



Season of Creation Sept. 5th - Oct. 3rd
Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, ELCA
10:00AM Worship & Holy Communion

GATHER

We show up for community and grace from God.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CREATION LITANY

We thank you, God, for the gift of air-
for cool breezes and brisk winds that refresh us,
for blue skies and crystal-clear nights,
for the smells of every season-summer and winter, spring and fall.

Most of all, we thank you for the air that gives us life.

You offer your Spirit to us with every breath we take.

May we protect this gift that gives life.

Thanks be for water

that sustains the life of animals, fish, and plants,

that cleans our bodies and blesses our souls.

For the water of tears that wash away our grief, for the water of slides, lakes, pools and oceans where we can play and have fun. Thanks be for water.

Your water gives us new life.

May we treasure this gift and share it with others.

Thank you for fire and the many ways we use it,

to cook our food, to sterilize and purify,

to smelt ore and form metal, to warm our homes and to light our dark nights,

You light our way and enlighten our minds.

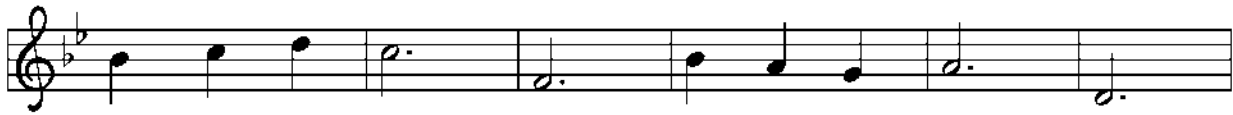
May we be open to the fire of your Spirit.

Thank you for the ground beneath our feet,

your good earth that gives life to all. In a mystery we don't understand, green plants spring forth from your darkness. Canyons and mountains, plains and deserts show us your infinite imagination. We thank you for this firm foundation on which to build our homes and our lives.

May we always love this land as you love it.

May we care for this good earth that gives us such good life.



1 Touch the earth light - ly, use the earth gent - ly,
 2 We who en - dan - ger, who cre - ate hun - ger,
 3 Let there be green - ing, birth from the burn - ing,
 4 God of all liv - ing, God of all lov - ing,



nour-ish the life of the world in our care:
 a - gents of death for all crea - tures that live,
 wa - ter that bless - es, and air that is sweet,
 God of the seed - ling, the snow, and the sun,



gift of great won - der, ours to sur - rend - er,
 we who would fos - ter clouds of dis - as - ter—
 health in God's gar - den, hope in God's chil - dren,
 teach us, de - flect us, Christ re - con - nect us,



trust for the chil - dren to - mor - row will bear.
 God of our plan - et, fore - stall and for - give!
 re - gen - er - a - tion that peace will com - plete.
 us - ing us gent - ly, and mak - ing us one.

GREETING

May the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you!



1 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, sound - ing God's de - light - ed laugh,
 2 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, wo - ven in - to har - mo - ny.
 3 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom: pen - guin, pla - ty - pus, and snail,



from the ti - ny ro - ly - po - ly to the tree - top - tall gi - raffe.
 Ev - 'ry crea - ture has a pur - pose, ev - 'ry flow'r and bum - ble - bee.
 cac - tus, sea slug, oak, and al - gae, from the mi - crobe to the whale.



All cre - a - tion sings in won - der; e - ven rocks and trees re - jice
 Spi - der, hu - man, red - wood, geck - o, mon - key, chick - en, mouse, and snake
 In this great and strange cre - a - tion, with a breath God gives us birth:



as they join the ring - ing cho - rus: ech - oes of our Mak - er's voice.
 live with - in a sin - gle fab - ric: cloth that on - ly God could make.
 born of soil to live as stew - ards, called to love and serve the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (will change weekly)

WORD

We hear the Word, truth and promises that nourish our lives.

