

Sunday, Sept. 29; 9:00 a.m.

Season of Creation – Week 4



St John's
Lutheran Church

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

Welcome & Announcements

Temple Talk

Mark and Patti Sontag

Prelude

Linda Ranney

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

ELW #556; Morning Has Broken, vs.1-3

- 1 Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!
- 2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.
- 3 Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

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

Lord Have Mercy (from *Mass of Creation*) by Marty Haugen

(cantor first time, assembly repeat)

Refrain

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

Lord, have mer - cy.

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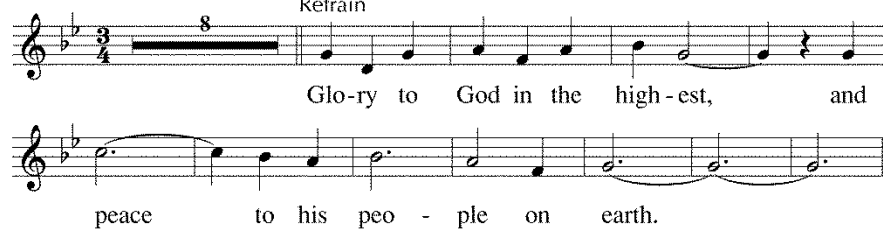
Canticle of Praise

Glory to God (from *Mass of Creation*) by Marty Haugen

(choir sings verse 1-2, Assembly sing *Refrain*)

GLORIA

Refrain



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

Prayer of the Day (*please stand*)

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Reading: Psalm 1, read responsively (*please sit*)

¹Happy are those
who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;

**²but their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law they meditate day and night.**

³They are like trees
planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.

**⁴The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

⁶**for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Reading: James 2:14-17

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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Thanks be to God.

Children's Time

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia (from *Mass of Creation*) by Marty Haugen

Cantor: Praise the God of all creation, God of mercy and compassion.

Assembly:

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 15:12-17

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 15th Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹²This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Julie Long

Hymn of the Day (*please stand*)

ACS #1068; The Earth Adorned in Verdant Robe

1 The earth adorned in verdant robe
sends praises upward surging,
while soft winds breathe on fragrant flow'rs
from winter now emerging.
The sunshine bright gives warmth and light
to budding blossoms tender,
proclaiming summer splendor.

2 From out the wood, the birds now sing
and each its song now raises,
to join with all the universe
in voicing thankful praises.
With hope and joy their songs employ
a rapturous exultation
in praise of God's creation.

3 O God, amid these joys of life,
creation's glory beaming,
grant us the grace to keep your word
and live in love redeeming.
All flesh is grass, the flowers fade,
and time is fleeting ever;
God's word remains forever.

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

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

(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

The Earth is Full of Beauty by Jeanne Cotter; St. John's Choir

Offertory (*Please stand*)

"In Sacred Manner" ACS #1071 v.1, 2



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.

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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, Holy, Holy (from *Mass of Creation* by Marty Haugen)

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 and Words of Institution

The 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.)

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God (from *Mass of Creation*)

Cantor:

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

All:

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

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.

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

Communion Hymn

ELW #487; What Feast of Love vs. 1-3

- 1 What feast of love is offered here,
what banquet come from heaven?
What food of everlasting life,
what gracious gift is given?
This, this is Christ the king,
the bread come down from heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing!
How sweet the manna given!
- 2 What light of truth is offered here,
what covenant from heaven?
What hope of everlasting life,
what wondrous word is given?
This, this is Christ the king,
the sun come down from heaven.
Oh, see and hear and sing!

The Word of God is given!

- 3 What wine of love is offered here,
 what crimson drink from heaven?
 What stream of everlasting life,
 what precious blood is given?
 This, this is Christ the king,
 the sweetest wine of heaven.
 Oh, taste and see and sing!
 The Son of God is given!

Post-Communion Blessing

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

ELW #879; For the Beauty of the Earth vs. 1,2,5

1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:

Refrain

Christ, our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

2 For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flow'r,
sun and moon and stars of light: *Refrain*

5 For each perfect gift of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heav'n;
for thyself, best gift divine,
to our world so freely giv'n: *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

Altar Flowers

In memory of Kenneth & Iona Hogenson by Diana Hogenson

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Serving at Worship Today

Pastor – Rev. Christine Emerson & Rev. Julie Long

Lector – Patti Sontag

Acolytes – Matthew Kording, Lauren Leonardson

Ushers – Paul Benish, Tom Price

Greeters – Ruth Ann Kjelstad, Kurt Kjelstad

Communion Servers – Sam Peuse, Jessica Peuse, Julie Kersten, Cheryl Stage

Camera System – Scott Olsen

Power Point- Claire Ernster

Opportunities Bulletin – Frank Larrabee

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

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