

THE ACCOUNT OF  
**CREATION**

GENESIS CHAPTER 1



***Rally Sunday***  
**September 13, 2020**

## **Gathering**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### Welcome & Announcements

#### Call to Worship:

P: Our call to worship is from Genesis 1:1, 31

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth. He saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.

P: Rejoicing in Your Creation and celebrating your gifts, God says

**C: It is Good!**

P: For the light and darkness, day and night, sun and moon, God says

**C: It is Good!**

P: For the earth, the vegetation, the oceans and seas, God says

**C: It is Good!**

P: For the animals and fish and all living creatures, God says

**C: It is Good!**

P: We thank you God for creating us in Your image and bringing us together in Your Name.

**C: It is Good!**

### Opening Hymn

#### **"This is my Father's World"**

**ELW #824**

1 This is my Father's world,  
and to my list'ning ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings  
the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world;  
I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
his hand the wonders wrought.

2 This is my Father's world;  
the birds their carols raise;  
the morning light, the lily white,  
declare their maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world;  
he shines in all that's fair.  
In the rustling grass I hear him pass;  
he speaks to me ev'rywhere.

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858-1901

### Greeting

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.**

### Prayer of the Day

P: Lord God, King of Creation,

**C: Call us away from the distractions of the world to experience what You are doing now, in us, through us, and in our world. Open our eyes to see your presence, our souls to sense your presence, and our hearts to love your presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### Children's Message

#### **Nursery Milestone (9:00 AM Sunday)**

**C: Gracious God, we thank you for these preschoolers and their parents! We pray that this new beginning of their Christian education will give them hope for their future, peace in their hearts, and grace through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## Word

*God Speaks to Us in Scripture Reading, Preaching, and Song.*

### Reading: Genesis 1:1-23

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

<sup>6</sup>And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." <sup>7</sup>So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. <sup>8</sup>God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup>And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. <sup>10</sup>God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup>Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. <sup>12</sup>The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

<sup>14</sup>And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, <sup>15</sup>and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. <sup>16</sup>God made the two great lights — the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night — and the stars. <sup>17</sup>God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, <sup>18</sup>to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup>And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." <sup>21</sup>So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup>God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." <sup>23</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

P: And God said...

**C: It is good!**

### Psalm: Psalm 8

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory above the heavens.

<sup>2</sup>Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,  
to silence the enemy and the avenger.

<sup>3</sup>When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you have established;

<sup>4</sup>what are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
mortals that you care for them?

<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them a little lower than God,  
and crowned them with glory and honor.

<sup>6</sup>You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet,

<sup>7</sup>all sheep and oxen,  
and also the beasts of the field,

<sup>8</sup>the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

<sup>9</sup>O LORD, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**“How Great Thou Art”**

**ELW #856**

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
how great thou art! How great thou art!

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how great thou art! How great thou art!

**Reading: Genesis 1:24 – 2:4**

<sup>24</sup>And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. <sup>25</sup>God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup>Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

<sup>27</sup>So God created humankind in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup>God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." <sup>29</sup>God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food." <sup>30</sup>And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. <sup>31</sup>God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

<sup>1</sup>Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. <sup>2</sup>And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. <sup>3</sup>So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

<sup>4</sup>These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.  
In the day that the Lord GOD made the earth and the heavens,

P: And God said...

**C: It is good!**

## Hymn of the Day

## "Beautiful Savior"

ELW #838

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| <p>1 Beautiful Savior,<br/>King of creation,<br/>Son of God and Son of Man!<br/>Truly I'd love thee,<br/>truly I'd serve thee,<br/>light of my soul, my joy, my crown.</p> <p>3 Fair is the sunshine,<br/>fair is the moonlight,<br/>bright the sparkling stars on high;<br/>Jesus shines brighter,<br/>Jesus shines purer<br/>than all the angels in the sky.</p> | <p>2 Fair are the meadows,<br/>fair are the woodlands,<br/>robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;<br/>Jesus is fairer,<br/>Jesus is purer,<br/>he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.</p> <p>4 Beautiful Savior,<br/>Lord of the nations,<br/>Son of God and Son of Man!<br/>Glory and honor,<br/>praise, adoration,<br/>now and forevermore be thine!</p> |
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Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Bible Milestone (10:30 AM Sunday)

**C: Gracious God, we thank you for giving us your Word, the Bible. We ask that this Bible will strengthen these young men and women as they go through their high school years and into young adulthood. Help us as a congregation to support these young adults and their families throughout this journey. In your name we pray. Amen.**

