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Welcome to Worship

Creation in Christ

September 5 - 6, 2026, 5:00 p.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

WE GATHER

The order of worship is set out in this bulletin. Words are projected on the screen.
Unless noted otherwise, the page and hymn numbers are listed for the Red ELW Hymnal.

• Participation Guide: P = Pastor, L = Worship Leader, **C = Congregation**

Prelude

I Sing the Almighty Power of God
Cam Green, piano

arr. Pamela Robertson

"I Sing the Almighty Power of God" arr. Pamela M. Robertson © 2021 Pamela M. Robertson

Welcome / Announcements

Call to Worship: Creation in Christ

- L: We begin with a call to worship inspired by the creation story in Genesis 1:
Glory to you, O God: you speak a word of power, and so you create the world.
- C: We praise you, O God.**
- L: For the Spirit hovering to bring forth life, for the earth ordered from chaos, and for light and dark,
- C: We bless you, O God.**
- L: For the cosmos beyond our earth, for the sky above our heads, and for the cycle of evening and morning,
- C: We exalt you, O God.**
- L: For the seas, the lakes, and the rivers, for the land with its mountains and plains, and for the trees, the plants, and their fruits,
- C: We magnify you, O God.**
- L: For the sun to rule the day, for the moon to brighten the night, and for the shining stars,
- C: We extol you, O God.**
- L: For the fish in the sea, for the birds of the air, and for the monsters in the deep,
- C: We glorify you, O God.**
- L: For wild animals and creatures of all kinds, for cattle and all livestock, and for everything that creeps on the earth,
- C: We adore you, O God.**
- L: For humankind made in your image, for setting us on your good earth, and for providing us food to eat,
- C: We worship you, O God.**
- L: Bless us, your creatures. Accept our praise, and make us worthy of your marvelous creation.
- C: We praise you, O God.**
- L: Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to you, our God, forever. Amen.

- 1 Praise, my soul, the God of heaven; joyfully your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore God's praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praises everlasting ring!
- 2 God be praised for grace and favor to our forebears in distress.
God be praised, the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious is God's faithfulness!
- 3 Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone;
but, as mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the great Eternal One!
- 4 Angels sing in adoration, in God's presence, face to face.
Sun and moon and all creation, all who dwell in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!

"Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven" text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793-1847; alt. Walter R. Bouman, 1927-2005; Music: John Goss, 1800-1880.

Invocation

P: 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.**

Kyrie

Leader sings verse, **Congregation sings Refrain**

setting 8, ELW p. 184

Refrain

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

- L: For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain**
- L: That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain**
- L: For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;
for life and for love, for our work and our play,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain**
- L: For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;
that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain**

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Larry Olsen "Kyrie Eleison" © Dakota Road Music

Prayer of the Day

P: O God, in whom we live and move and have our being, in Christ you created the worlds,
and your Spirit breathes life into the universe. We praise you for your wondrous creation.
Bless us and all your handiwork with your infinite light, and direct our lives to the care of
this good earth, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

THE WORD

First Reading

Psalm 148

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights. Praise the Lord, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven. Praise the Lord, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars. Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens. Let them praise the name of the Lord, who commanded, and they were created, who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps; fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will; mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars; wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds; sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world; young men and maidens, old and young together. Let them praise the name of the Lord, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven. The Lord has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the Lord. Hallelujah!

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message (9:00)

Gospel Acclamation

setting 8, ELW p. 188

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia.

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The Holy Gospel

P: The gospel according to John.

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

John 1:1-5

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, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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Message (5:00) (9:00, 11:00)

Pastor Elisabeth Pynn Himmelman
Pastor John Hildner

Hymn of the Day ACS 1049

Before the Waters Nourished Earth

Jeannette Lindholm

- 1 Before the waters nourished earth
or night imagined morning,
a Love conceived the universe
and reveled in its forming.
- 2 This Love remained as time revealed
the loss of Eden's glory
and, grieving, holds in memory
each tragic human story.

- 3 Despair, so deep it bears no name,
or sorrows paralyzing
cannot revoke Love's faithful claim
to dwell within our dying.
- 4 The Love that called creation good
all goodness still is bringing.
This Love turns death again to life
and silence into singing

"Spirit, Open My Heart" Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947. Text © 1996 Pilgrim Press.

Apostles' Creed (ELW p. 105)

L: Please join me in professing our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C: **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 People

We join with Christians far and near to worship God the Creator, praying for the earth
and for all in need, responding to each petition with the words "Your mercy is great."

C: Your mercy is great.

Sharing of the Peace

L: May the peace of Christ be with you always!

C: And also with you.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Offering Invitation

Music Offering

All Creatures of Our God and King
Cam Green, piano

arr. K. Kobayashi

"All Creatures of Our God and King" Francis of Assisi (1182-1226),
William Henry Draper (1855-1933) Tune: *LASST UNS ERFREUEN*; arr. K.
Kobayashi. © K Kobayashi 2021.

