

St. John's Lutheran Church
September 15, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.
Season of Creation

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

Welcome & Announcements

Temple Talk – John Price – Season of Creation

Prelude – *All Things Bright and Beautiful* arr. Cathy Moglebust; JuBellation
(Acolyte -When music starts light candles)

Greeting and Call to Worship *(Please Stand)*

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 "All Creatures, Worship God Most High!" ELW#835 v. 1-2
(Please Stand)

- 1 All creatures, worship God most high! Sound ev'ry voice in earth and sky: Alleluia! Alleluia! Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright; sing, sister moon and stars of night: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 2 Sing, brother wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and grain: Alleluia! Alleluia! Dear sister water, useful, clear, make music for your Lord to hear: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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.

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may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 8 (*Read Responsively*)

¹O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

²Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

³When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

⁴what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

⁵Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.

⁶You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,

⁷all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

⁸the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

⁹O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Children's Time

Gospel Acclamation: Mass of Creation (*Please Stand*)
(Cantor, then assembly)

Cantor (Mark): Tree of Life and endless wisdom be our root, our growth and glory:

All:



Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 10th Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" ³⁷And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" ³⁹They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." ⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

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

Sermon – Pastor Christine Emerson (*Please Sit*)

Hymn of the Day "There in God's Garden" ELW#342 vs.1, 2, 4

(Please Stand)

- 1 There in God's garden stands the Tree of Wisdom, whose leaves hold forth the healing of the nations: Tree of all knowledge, Tree of all compassion, Tree of all beauty.

- 2 Its name is Jesus, name that says, "Our Savior!" There on its branches see the scars of suffering; see where the tendrils of our human selfhood feed on its lifeblood.

- 4 See how its branches reach to us in welcome; hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye weary! Give me your sickness, give me all your sorrow, I will give blessing."

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

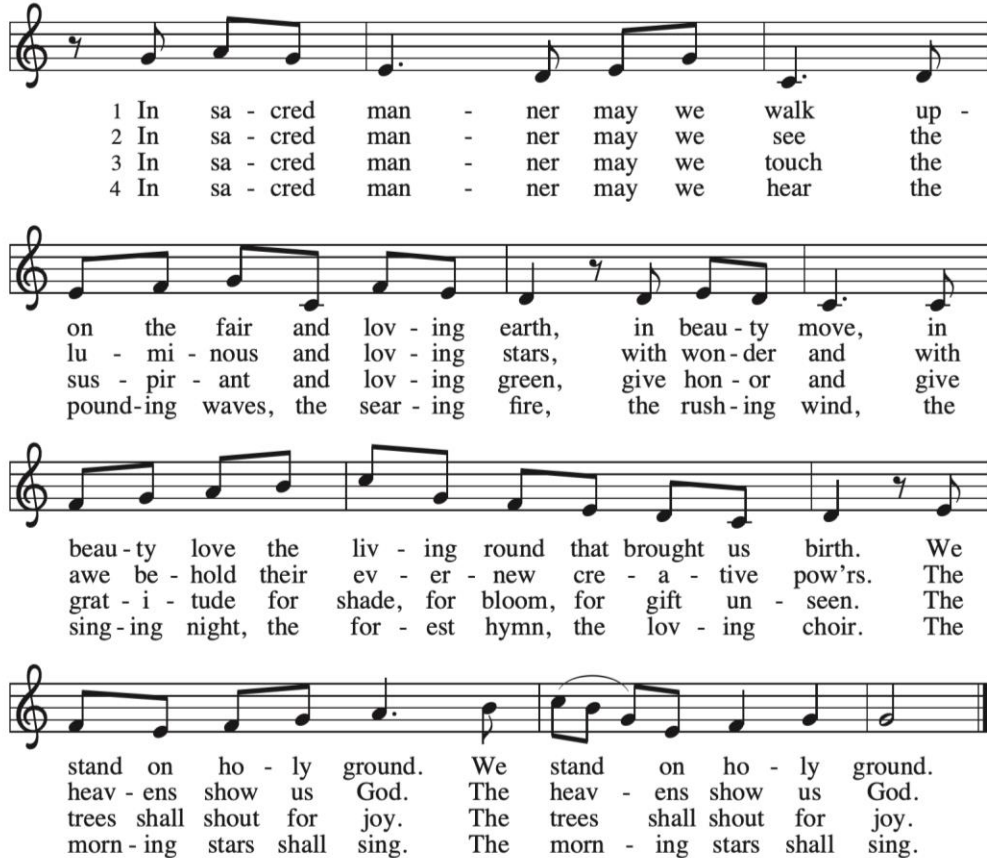
(Ushers collect offering. Begin at the back of the sanctuary on the inside aisle and collect as you move to the front and continue around to the outside aisle returning with the offering to the Gathering Area. One usher collects offering from balcony.)

Offering – Sing Out, Earth and Skies! by Marty Haugen

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

Offertory "In Sacred Manner" ACS#1071 v.1, 3

(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.

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

The musical score is written on a single staff in G minor (one flat) and consists of four lines of music. The first line begins with a 3/4 time signature, followed by a 2/4 time signature, then a 4/4 time signature, and finally a 3/4 time signature. It includes a 'Cantor' part and three numbered options for the lyrics: 1. Je-sus, Lamb of; 2. Je-sus, Bread of; 3. Je-sus, Prince of. The second line starts with an 'All:' marking and contains the lyrics: 'God, Life, Peace, you take a-way the sins of the world: have'. The third line features a 'Last time' marking, a 'Cantor' part, and an 'All:' marking, with lyrics: 'mer-cy on us. Je-sus, Lamb of God; you'. The fourth line continues the lyrics: 'take a-way the sins of the world: grant us your peace.'

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

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

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

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Communion Hymn "Beautiful Savior" ELW#838 v.1-4

- 1 Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man! Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
- 2 Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in flow'rs of blooming spring; Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.
- 3 Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, bright the sparkling stars on high; Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the sky.
- 4 Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!

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.**

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 “All Creatures, Worship God Most High!” ELW#835 v.3- 4
(Acolyte – Extinguish candles)

3 Sing, brother fire, so mirthful, strong, drive far the shadows, join the throng: Alleluia! Alleluia! Dear mother earth, so rich in care, praise God in colors bright and rare: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 All who for love of God forgive, all who in pain and sorrow grieve: Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ bears your burdens and your fears; still make your song amid the tears: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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: IHO our daughter Erica’s baptism anniversary on September 16th, by her parents Barret & Julie Neuhaus.

Serving at worship today:

Pastor – Rev. Christine Emerson

Worship Assistant – Cora Klawiter

Lector – Kathy Freitag

Acolytes – Emory Hanson, Bristyl Ische

Ushers – Sam Pederson, Mike Torud

Greeters – Brian Wagner, Dramus Peuse

Communion Servers – Becky Cater, Deb Freeland, Sue Wagner, Penny Erickson

Camera System – Scott Olsen

Power Point- Lois Mai

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