



CREATION CARE SUNDAY

AT ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH



SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024
9:00 A.M.

Order of Worship

Creation Care Sunday
April 28, 2024 † 9:00 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements & Prayer Concerns

We Confess We Live in a Broken World

Pastor: God of all creation,

**All: We confess that we live in a world of shattered dreams and broken promises.
We confess that we use and abuse our world and the creatures of our plant.
We confess that we hoard the world's resources for our own good. God of the soil,
the water, the air, and all creatures, forgive our sinful nature and make us a new
creation in your image.**

We Hear The Good News of the Creator's Love

Pastor: From God all new life comes. From ground scorched by fire new life blooms. From plains eroded from flood, creatures finds new food. From the insects, birds, plants and animals who live in a rapidly warming climate, whose habits and patterns are adapting. From God new life comes. God's creative power creates new life where there is hate and healing, where there is hurt. Through Jesus Christ our sin is forgiven and we are free to live this new life everyday. Hear, believe, embrace, and proclaim this Good News today!

Gathering Song

"God Of Wonders"

¹Lord of all creation, of water earth and sky.
The heavens are Your tabernacle. Glory to the Lord on high

Chorus

God of wonders beyond our galaxy. You are holy! Holy!
The universe declares Your majesty. You are holy! Holy!
Lord of heaven and earth. Lord of heaven and earth

²Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light.
When I stumble in the darkness, I will call Your name by night.

Bridge

Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth)
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Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth) *Chorus*

Call to Worship

Lucy Stoyke

Leader: We are the people of God who are gathered to celebrate the beauty of the earth and the creative wonder of God among us. We look for you God!

All: We see you in morning sunrise and in the evening sunset. We see you in the dew in the grass and in the stars of night. We see you in the colors of the flowers and trees.

Leader: We are the people of God who gather to experience the power of God's creative love. We look for you God!

All: We see you in the waves of the lakes and oceans that rise and fall. We see you in the mountain peaks that touch the sky. We see you streams and rivers that twist and turn. We see you in the grasses of the fields that reach deep in the earth.

Leader: We are the people of God who long to see a glimpse of God among us. We look for you God!

All: We know that you are here. We marvel at your goodness. We come to worship you!

Creation Litany of Word and Song

("For the Beauty of the Earth" (*hymn*) 879)

Kim Clark and Kristina Stoyke

Leader: "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."

(John 1:1-3a)

**¹For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth, over and around us lies:
Christ, our God, to thee we raise, this our sacrifice of praise.**

Leader: "¹⁵Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible."
(Colossians 1:15-16a)

**²For 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.
Christ, our God, to thee we raise, this our sacrifice of praise.**

Leader: “³Nothing was created except through God. ⁴The Word gave life to everything that was created, and Christ’s life brought light to everyone.” (John 1:3-4)

**³For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight.
Christ, our God, to thee we raise, this our sacrifice of praise.**

Leader: “^{16b}Every detail was crafted through God’s design, by God’s own hands and for God’s purposes. God existed before anything else began, and God holds all creation together.” (Colossians 1:16b-17)

**⁴For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild.
Christ, our God, to thee we raise, this our sacrifice of praise.**

Leader: “²⁴O Lord, what a variety of things you have made! In your wisdom you have made them all. ²⁷The earth is full of your creatures. Every one of them is dependent on you to give them what they need to survive. ³⁰When you send out your breath, life is created, and the face of the earth is made beautiful and is renewed. ³¹May your glory endure forever, O God, and may you find joy in the splendor of your own creation.” (Psalm 104:24, 27, 30, 31)

**⁵For 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.
Christ, our God, to thee we raise, this our sacrifice of praise.**

Leader: “⁷But ask the animals, and they will teach you; the birds of the air, and they will tell you; ⁸ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you. ⁹Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? ¹⁰In his hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of every human being.” (Job 12:7-10)

**⁶For thy church, that evermore lifting holy hands above,
offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love;
Christ, our God, to thee we raise, this our sacrifice of praise.**

