

**INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY**— One can not page through Scripture... heck, one can't confess one's faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed without noticing the direct connection between God and the creation, what we might call "the natural world." The very first words of Scripture, of course, begin with a meditation of how it all came to be. The book of Psalms, "the prayer book of God's people", are replete with psalms about the created world that have been given their own category: Creation Psalms. (See Psalms 8, 19, and 74 as examples.) And though Jesus' teaching doesn't necessarily contain an environmental or ecological ethic, one can't hardly make it through a page without Jesus drawing attention to seeds or soil or birds. In today's readings, we are invited to see the goodness of creation as one window—though by no means the clearest window—into the heart and mind of God.



**Preparing the Ground for Word:**

1. **Where do you experience the beauty and wonder of Creation? Name some specifics. (For example, "At Christikon." Or "At our lake cottage." Or "I saw a sunset this past Tuesday." Or "I'm going to have tomatoes coming out of my ears in a few weeks.") If you were to turn that experience into a "message about God," what would that message be?**
2. **Is there anything about Creation or "the natural world" that is scary to you? Tornadoes? Getting eaten by bear? If you were to turn that experience into a "message about God," what would that message be?**
3. **Write your own psalm—a poem or prayer—singing God's praises for Creation.**

**INVITE**

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**PRELUDE –**

Barb Larsen

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME**

**\* BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS—FOR THOSE OF YOU WORSHIPING AT HOME, WE INVITE YOU TO SET ASIDE SMALL BOWL OF WATER TO SERVE AS YOUR BAPTISMAL FOUNT DURING THIS TIME. CHOOSE A BOWL THAT WILL "REMAIN" YOUR BOWL.**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P In the name of the Father, + and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,

that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

P Brothers and sisters in Christ, the Word of God tells us that if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*We pause in silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P Most Merciful God,

**C We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. But for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us. Renew us. And lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake, God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by the authority Jesus has given his Church to proclaim the forgiveness of sins, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**\* OPENING HYMN | #733 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"**

1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no  
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and  
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -  
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in  
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

pas-sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 man - i - fold wit-ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
 hope for to - mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be - side!

*Refrain*

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need - ed thy

hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un - to me.

## \* GREETING

L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L Let us pray. (*Silence is kept to gather all for prayer.*)

**C Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, who in your self-emptying love gathered up and reconciled all creation to the Father. Innumerable galaxies of the heavens worship you. Creatures that grace the earth rejoice in you. All those in the deepest seas bow to you in adoration. As with them we give you praise, grant that we may cherish the earth, our home, and live in harmony with this good creation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## EQUIP

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### THE WORD—1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Psalm 104 A Creation Psalm

R The reading comes from the prayer book of God's people, the book of Psalms, portions of the 104<sup>th</sup> Psalm.

I praise you, LORD God, with all my heart, for You are glorious and majestic,  
dressed in royal robes <sup>2</sup> and surrounded by light.

You spread out the sky like a tent, <sup>3</sup> and you built your home over the mighty ocean.  
The clouds are your chariot with the wind as its wings.

<sup>4</sup> The winds are your messengers, and flames of fire are your servants.

<sup>5</sup> You built foundations for the earth, and it will never be shaken.

<sup>6</sup> You covered the earth with the ocean that rose above the mountains.

<sup>7</sup> Then your voice thundered! And the water flowed <sup>8</sup> down the mountains and through the valleys to the place you prepared.

<sup>9</sup> Now you have set boundaries, so that the water will never flood the earth again.

<sup>10</sup> You provide streams of water in the hills and valleys, <sup>11</sup> so that the donkeys and other wild animals can satisfy their thirst.

<sup>12</sup> Birds build their nests nearby and sing in the trees.

<sup>13</sup> From your home above you send rain on the hills and water the earth.

<sup>14</sup> You let the earth produce grass for cattle, plants for our food, <sup>15</sup> wine to cheer us up, olive oil for our skin, and grain for our health.

<sup>16</sup> Our LORD, your trees always have water, and so do the cedars you planted in Lebanon.

