



Lutherans Restoring Creation

Lutherans Restoring Creation is a grassroots movement promoting care for creation in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

We accomplish this by cultivating a community of dedicated stewards of earth and neighbor who proclaim God's promise of hope and healing for all.

We acknowledge that as we are called to restore creation, we are also called to restore right relationships with one another. As part of this ministry, we honor all our Indigenous siblings who have cared for these places and beings since time immemorial. We invite non-Indigenous communities and individuals to learn about the original and continuous stewards of the land upon which you exist as we join in this holy vocation of loving our neighbor.

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Prelude

Litany/Call to Worship

Rev. Jeff Schlesinger

O God, you have claimed us in baptism through the waters of Creation:

we join the Atlantic and Pacific, the Great Lakes and the Caribbean in giving you thanks and praise.

Ruth Ivory-Moore

O God, you have called us to live in unity and love with our neighbors:

we join in worship with all creatures that walk, crawl, slither, fly, or swim.

Pat Almonrode

O God, you nourish the earth with water and snow, and till the soil with frost and thaw:

we come before you to be cultivated by your Word.

Rev. Sarah Locke

O God, the planets and solar systems and galaxies belong to you:

we come before you with great humility, amazed that you are even mindful of us.

Henry Huntington

Welcome & Acknowledgement

Phoebe Morad

Thanksgiving For Baptism

Rev. Adrienne Strehlow

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who forms the Earth,
redeems all Creation,
and sustains life. **Amen.**

God of tempest, God of whirlwind,
in the beginning when the Earth was formless,
your Spirit swept over the waters.
You spoke, and the wind of your Word fashioned order:
darkness and light; sea and sky and soil;
sun and moon; birds and fish; creatures, plants, and people;
and with a word, you took delight.

You looked upon your Creation and called it good.

Kaylie Ines

After you poured out the floods of judgment,
you set your bow in the clouds,
a promise to every living creature that water is life.
You spoke, and the sky sang with all the colors of your covenant:
for cardinals and foxes, bumblebees and tortoises, Noah and his family,
and all descendants of your first act of redemption.
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

We marvel at your Creation, for it is good!

Rev. Sandi Olson-Decker



At Jacob's well, the woman from Samaria
witnessed the water of eternal life from your beloved Son.
In baptism, your Spirit brings water to life.
You speak, and your children are born
from the womb of your mercy.
You wrap us in the grace of your never-ending love
and raise us to share that love with all you have made.

You look upon your Creation and call us good.

Heidi Ann Michelsen

Forgiven in the waters of baptism,

We praise you, Creator of all things.

We worship you, Redeemer of all that lives.

We serve you, Sustainer of your people in every land. Amen.

Hymn of Praise

Cherokee National Youth Choir

Guide Me Jehovah

squa ti ni se sdi yi ho wa
take me by the hand and walk with me Jehovah

e la di ga i sv i
as I walk down here on this earth

tsi wa na ga li h(i) yu a yv
I am weak

tsa li ni gi di ni hi
You are strong

ni go hi lv ni go hi lv
Forever, forever

sgi sde li sge sdi yo go) repeat
be my helper

Prayer of the Day

Rev. Gabriel Morgan

Source of All, throughout your good creation we hear resurrection: percussive spring rains; the hymnody of birds; silent explosions of bursting buds. Yet we also see your wounded hands in the clotted sea, the bleeding sky, and the lacerated earth.

Open our ears with renewed awe for the splendor that unfolds around us and renewed compassion for your cries for help. Then calm our fears and fill us with your peace, that we, too, might become your risen body, overflowing with grace to transform and renew, until together with all that you have borne, we join in one great anthem of New Life. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. **Amen.**



WORD

Psalm 8 - The Message

Rev. Christyn Koschmann

8 God, brilliant Lord,
yours is a household name.
2 Nursing infants gurgle choruses about you;
toddlers shout the songs
That drown out enemy talk,
and silence atheist babble.
3-4 I look up at your macro-skies, dark and enormous,
your handmade sky-jewelry,
Moon and stars mounted in their settings.
Then I look at my micro-self and wonder,
Why do you bother with us?
Why take a second look our way?
5-8 Yet we've so narrowly missed being gods,
bright with Eden's dawn light.
You put us in charge of your handcrafted world,
repeated to us your Genesis-charge,
Made us stewards of sheep and cattle,
even animals out in the wild,
Birds flying and fish swimming,
whales singing in the ocean deeps.
9 God, brilliant Lord,
your name echoes around the world.

