



Pentecost 9—How Can Creation Be True?

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”

Our mission is simple and bold

We seek to grow in faith and knowledge of our Savior Jesus.
We want to make Him known to others so they, too,
might share in the joy Jesus won for them.

GOOD SHEPHERD EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

July 27 & 30, 2023

WELCOME!

We love that you are here today! Our service is printed for you in this worship folder. Or you can follow the projections on the side screen.

Restrooms are located to the left as you exit the worship space, as well as around the corner from the Early Childhood Ministry [3, 4 & 5 K] classrooms.

Quiet room Parents may use the room in the back of this worship space which still enables you to hear/see the service.

A **Welcome Card** and pencil are found in the pocket of the pew in front of you. Time will be provided to fill it out during the service. You may drop it in when the offering basket is passed or hand it to an usher after the service.

TODAY'S FOCUS—In this creation song service, we see the Triune God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—created the universe and a home for the crown of His creation.

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SERVING IN WORSHIP

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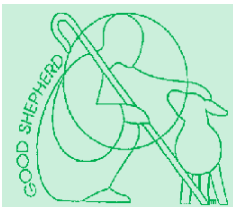
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Ushers

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Technology Coordinator

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Service Times

Sunday 9:00 am; Thursday 7:00 pm

Television: Sunday 2:00 pm channel 985 Spectrum

The most recent service is also on our website homepage:

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WELCOMING SONG—"From All That Dwell below the Skies (CW21 605)

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit;
Our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 148

Praise the Lord. Praise the LORD from the heavens,

Praise Him in the heights above.

Praise Him, all His angels,

Praise Him, all His heavenly hosts.

Praise Him, sun and moon,

Praise Him, all you shining stars.

Praise Him, you highest heavens

And you waters above the skies.

Let them praise the name of the LORD

For He commanded and they were created.

He set them in place for ever and ever;

He gave a decree that will never pass away.

Praise the LORD from the earth,

**You great sea creatures and all ocean depths, lightning and hail,
snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding, you mountains
and hills, fruit trees and all cedars, wild animals and all cattle,
small creatures and flying birds, kings of the earth and all nations,
you princes and all rulers on earth, young men and maidens,
old men and children.**

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for His name alone is exalted;

His splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

He has raised up for His people a horn,

**The praise of all His saints, of Israel, the people close to His heart.
Praise the Lord!**

CONFESSION OF SINS

O Holy God and just Judge, if we look to the heavens, we remember that we've offended You in many ways.

I've sinned against heaven and against You. I'm not worthy to be called Your child.

If we look to the earth, we realize that through our sin we have disgracefully wasted creation. We've often wasted not only the darkness of night, but also the light of day.

I've loved and worshiped created things and have not loved and worshiped You, the Creator of all things. My body is Your creation, to be used in Your service; but I have used my body in the service of sin. My heart is Your creation but my heart is full of evil. My life is to shine with the light of Your love but the stars put me to shame. With sorrow I confess my sin to You, my Creator.

With joy, we flee to Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, I believe without any doubt that Your grace and the forgiveness of sins are mine - all mine. All creation accuses me. My conscience accuses me. Both tables of the divine Law accuse me. Day and night Satan accuses me.

But you, O kindest Jesus, take up our defense. You desire that we forsake comfort in any created thing. A refuge has been prepared for us in the satisfaction You made for our sins.

I have a refuge in Your intercession for me at the right hand of the Father. I take refuge in Your wounds, O Jesus. I hide in You, My Rock. In You, I have protection. In You, I am acquitted of all my sin.

Pronouncement of Forgiveness

Song of Praise—”All Praise to God Who Reigns Above’ (CW21 **603** stanzas 1 & 3)

PRAYER

Almighty and merciful God, I thank You for Your creation.

The sun that provides me light belongs to You. The air I breathe belongs to You.

The night belongs to You. The day belongs to You.

The earth whose fruit generously nourishes me belongs to You.

How generous You are to the whole human race.

To You alone I owe my being, my living, and my moving.

Therefore, I will live only for You who gave up Your Son for me.

In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.

1. THE CREATOR

2.

For this is what the LORD says—

He who created the heavens, He is God; He who fashioned and made the earth, He founded it.

“I am the LORD, and there is no other.” (Isaiah 45:15)

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. (Genesis 1:1)

Song of Praise— “How Great Thou Art” (CW21 **612** stanzas 1 & 2)

2. THE CREATION—HUMAN BEINGS

God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. (Genesis 1:27)

For You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful, I know that full well. (Psalm 139:13,14)

Song of Praise—"For the Beauty of the Earth" (CW21 **505** stanzas 1 & 3)

3. THE ANGELS

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

For by Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by Him and for Him.

(Colossians 1:15,16)

No harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent. For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

(Psalm 91:10,11)

Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation? (Hebrews 1:14)

Song of Praise—"Now the Light Has Gone Away" (CW21 **784** stanzas 1, 4 & 5)

4. VEGETATION

Then God said, “Let the land produce vegetation; seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.”

And it was so. The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. (Genesis 1:11)

Song of Praise—“We Sing the Almighty Power of God ” (CW21 **504** stanzas 2 & 3)

5. THE HEAVENLY BODIES

And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark seasons and days and years, and let them be lights in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth.”

And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. God set them in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth, to govern the day and the night, and to separate the light from darkness.