<sup>17</sup> Birds nest in those trees, and storks make their home in the fir trees.

<sup>18</sup> Wild goats find a home in the tall mountains, and small animals can hide between the rocks.

<sup>19</sup> You created the moon to tell us the seasons. The sun knows when to set,

<sup>20</sup> and you made the darkness, so the animals in the forest could come out at night.

<sup>21</sup> Lions roar as they hunt for the food you provide.

<sup>22</sup> But when morning comes, they return to their dens, <sup>23</sup> then we go out to work until the end of day.

<sup>24</sup> Our LORD, by your wisdom you made so many things; the whole earth is covered with your living creatures.

<sup>25</sup> And what about the ocean so big and wide?

It is alive with creatures, large and small. <sup>26</sup> And there are the ships, as well as Leviathan, the sea monster you created just for the fun of it to splash in the sea.

<sup>27</sup> All of these depend on you to provide them with food, <sup>28</sup> and you feed each one with your own hand, until they are full.

<sup>29</sup> But when you turn away, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to the dust.

<sup>30</sup> You created all of them by your Spirit, and you give new life to the earth.

<sup>31</sup> Our LORD, we pray that your glory will last forever and that you will be pleased with what you have done.

<sup>32</sup> You look at the earth, and it trembles. You touch the mountains, and smoke goes up.

<sup>33</sup> As long as I live, I will sing and praise you, the LORD God.

<sup>34</sup> I hope my thoughts will please you, because you are the one who makes me glad.

<sup>35</sup> But may sinners vanish from the earth and the wicked be no more.

Praise the LORD, my soul. Praise the LORD.

This is the Word of the Lord.

### **C Thanks be to God.**

#### **The Gospel—Matthew 6:25-31**

R The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, Chapter 6, verses 25 through 30.

### **C Glory to you, O Lord.**

R Jesus said, "I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup> And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? <sup>28</sup> And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup> yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?"

This is the Good News of Jesus.

### **C Praise to you, O Christ.**

#### **KIDS' TIME—PASTOR MIKE**

#### **SERMON—PASTOR MIKE**

\* HYMN OF THE DAY | #836 "JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE"

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
 2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,  
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.  
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

**\* APOSTLES' 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 into hell. 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 CHURCH—PLEASE ADD YOUR PRAYERS TO OUR LIVEFEED COMMENTS.**

AFTER EACH PETITION, ALL ARE INVITED TO SING THE REFRAIN INCLUDED HERE:

Refrain  
All

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be - yond my fears, from  
death in - to life. to stanzas 1, 2, 3, 5 to stanza 4

L Let us pray for the Church, for the world, and each whom we know and love, according to their needs. *The prayers of the Church are offered.*

*Our prayers conclude with the Lord's Prayer.*

**Our Father, who art in heaven...**

**OFFERING & SPECIAL MUSIC | JOHN BOWEN**

**"Shelter Me: A Prayer-Song in the Time of the Covid-19 Pandemic"** by Michael Joncas

**Refrain:** O shel-ter me, O shel-ter me: The way a-head is dark and dif-fi-cult to see.  
O shel-ter me, O shel-ter me: All will be well if on-ly you will shel-ter me.

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

P Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves; our time; and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**SEND**

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**\* SENDING BLESSING**

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

\* CLOSING HYMN | #881 "LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING"



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to  
 2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours-es and



God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,  
 sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who  
 the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the



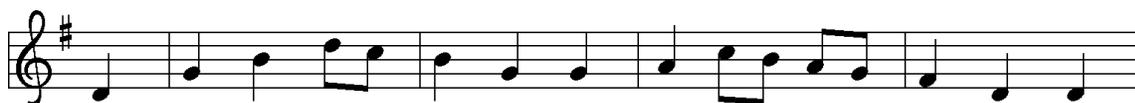
still guides us on to the end of our days.  
 deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -  
 We too should be voic - ing our love and re -



fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,  
 joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise



till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as  
 till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To



for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.  
 God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

\* DISMISSAL

P Our worship has ended! Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!