### Profession of Faith

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

P: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**C: I renounce them.**

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**C: I renounce them.**

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**C: I renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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 to the dead.**

**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.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

Prayers of the People

P: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

### **Offering Prayer**

P: 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.**

## **Holy Communion**

*If you will be taking Holy Communion today, please place your bread/crackers and juice in front of you. They will be blessed during the Words of Institution.*

P: When we worship in our sanctuary, we gather around the altar/table to receive Christ's body and blood in the bread and wine. In this meal our faith is nourished, our sins are forgiven, and we are called to be witnesses to the Gospel. Today we gather in Jesus' name on the lawn, in our cars, and in our homes knowing that the church is anywhere people gather in the name of Jesus. Today we receive the Lord's Supper, united with one another and those who believe in every time and place.

### **Words of Institution**

### **"Remember Me"**

On the night You were betrayed, You took the bread;  
After giving thanks, You broke it and said,

Refrain:

"This is My body, broken for you, and as you eat it, remember Me;  
This is My body, broken for you, and as you eat it, remember Me."

On the night You were betrayed, You held the cup;  
After giving thanks, You lifted it up.

Refrain:

"This is My blood, poured out for you, and as you drink it, remember Me;  
This is My blood, poured out for you, and as you drink it, remember Me."

So, we thank You for the wine and for bread;  
For we see the life You gave the blood You shed.

Refrain:

"And we remember Your wondrous love,  
You gave Your body, You shed Your blood;  
And we remember Your wondrous love,  
You gave Your body, You shed Your blood."

The Lord's Prayer

**C: Our Father 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.**

## Communion

P: The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Communion Blessing and Prayer

Benediction

## Sending Hymn

### “How Great Thou Art”

ELW #856 vs1&2

1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

#### *Refrain*

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
how great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
how great thou art! How great thou art!

2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;  
*Refrain*

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Dismissal

P: Rejoicing in Your Creation and celebrating your gifts, we give thanks with bubbles, poppers, horns and shouts of Hallelujah, and God says...

**C: It is Good!**



# Faith Milestones

## Nursery Milestone

Zaine Anderson	Makenzie Brooks
Collins Buboltz	Gavyn Budahn
Ayla Eckstein	Timothy Guza
Evie Haas	Claire Hansen
Wyatt Hopp	Willow Iles
Avery Leighty	Brianna Riser
Hudson Rossing	Hudson Santaella
Mina Skluzacek	Kaeley Suess
Charles Traulich	Jaxon Traulich
Izaiah Woratschka	

## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Milestone

Sophia Berger	Mason Fleck
Cole Frederick	Brynn Gramentz
Dirk Haynes	Isabel Krenz
Lauren Kveno	Kelsey Landsteiner
Sophia Lund	Sophia Netzke
Henry Oscarson	Aubree Schmidt
Kennedy Steele	





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**Vocalist:** Madeline Cacciatore  
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	<b>Weekly Offering</b>	<b>YTD Offering</b>	<b>YTD Budget</b>
<b>9/6</b> General Offering	\$ 7,899.60	\$ 315,546.98	\$ 311,876.31
<b>9/6</b> Building Fund	\$ 10,997.50	\$ 50,203.50	\$ 52,442.28
<b>9/6</b> World Hunger	\$ 195.00	\$ 6,686.00	
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>\$ 19,092.10</b>	<b>\$ 372,436.48</b>	<b>\$ 364,318.59</b>

<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>9:00AM Sun.</b>	<b>FB Live Views</b>	<b>FB Total Views</b>	<b>10:30AM Sun.</b>	<b>6:30PM Wed.</b>
9/6/20	36	70	331	33	Cancelled

<b>Facebook Online Service:</b>	<b>Indoor Worship Services:</b>	<b>New Ulm Community Access TV</b>
Sunday Worship at 8:30AM	Sunday at 8:30AM and 10:30AM Wednesday at 7:00PM	Comcast Ch. 14 & Nuvera Ch. 3: Monday at 7:00PM & Thursday at 5:00PM



*In Our Prayers This Week:*

Vernon & Carol Beran, Russ Brown, Carl Enck, Dixie Flitter, Velma Hale, Sharon Hulke, Joyce Jobe, Roger Julien, Dave Marsh, Brad Nicklay, Tom Postel, Bill Pruitt, Wally Sagmoen, Kay Simpson, Darla Swanson, Glenn Swanson, Con Trapp, Linda Trimnell, and Paul Wilker

Family of Art Fox  
 Family of Alan Steinbeisser

To make a change to the prayer list, please contact [Pastor Kathy](#), [Pastor Dave](#), or [Jen](#).