Offertory (5:00, 9:00)

Give Thanks

Henry Smith

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because God's given Jesus Christ, the Son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because God's given Jesus Christ, the Son.
And now let the weak say, I am strong, let the poor say I am rich,
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
And now let the weak say, I am strong, let the poor say I am rich,
Because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

"Give Thanks" Henry Smith © 1978 Integrity's Hosanna! Music..

Offering Prayer

THE MEAL

Great Thanksgiving (responsively)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All sing

Holy, Holy, Holy

setting 8, ELW p. 190

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution - Creation is Christ

P: With hearts full of memories and hopes, we break this bread and share this cup, remembering the death and resurrection of Christ, and his promise to be with us always as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,
Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is 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.**

All are invited to come forward to receive the holy gifts. Those not receiving may come forward for a blessing. Please let an usher know if you need to receive communion at your seat. When present, a prayer minister wearing a cross on a red ribbon is located at the back of the worship space.

Distribution (5:00, 9:00)

Lamb of God

setting 8, ELW p. 191

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace,
Lamb of God.

Meditative Music

Creation Sings
Cam Green, piano

arr. James Koerts

"Creation Sings" Keith and Kristen Getty and Stuart Townend; arr. James Koerts
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Prayer after Communion

WE ARE SENT

God Works! Responsive Sending

P: People of God, we are sent into the world...

C: To celebrate how God works in the Word, in us, and in the world around us.

P: From the very beginning, God has been telling a story of grace and hope...

C: And through Christ, that story continues in us today.

P: God works in the Word...

C: Gathering us in worship, proclaiming Good News, and turning our hearts toward God and one another.

P: God works in us...

C: Calling us in baptism to love our neighbors and live the Gospel with courage and compassion.

P: God works in the world...

C: Moving beyond these walls in places of healing, justice, mercy, and hope.

P: So go now with faith in God whose work is not finished...

C: To love boldly, to serve joyfully, and to 'Know Jesus, and Make Jesus Known'.

Blessing

P: God our Mother roots you deep in grace. God our Neighbor stands with you in strength.
God our Nourishment sustains you in hope and bless you unto evergreen life.

C: Amen.

Sending Song

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

ELW 836

- 1 Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
- 2 All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.
- 3 Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our maker, Christ our savior, all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!

"Jesus, Still Lead On" Text: Nicholas L. von Zinzendorf, 1700-1760; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813-1897, att. Music: Adam Drese, 1620-1701.

Dismissal

L: *Go in peace, serve the Lord.*

C: Thanks be to God. We will!

Postlude (5:00, 9:00)

This Is My Father's World
Cam Green, piano

Franklin Sheppard

"This Is My Father's World" English folk tune, 19th century; adapt. Franklin L. Sheppard. © 2026 IRI

(11:00)

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee
11:00 am Ensemble

Reprise Hymn

Thank you to Pastor John Hildner, Cam Green, and all who gave of their time to plan,
serve, and participate in today's worship.

This Week in Prayers:

We continue to pray for Winnie Ziemer, Raymond Lauer, and Kathy Gere.

We lift in prayer Tim and Debbie Montrose as their family mourns the death of his mother Gail Foust. Susan Pynn and Pastor Elisabeth Himmelman and families on the death of Susan's sister-in-law/Pr. Elisabeth's aunt, Janet DeWitt. And Pastor Brian and Mandy Wise as they mourn the death of his grandfather.

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- Our Saviour's Campus, Traditional Worship, Saturday, 5:00 pm Sunday, 9:00 am
Blended Sunday, 11:00 am
- Celebration Campus, Contemporary Sunday, 10:00 am

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Upcoming Events

Information for groups and events, as well as registration links, can be found on the News & Events page of our website: <https://oursaviours.com/news-events>

- **Daily Bread (Sunday School) starts:** Sept. 13, 9:00 and 10:00 a.m.; children will start in worship and be led out after Children's Message and will return for communion.
- The front office will switch from summer hours to regular hours after Labor Day. As of **Tuesday, Sept. 8**, office hours will be **Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**; closed Fridays.
- **BabyCare Raffle Tickets** (baby stroller and quilt raffle) can be purchased in the Narthex at Our Saviour's campus on Sept 5 and 13, and at the Celebration Campus on August 30. \$5/ticket and \$20/5 tickets. The drawing will take place on Sept. 13.
- **Versiti Blood Drive:** [Sept. 8](#), from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the OS-Fellowship Hall. Registration links will be available online and in our weekly newsletter. Your donation can save up to three lives!
- **Senior Lunch** [Sept. 14](#), from noon to 1:30 in the Fellowship Hall
- September is Emotional Wellness Month at Our Saviour's. This year's theme is "Anchored in Hope: Healthy Ways to Weather Life's Storms." Throughout the month, we will explore simple practices that can help us pause, rest, reconnect with what grounds us, and remember that we do not have to face difficult seasons alone. Visit the Wellness Ministry displays at both campuses to find practical tools and encouragement to support your emotional well-being.