary world when eyes begin to see all people's dignity. Light dawns on a weary world: the promised day of justice comes.

Refrain

The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs; the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing! We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace, as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.

- 2 Love grows in a weary world when hungry hearts find bread and children's dreams are fed. Love grows in a weary world: the promised feast of plenty comes. *Refrain*
- 3 Hope blooms in a weary world when creatures, once forlorn, find wilderness reborn. Hope blooms in a weary world: the promised green of Eden comes. *Refrain*

Sending

Go in peace. Follow Jesus, live in harmony with one another and with all of Creation.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude – Linda Ranney

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Altar Flowers: In memory of my parents, Clarence & Gloria Stabenow by Don Stabenow.

Serving at worship today:

Pastor – Christine Emerson, Rev. Curt Rohland

Lector – Rozie Bejin

Acolytes – Owen Dekan, Braham Gintner

Ushers – Ron Norby, Lynn Yolitz

Greeters – Larry Krause, Cloris Seng

Communion Servers – Cheryl Mattison, Eric Nielsen, Jim Boulter, Cora Klawiter

Camera System – Scott Olsen

Power Point- Maxx Christopherson

Musicians- Linda Ranney, organ/piano; Mark Lundin, Music Director; St. John's Choir