Gospel John 20:19-31

Patterson Yazzie (reading in Navajo)

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe. "A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

**Sermon****Rev. Carmelo Santos****Song of the Day****Baird Linke***Momento Nuevo*

Dios hoy nos llama a un momento nuevo,
A caminar junto con su pueblo.
Es hora de transformar lo que no da más
Y solo y aislado no hay nadie capaz

**// Por eso ven, entra en la rueda
con todos, también,
Tu eres muy importante. // Ven.**

Ya no es posible creer que todo es fácil.
Hay muchas fuerzas que producen muerte.
Nos dan dolor, tristeza y desolación,
Es necesario afianzar nuestra unión.

La fuerza que hace hoy brotar la vida,
Obra en nosotros dándonos su gracia,
Es Dios que nos convida a trabajar,
Su amor compartir y las fuerzas juntar.

God has called us to a new moment
To walk with God's people
It's time to transform that which doesn't provide
And alone, isolated, no one can

And so, come! Join the round with everyone, too.
You are very important. (x2) Come.

It isn't possible now to believe that it will be easy
There are many forces which produce death
They give us pain, sadness, desolation,
It's necessary to have faith in our union.

The power which creates today to sprout life
Works in us, giving us its grace
It is God who convenes us to work,
To share God's love and our forces unite.



Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offering Prayer

Rev. Sarah Locke

Sovereign of the universe, you set the parameters of the sea and renew the earth with light from the ages and rain from the heavens. Receive the gifts we bring as we care for oceans, lakes, and all habitats, to the glory of God in the name of Christ our peace. **Amen.**

Intercessory Prayers

Emily, Sarah, and Wes from Martin Luther Lutheran Church, Lee's Summit, MO

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

Holy One who acts righteously, equip your church as witnesses of your goodness to go and tell others of your abundant love, that they may believe that Jesus is our salvation and life. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Renew your people's commitment to use resources responsibly and to live well with your creation. Invite us to recognize and nurture signs of resurrection life in the natural world. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Direct those who are given human authority to lead with humility and compassion. By your Holy Spirit channel their attention toward serving those who are most in need. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Uphold your children who cry out to you. Wherever people are overcome by the fear of death, breathe into them your life and peace. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Inspire those who lead your people in worship and praise. With joyful motion and sound, send us forth with praise that we cannot keep to ourselves. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give us the words of your saints who, like Thomas, boldly confessed your Son as Lord and God. With Jesus our leader, empower us to live according to his ways. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **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.

Benediction

Rev. Emily Meyer

The God of all Creation:
 of oceans and lakes,
 of prairie dogs and moose,
 of spring rains and winter squalls,
 of Pluto and Mars,
 bless, keep, and strengthen you and all Creation,
 today, tomorrow, and always.
 In the name of the + Triune God. **Amen**

Closing Song

Tom Witt and Mary Preus

Come Living Christ and Be Our Word



1. Come, liv - ing Christ, and be our Word, the stor - y that we sing,
 2. Come, liv - ing Christ, in all we do make us your flesh and bone;
 3. Come, liv - ing church, be born a - gain, as bod - y, word, and sign.



that ev' - ry - where our voice is heard your Spir - it's song will ring.
 so we may live and work in you that through us you are known.
 Bring heal - ing to a world of pain, re - stor - ing God's de - sign.



As voic - es join the joy - ful sound, each with a part to raise,
 Let us be peace for ev' ry - one, and hope a - midst de - spair;
 Re - flect what earth is meant to be: cre - a - tion re - con - ciled;



we move as one, to - geth - er bound: Christ's bo - dy, born in praise.
 let us be joy for those with none, and love be - yond com - pare.
 and live your new i - den - ti - ty as God's be - lov - ed child.



Dismissal

Go in peace. Care for Creation.
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Rev. Christyn Koschmann

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