Leader: "Lord our God, your name is the most wonderful in all the earth! It brings you praise everywhere in heaven. From the mouths of children and babies come songs of praise to you. I look at the heavens you made with your hands. I see the moon and the stars you created. And I wonder, 'Why are people so important to you? Why do you even think about them? Why do you care so much about humans? Why do you even notice them?' But you made them almost like gods and crowned them with glory and honor. You put them in charge of everything you made. You put everything under their control. People rule over the sheep and cattle and all the wild animals. They rule over the birds in the sky and fish that swim in the sea. Lord our God, your name is the most wonderful name in all the earth!" (Psalm 8)

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"All Creatures Of Our God And King"

¹All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing,
"Alleluia! Alleluia!"

Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

²Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
O praise Him! Alleluia!

Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice, ye lights of ev'ning, find a voice,
O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

³Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness;
O praise Him! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One;
O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Creation Care Statement of Faith

We believe in God, the Creator, who created this earth, our home; the wide sky and the blessed sun, the oceans and the streams, the towering hills and the whispering winds, the trees and the grass; each day filled with infinite new beginnings, discoveries, and possibilities.

We believe in God, the Redeemer, who has opened wide to us the beauty of life and creation; who has saved us from being so blind that we pass by unseeing when even the common thorn bush is aflame with beauty; who restored, and continues to restore us, with joyous awakening to the wonder that our lives and our world are, and yet, can be.

We believe in God, the Holy Spirit, who sustains and enables us to experience all living things; the songs of birds, the splendors of fields, the tastes of autumn's fruit, the cool moisture of snow, and the fragrant breath of spring flowers; and who reveals to us anew each day, that with our God of Wonders all things are possible. Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you!

Offering

Offering Music

Offering Prayer

Prayers of Intercession

Chris Jennelle

Leader: Lord, in your mercy ... **All: Hear our prayer.**

Great Thanksgiving

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Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Communion Distribution

A member of our prayer team will be available during communion distribution for individual and private prayer. Please meet them at the prayer station in the back of the sanctuary.

Communion Music

“We Come To The Hungry Feast”

(hymn) 479

“Come, Let Us Eat”

(hymn) 491

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

(hymn) 471

Communion Blessing

Claudia Nelson

Prayer after Communion

Leader: God of every good and perfect gift, in these gifts of your body and blood, we are renewed. In this hour grant us the satisfaction of our souls, that we might find in you the joy of creation and a new sense of responsibility for our world. We cling tightly to this new life, joy, and responsibility that we trust will bring hope to our world in need.

All: Amen!

Benediction

Claudia Nelson

Leader: May you always walk gently upon the Earth, in right relationship, nurtured by God’s love, open to the wind of God’s Spirit, taking only what you need, always open to the needs of others, making choices that bring wellbeing, living with generosity, striving for justice, honoring all with reverence, reconciling and peacemaking, mindful of those who will come after recognizing your proper place as part of your creation. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen!

Sending Song

“Let’s Go Out Into the World”

Let’s go out into the world and make it a loving place to live.
Let’s go out into the world and tell everyone the Savior lives!
Let’s go out! Let’s go out! And making it a loving place to live!
Let’s go out! Let’s go out! And tell everyone the Savior lives. Let’s go out!

Let’s go out into the world and care for all that God has made!
Let’s go out into the world of wind and rain and sun and shade!
Let’s go out! Let’s go out! And care for all that God has made!
Let’s go out! Let’s go out! In wind and rain and sun and shade! Let’s go out!