## OFFERING REPORT—through May 2020

Total giving:	\$ 168,787.66
PPP loan:	\$ 46,800.00
Expenses:	\$ 182,741.39

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!

God's grace through you is a sweet, sweet thing!!

Our faithfulness to God's calling, even in this time, is to be responsible for our financial commitments, not least of which include our ministry partners (like the Synod and Camp Onomia); our buildings (including, of course, our mortgage on Trinity Crossing); and of course, our staff! We cannot be faithful to that calling without your trust and faithfulness in your generosity.

There are still any number of ways to give:

- **By Mail**—we have a reliable process for making sure that all offerings are out of the building every single day and deposited right way. It is safe, even with our mostly shuttered building.
- **By Drop Off**—Just to the right of the front doors of the church is a secure mail slot that is only accessible by lock and key on the inside of the church building. *If you must be out and about, you can drop your gifts off in the church mail slot.*
- **On-line**—You can [CLICK HERE](#) to give RIGHT NOW, if you want, and that gift can also be set-up to come in a recurring way. (This is the link you would follow from our website by clicking on the offering plate image there.) This is THE most efficient way of signing up for Simply Giving, which is administered by Vanco, one of the most secure e-commerce companies in the industry.
- **Automatic Withdrawal**—Contact your bank.
- **By App**—Both the Apple and Google Play app stores have a free app called “GivePlus.” Once downloaded to your device, simply search for “Trinity Lutheran Church, Princeton, MN”; follow the directions for registering; and set-up your giving in whatever way works for your faithful generosity, one time, recurring, or whatever.

Thank you again for supporting God's mission for us, even in these times of separation and uncertainty.

# FAITH 5



## Faith 5 with the Pancoasts TIME CHANGE: 6:30pm

If you have been “tuning in” for our Livestream of nightly devotions following the Faith 5 pattern, **HEADS’ UP FOR A TIME CHANGE.** We’re going to be doing our Faith 5 devotions at 6:30ish PM instead of 7:30ish. That will begin **THIS MONDAY, June 15, 6:30pm.** Even if you haven’t been tuning in, **JOIN US** and

begin developing your own daily practice of faith.

## OFFICE UPDATES

As part of the first phase of reentry into our building, we will begin a preliminary return to summer hours:

- We will begin a move back in toward limited summer office hours TENTATIVELY beginning **Monday, June 15.**

- Our reentry to the office will begin with limited hours, as follows:

**Monday: 9am – 1pm** Liz only, except for Council Mondays (2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month), when at least one pastor will be present. (Mondays are typically the pastors' day off.)

**Tuesday – Thursday: 10am – 2pm** Liz will be present in the office. At least one pastor will be in at least TWO of those days.

**Fridays**—Summer office hours; the office is closed.

- Under Governor Walz's "Stay Safe MN" Plan, even workers at "Critical Businesses" (and the church is considered a "Critical Business") "*must telework if you can.*" ([www.staysafe.mn.gov](http://www.staysafe.mn.gov))
- This reentry will begin, provided that we can make sure we have adequate supplies on hand to protect our staff and congregation including disposable masks; hand sanitizer; sanitizing wipes; bleach; spray bottles; etc., most of which we already have on hand.
- Office doors will remain locked for the time being until, as with worship reentry, we experience 14 days of declining case numbers.
- **If you can continue to conduct business with the office via phone, PLEASE DO.**
- The pastors WILL offer in-person pastoral care by appointment.

Masks will be required.

Pastor Mike will receive visitors in his office, provided they can maintain a physical distance of 6 feet. (We'll invite people to come to Pastor Mike's office through the sanctuary entrance.)

Pastor Kari's office is too small, so she will receive visitors elsewhere in the building where physical distancing and privacy can be maintained.

In the event that visitors are received for pastoral care, a thorough sanitizing process will occur, wiping down all surfaces contacted by visitors after they have left.

- We will continue to encourage you who might be in higher risk categories to stay home and conduct business by phone.