SCRIPTURES (will change weekly)



Wa - kan-tan - ka ta - ku ni - ta - wa tan - ka - ya
 1 Man - y and great, O God, are your works, mak - er of
 2 Grant un - to us com - mu - nion with you, O Star - a -



qa o - ta. Ma - hpi - ya kin e - ya - hna - ke ca,
 earth and sky. Your hands have set the heav'ns with stars;
 bid - ing One. Come un - to us and dwell with us;



ma - ka kin he du - o - wan - ca. Mni - o - wan
 your fin - gers spread the moun - tains and plains. Lo, at your
 with you are found the gifts of . . . life. Bless us with



ca - sbe - ya - wan - ke cin, he - na o - ya - ki - hi.
 word the wa - ters were formed; deep seas o - bey your voice.
 life that has no . . . end, e - ter - nal life with you.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY - TBA

PROFESSION OF FAITH

We belong to the Creator in whose image we are all made.

In God, we are breathing; in God, we are living; in God, we share the life of all creation.

We belong to Jesus Christ, the true icon of God and of humanity.

In Christ, God is breathing; in Christ, God is living; through Christ; we are reconciled.

We belong to the Holy Spirit, who gives us new life and strengthens our faith.

In the Spirit, love is breathing; in the Spirit, truth is living; the breath of God always moves us.

We belong to the Holy Trinity, who is one in all and Three-in-One.

In God we are all made, in Christ we are all saved, in the Spirit we are all united.

Together, we belong to the Earth, our common home.

The Earth that is the Lord's, and all that is in it.

PRAYERS (will change weekly)

PEACE

If we are in Christ, we are becoming a new creation. One Home, One Body.

We see God around us. We see God within us. We give thanks to our Creator.

Let us show the caring nature you have instilled within us by greeting each other as a sign of God's justice of peace, love, forgiveness and grace. The peace of our Creator be with you in all things. **And also with you.**

You are invited to care and share peace with your neighbor, and speak a word of peace to the land in which you gather, and the creatures who share this common home.

OFFERTORY

OFFERING PRAYER

God, creator of all living things, you fashioned a world in which lands and waterways, plants and animals, together meet the needs of all that you made. We pray that such vitality may flourish around the globe. Bless those who work the soil and who manage animals. Uphold their towns and villages. Nurture bees and other pollinators. Protect farmlands and ranches from drought and flood. Free children from forced labor in the fields. Grant an economy that can sustain those families who treasure a rural life. Teach us how to share with everyone the benefits of each harvest, and accept our gratitude for all sustenance you provide. Teach us to be generous. In the name of Jesus Christ, our savior. **Amen.**

MEAL

The table welcomes each and every one of us.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Open your hearts. **We open them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right to give you thanks, loving Creator. And so we join all of creation in song. . .

SANCTUS

For the Beauty of the Earth

Hymn #879



- 1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies.
- 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
- 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
- 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
- 5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Your Word is the impulse for all things to be, for space, stars and stardust to appear,
for Earth to emerge from the deep, for life to be born of Earth and
for humans to be born of Earth and the Spirit.

You chose to be born a human being,
to become a part of Earth,
to suffer, die and rise from death
to redeem humankind, renew creation,
and affirm all born of Earth and the Spirit.

Your presence is the living impulse in all things,
the Christ deep among us,
filling Earth—land, sea and air;
filling every element and place;
filling the grain and the grape we share with you this day.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us. . .

**Our Mother, Our Father, Our Creator 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.

Receive the Meal

The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.

Communion Blessing

May the body and blood of Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

SEND

We head out to share the good news and serve our neighbors from 6ft away.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Hymn #733



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.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news!

Thanks be to God!



#NATIVELIVESMATTER

*Thank you to our musicians
and worship leaders today.*

Worship Plan and Schedule

5th Last Zoom Only Worship

12th: Joint Service Sunday with Augustana
and Messiah.

19th: In person worship at Zion

26th: In person worship at Zion

Details on what worship will look like when
we're back in person each week are still
being figured out.

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Zion's Annual meatball and lutefisk dinner
is around the corner.

Volunteer shifts are ready to be filled! And
more information on ordering will be
available soon.

The big "Take Away" day will be
November 20th!

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