And God saw that it was good. (Genesis 1:14-18)

When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have set in place, what is man that You are mindful of him? (Psalm 8:3,4)

Song of Praise—“All Praise to Him ” (CW21 **600** stanza 1)

[assembly joins in to sing the repeat of stanza 1]

6. THE RUIN OF GOD’S CREATION

So the LORD God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken.

After He drove the man out, He placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life. (Genesis 3:23-24)

Sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin.
(Romans 5:12)

We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. (Romans 8:22)

Song of Praise—“How Great Thou Art” (CW21 **612** stanza 3)

THE CREATOR DIES TO REDEEM HIS CREATION

God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men’s sins against them. (2 Corinthians 5:19)

“For your Maker is your husband—the LORD Almighty is His name—the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer; He is called the God of all the earth.

The LORD will call you back as if you were a wife deserted and distressed in spirit—a wife who married young, only to be rejected,” says your God.

“For a brief moment I abandoned you, but with deep compassion I will bring you back. In a surge of anger I hid My face from you for a moment, but with everlasting kindness I will have compassion on you,” says the LORD your Redeemer. (Isaiah 54:5-8)

For God so loved the world

That He gave His one and only Son

That whoever believes in Him

shall not perish but have eternal life.

Song of Praise—“Now Thank We All Our God” (CW21 **597** stanzas 1 & 2)

THE FIRST ARTICLE: CREATION

I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

I believe that God created me and all that exists, and that He gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my mind and all my abilities.

And I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, property and home, spouse and children, land, cattle, and all I own, and all I need to keep my body and life.

God also preserves me by defending me against all danger, guarding and protecting me from all evil.

All this God does only because He is my good and merciful Father in heaven, and not because I have earned or deserved it.

For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

OFFERINGS GATHERED

Dear members and friends of Good Shepherd's family of faith, we give offerings for God's ministries. Out of love God freely gives us all; and God's people every day respond the same way: out of love, not forced. Every week we freely return gifts to Him. None of it is forced. Our giving flows from God's love. So, we thank God our Father, and we thank you, for your gifts for His use. If you are visiting Good Shepherd and are moved to give a gift to our ministries, thank you.

OFFERING SONG OF PRAISE—"Sing to the Lord of Harvest" (CW21 508 stanza 3)

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

PARTING SONG—"Let All Things Now Living" (CW21 507)



GOOD SHEPHERD NEWS and NOTES

July 27-August 6, 2023

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| Thursday 27th | 7:00 PM | Worship |
| Friday 28th | 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM | Rome Farmers Market |
| Sunday 30th | 9:00 AM | Worship |
| | 10:15 AM | Bible Class - Evolution vs. Creation |
| Monday 31st | 11:00 AM | Coffee with Christ at Grace's Restaurant |
| Tuesday 1st | 10:00 AM | Board of Elders |
| | 12:00 PM | School Advisory Committee |
| | 6:30 PM | Board of Education |
| | 2:00 PM | VBS set up |
| | 6:30 PM | Evangelism Committee |
| Thursday 3rd | 9:00 AM-5:00 PM | Very Exciting Bible School |
| | 7:00 PM | Worship with Holy Communion |
| Sunday 6th | 9:00 AM | Worship with Holy Communion |
| | 10:15 AM | Bible Class - Evolution vs. Creation |
| | | Scrip Orders Due |

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS Starting on Sunday, July 30th, we will discuss how to answer the evolutionist theory which denies the Scriptural view of creation. This will continue for the next 4 weeks.

Looking ahead—in September we will begin a year-long series of Bible classes on *The Chosen*, a tv series based on the Gospel accounts of Jesus' earthly life. If there is interest, it will be available on a weekday night also. Watch for a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

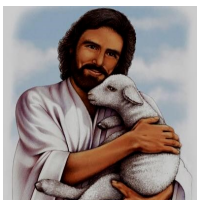
Prayer Requests:

Diane Bannerman, Emily Erwin, Valerie Grunwaldt, Betty Havlik, Connie Heitl, Jon and Bonnie Haag, Bill and Elaine Harrington, Connie Heitl, Lynn Ives, Jeff Mohns, Kaden Kreutzer, Chris Rhein, Allan and Pat Rozelle, Chris Ryun, Pat Tesch, Lauren Thomas, Pastor Paul Tullberg, Gloria Walters, and Jerry Wiessinger

Birthday Wishes— 7/31) Dwight Gilbert, Karen McGarry; 8/1) Fern Fregien
8/3) Dale Brahmsteadt

Wedding Anniversary—8/1) Heather and Greg Dietzler (15)

ALL DAY Very exciting Bible School There is still time to register
for Space Station Salvation on Wednesday, August 3rd.
Register online at 1goodshepherd.org. Thanks to all the volunteers!



SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE—Jim Timmermann, Tom Woltman, Karen McGarry, Pastor Dennis Valleau and Larry Kellinger are meeting weekly. The role of this group is to recommend how to proceed with our school when Mrs. Tullberg retires as it is challenging to call a single teacher for grades 1-8. You are encouraged to offer your input by August 20th by submitting your ideas on paper and placing them in the designated box in the narthex.

Dementia-Friendly Church Training

St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Wis Rapids

Wednesday, August 9, 2023

6:00 PM

Scott Seeger, a Dementia Care Specialist from the Aging and Disability Resource Center will speak about how to assist and welcome those who are afflicted and those who support them.

