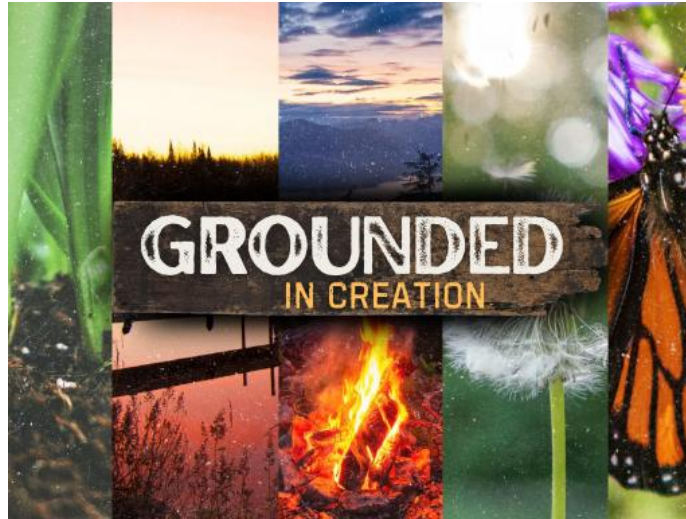


FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
Theme: “Grounded in Creation: *Earth*”
June 14, 2026



This summer we are gathering around the theme “Grounded in Creation.” In a time that often feels disorienting in our world, we turn to the created world to learn about connection, rhythm, and life. Scripture and creation together remind us that we are part of a greater web of life, held by God and connected to one another. Through worship and reflection on Scripture, we will explore biblical stories of creation, care, and belonging. This summer invites us to pay attention in new ways and discover what it means to live grounded in God’s creation. Today’s focus theme is “Earth.”

GATHERING MUSIC

BELLS

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG: “Morning Has Broken” *(music on page 3)*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Creating God, we seek to be one with you and all you have made.

C: Be near us when we are disconnected, and bring us into right relationship with all your good creation.

P: Give us open hearts, open hands, and compassion for all.

C: Ground us in connection with every living thing. Amen.



CONGREGATIONAL READING: Genesis 1 – 2:1

Reader 1 – Genesis 1:1–5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, 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. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light.

C: And God saw that the light was good.

Reader 2 – Genesis 1:6–10

God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” And it was so. God called the dome Sky. God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters were called Seas.

C: And God saw that it was good.

Reader 3 – Genesis 1:11–13

God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind.” And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation.

C: And God saw that it was good.

Reader 4 – Genesis 1:14–19

God said, “Let there be lights in the sky to separate day from night.” God made the sun, moon, and stars.

C: And God saw that it was good.

Reader 5 – Genesis 1:20–23

God said, “Let the waters bring forth living creatures, and let birds fly across the sky.” So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves.

C: And God saw that it was good.

Reader 1 – Genesis 1:24–25

God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals and every creeping thing.

C: And God saw that it was good.

Reader 2 – Genesis 1:26–28, 31

Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image.” So God created humankind in God’s image. Male and female God created them.

C: And God saw everything that God had made, and indeed, it was very good.

Reader 3 – Genesis 2:1–4a

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God rested.

Congregation: Thanks be to God for the earth and all of Creation.

MESSAGE

“Grounded: Earth”

SONG

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

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PRAYER

OFFERING

June Mission/Outreach Focus: Living at Home

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Generous God,

We give you thanks for the gifts of the earth and the gifts of your people.

C: Bind us together as one in you, that we may know connection, joy, and peace with all Creation. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are you, O God of Creation.

You made the planets and galaxies, you filled the earth with soil and water, you gave life to plants and animals.

C: You give us water, air, grace, and love to nourish us day by day.

P: You breathe life into us, and you came to live among us.

C: In this meal, we remember your Son Jesus, who walked on this earth, who is the living water, the bread of life, the true vine, the sower of seed.

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LORD’S PRAYER

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Special Music - Danny Lecy

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Gracious God,

We give you thanks for the abundance of your created world.

C: As we receive your gifts, send us into your creation to reflect your joy and mercy. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

BLESSING

BELLS

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Care for all God’s creation.

C: Thanks be to God.**POSTLUDE**

Morning Has Broken

1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black - bird has
 2 Sweet the rain’s new fall, sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the

spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry

morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God’s feet pass.
 morn - ing, God’s re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version

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