Dismissal

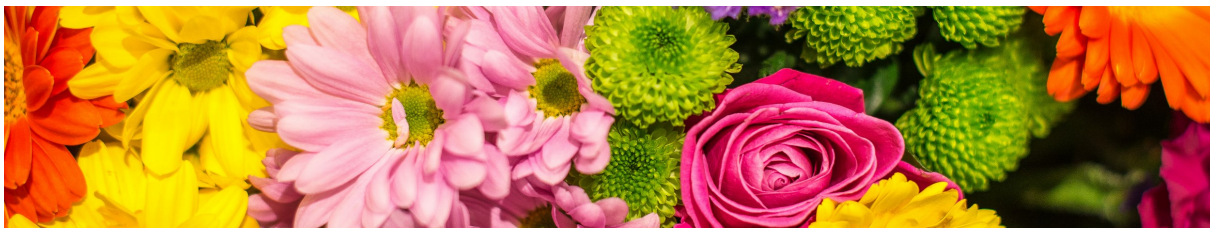
Leader: Go out into the world! Spread God's peace, with joy!

All: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Thank You to All Involved in Worship Leading!

Pastors:	Dale & Carrie Stiles
Worship Assistant:	Creation Care Team
Communion Servers:	Claudia Nelson, Fran Nordhausen, Lucy & Kristina Stoyke
Greeter:	Kimberly Bahls
Organist :	Jeanne Richards
Prayer Corner:	Wendy Hazzard
Tech Team:	Chris Timmons
Altar Guild:	Arlie Post
Counters:	Arlie Post, Paulette Miller



Celebrate Mom with Blooming Gifts This Year!

ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY SPRING PLANT SALE

Saturday, May 11 | 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

This year's sale is in collaboration with the St. Paul Lutheran Discovery Center. Apart from plant sales, visitors can enjoy guided tours of the Discovery Center Preschool, along with games, crafts, and a bouncy house for children! Our Discovery Center Preschool is Now Enrolling New Preschool Families for the Current and 2024-2025 School Years! Come and shop and learn more about our Top-Rated Early Childhood Education and Preschool Program and discover firsthand why families have been choosing our nationally-accredited Early Childhood Education partner, Lake Area Discovery Center, for 25 years! Spread the word! Talk to Pastor Carrie for more information.



Welcome to
St. Paul Lutheran!

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**Thank you for worshipping with us at St. Paul Lutheran today,
where it is our mission “To Share Christ’s Love, With Joy!”**

We aim for your time with us to be both enriching and spiritually fulfilling. If you're new, please feel free to introduce yourself to the pastors and fellow worshippers. We value the opportunity to connect with you and hope to see you again soon. At St. Paul Lutheran, everyone is sincerely welcome to partake in Holy Communion. Should you require a gluten-free option, simply inform the pastor when you approach. Worshipers are encouraged to bring a bible to worship. If one is needed there are bibles available at the prayer station in the rear corner of the sanctuary by the soundboard. Additionally, gender-neutral restrooms are accessible in our education/preschool wing, ensuring a comfortable experience for all. We look forward to seeing you again!

Please keep in your prayers this week:

Our partners in Tanzania, the Migoli and Mtera parishes, Pat Crawford, Ruth Koehly, The Tilly Family, Freddie (grandson of a friend of Deb Cowing), Trisha Thompson, Gauge (family member of Janelle Albee), Marty (nephew of Frank Edwards), Lida (Aunt of Jerry Nelson).

Flowers today are provided by The Altar Guild. Thank you for signing up!

Refreshments today are provided by Frank & Katie Edwards. The sign up form is on the table in narthex. Thank you for signing up!

Blood Drive—St. Paul Lutheran is excited to announce that we will be hosting another blood drive on May 9th. Stay tuned for further details to come. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Kathy Mills.