The pastors will begin developing strategies for conducting home visits in a safe, physically distant way (i.e., at least 6 feet away, outdoors, through a slightly opened window, etc.) but will continue to use their phones for most connections and checking in.

- PLEASE do not come to the office for any reason...

...if you are feeling ill or exhibiting any kind of respiratory symptom (coughing, sneezing, etc.);

...if you have been exposed to Covid-19;

...if you have a compromised immune system (chemotherapy patients, etc.); or

...if you are at a higher risk of exposing others (i.e., nursing home employees, etc.).

- Each work day will end by spraying and wiping down all work surfaces and all entry/exit portals.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING, PATIENCE, AND SUPPORT.**



## **Prayer List**

### **Members**

Karen Anderson  
Larry Apel  
Amy Beltrand & family as they mourn the loss of Amy's mother  
Dorothy Bergstrom  
The family of Ed Botzek as they mourn Ed's death  
Jim Dery  
Susan Deyle  
Katey Donais  
Marlene Foss  
Adolph Hamann  
Marlys Hanson  
Phil Knapp  
Bruce Lacher  
Tad Larsen  
Del Liestmann  
Jamie Lundberg  
Chellis Matz  
Anikka Miller  
Jean Miller  
Emily Nelson  
Ed Peterson  
Bev Reed  
Warren Reed  
Dina Scandinato  
Cindy Schmatz  
Loren Schroeder  
Carol Skare  
Matt Skarohlid  
Brenda Smith  
Anne Stevenson  
Eric Strandberg  
Joyce Tessmer  
Prudence Tessmer & family  
Ardy Tourville  
Carol Warner  
Chuck Warner  
Barb Wicktor  
Russ Wicktor  
Dean Winslow  
Ginny Winslow

## **Family Members & Friends**

Peter Berry (Mary Berry's son)  
Diane Boser (Friend of Dan & Jean Anderson)  
Gene Brown (Pastor Mike's uncle)  
Jean Carlson (Chuck Warner's sister)  
Virg Carlson (Chuck & Carol Warner's brother in-law)  
Caitlin Christenson (Kenny & Joy Christenson's daughter in-law)  
Floyd Deuel (Ladonna Olson's brother/Ken & Carol Carling's brother-in-law)  
David Doerfler (Pastor Mike's uncle)  
Kendal Dyson (June Kunkel's nephew)  
Rachel Fadden (friend of Ron & Judy Peterson/Jim & Jan Dery)  
Jan Gale's daughter  
Jamie  
Joan Gessar (Courtney Hoppe's mother in-law)  
Marian Grow (LaDonna Olson's sister)  
Shirley Heyns (Chellis Matz sister)  
Dale Kannegiesser (Elaine Storck's friend)  
Carol Kint (Ron Peterson/Jan Dery's sister)  
Janet Kruetter (Joy Christenson's sister)  
Randall Lundgren (Debi's Pederson's nephew)  
Bryce Murphy (friend of Marlowe Miller)

Esther Neussendorfer (Danette Scepurek's grandmother)  
Janice Omtvedt (Ingrid Bavier's mother)  
Elliott Pancoast (Pastor Mike's dad)  
Tracy Pidde (Princeton 3rd grade teacher)  
Justin Pooker (Jim & Jan Dery grandson)  
Amanda Ridout (friend of the Pancoast Family)  
Rob Savage (Friend of the Keller family)  
Robin Schmidt (Jan Gerth's daughter)  
Andy Struthers (Maria Barlage's brother)  
Patty Thul's Sister Sheri  
Stacy Turner (Marlowe & Jean Miller's daughter)  
Scott Wallin (Char Kramersmeier's son)  
Eric Webster (friend of the Morisset family)  
Ronda Wetzel (daughter of Andrea & Ron Sandusky)

## **Serving in the Military**

Andrew Anderson  
Andrew Barthel  
Claire Barthel  
Jacob Benver  
Brady Beauchamp  
Eden Betzler  
Ronald Duresky  
Riley Forland  
Derek Hanson  
Anthony Mandt  
Zachary Morisset  
Ben Noard  
Parker Pedersen  
Jaden Thimmesch