St. Paul Seniors—A Monthly Ministry for those “West of 55” - Join us for St. Paul Lutheran Senior's May Service Project on May 6th, from 3:30 to 6:15 p.m., at Zion Lutheran Church in Chisago City. We're lending a hand at their weekly Community Meal, a vital service for our local community. All are welcome to participate, regardless of age. Whether you prefer sitting, standing, or walking, there's a role for you. We'll organize carpooling from our church or feel free to meet us there. Plus, supper is provided for all volunteers. Baseball hats must be worn but don't worry if you forget yours; we have extras available. Sign up on the table in the Narthex and indicate if you'd like to carpool by April 29th. For any inquiries, please reach out to Carole England. Let's make a difference together! **LOOKING AHEAD!** *Save the date! Wednesday, June 5, Lunch & Learn, with a presentation by Neil Gatzow, our own Church and Community Historian.*

SAVE THE DATE: Clogging Show, Treats & Fun! On Tuesday May 21, SPLC member, Pam Heaton, and her local clogging dance group will be coming to put on a performance at our church. All are invited to come for some treats and a show! Come early for a mini clogging lesson before the show. All ages welcome! Treats and a free clogging lesson start at 6:30pm. The performance will follow!

Weekly Financial Stewardship Update

2024 General Fund Offering Received	Actual	Budgeted	Over/(Under) Budgeted Giving
YTD Totals	\$ 68,374.54	\$ 77,177.64	\$ (8,803.10)
2024 Total Revenue Received	Actual	Budgeted	Over/(Under) Budgeted Revenue
YTD Totals	\$ 100,869.29	\$ 97,177.68	\$ 3,691.61

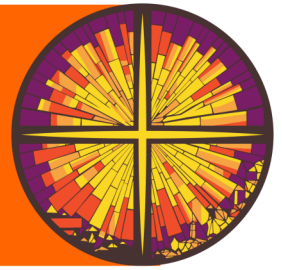
Bridge the Gap Matching Funds Received - **\$18,855**



The Total Revenue Received includes ALL revenue received by SPLC (including Bridge the Gap funds). General Fund Revenue is the portion of Total Revenue Received through undesignated offerings from members and guests. Please contact Chris Timmons, with any questions.

This Week

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Sunday, April 28

Creation Care Sunday

Worship, 9:00 a.m.

Vocal Choir, 6:00 p.m.

Bell Choir, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, April 29

Boy Scouts, 6:30 p.m.

Altar Guild Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 30

Cub Scouts, 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 1

Adult Bible Study, 1:00 p.m.

9th Grade Confirmation Prep, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 2

Spiritual Direction, 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 5

“Bridge the Gap” Sunday—From Scarcity to Abundance

Worship, 9:00 a.m.

All Choir Brunch, 10:30 a.m.

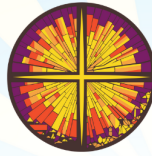
Looking Ahead

Annual Mother’s Day Spring Plant Sale—May 11

Pentecost Sunday/Rite of Confirmation—May 19

Memorial Day Weekend & First Outdoor Worship—May 26

Summer 2024



WEST OF 55 (ST. PAUL SENIORS)

A monthly gathering for food, fellowship, and learning.

Wednesday, June 5 - Lunch & Learn w/Neil Gatzow
(Neil is local community and church historian)

Wednesday, July 10 - Lunch & Laughter
(Picnic Potluck & Games)

Wednesday, August 7 - Harmony In the Park
(Featuring "The Rockin' Hollywoods")

CAMPFIRE & S'MORES

June 12, 19, 26

Our time will include guitar playing, singing, a devotion, and informal fellowship.

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

May 26 - Memorial Day Weekend

June 9

June 16 - Father's Day

June 23 - Cornerstone Band

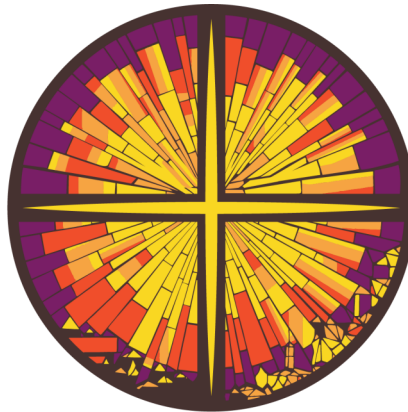
July 7 - Baptism Sunday

July 21

August 4 - Tanzania Group Leads

August 18

September 1 - Labor Day Weekend



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