

September 6, 2026 Feast of Creation in Christ Sunday

Child-Friendly Worship Service

Christ Lutheran Church, Regina, SK

Welcome & announcements

Moment of reflection to prepare for worship

Call to worship

In the beginning, God created the Heavens and the Earth.

God, we praise you!

God created the darkness and the light.

God, we praise you!

God created the waters, the skies, and the land.

God, we praise you!

God created the plants and trees.

God, we praise you!

God created the sun, the moon, and the stars.

God, we praise you!

God created the animals that live in the sea, in the sky, and on the land.

God, we praise you!

God created humans in God's image.

God, we praise you!

For all of your creation, God, we praise you!

God, we praise you!

Amen.

Gathering Hymn *All Creation Sings* 978 “God Welcomes All,” sung twice through

God welcomes all,

Strangers and friends;

God’s love is strong

And it never ends

(Repeat)

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Children are invited to the front.

Water is poured into the font.

First, we thank God for what God has done through water in the Bible. Before God created the world, God’s spirit hovered over the waters, and then God began creating the world and everything in it. When God’s people were enslaved in Egypt, God freed them by giving Moses the power to split the Reed Sea apart so the Israelites could walk through to freedom. When Jesus was ready to begin his mission, his cousin John baptized him, and God’s spirit came over Jesus like a dove.

God does amazing things through water in the Bible, so we pray: God, we thank and praise you for the gift of water!

Hallelujah!

Second, we give thanks for what God does through water in our world. God makes a home for all of the sea creatures. God gives us water to drink and nourish our bodies. God gives us water for bathing and cleaning. In the warmer months, God gives us rain to care creation and help the plants grow. In colder months, God gives us snow and ice to do things like sledding and skating, so we can enjoy God’s creation in new ways. God does amazing things through water in our world, so we pray: God, we thank and praise you for the gift of water!

Hallelujah!

Finally, we give thanks for everything God does through the waters of baptism. In baptism, God welcomes us into God’s family. God forgives us our sins and

gives us new life. God calls each of us through our baptisms to be part of God's mission in the world.

God does amazing things through the waters of our baptism, so we pray: God, we thank and praise you for the gift of water!

Hallelujah!

Hymn of Praise: ELW 819 Come, All You People

1. **Come, all you people,
come and praise the Most High;
come, all you people,
come and praise the Most High;
come, all you people,
come and praise the Most High;
come now and worship the Lord.**

2. **Come, all you people,
come and praise the Savior;
come, all you people,
come and praise the Savior;
come, all you people,
come and praise the Savior;
come now and worship the Lord.**

3. **Come, all you people,
come and praise the Spirit;
come, all you people,
come and praise the Spirit;
come, all you people,
come and praise the Spirit;
come now and worship the Lord.**

Prayer of the day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Today's prayer of the day will be a "repeat-after-me" prayer. Let us pray.

Creator God,

Creator God,

You created the earth

You created the earth

And everything in it.

And everything in it.

You created us in your image.

You created us in your image.

Help us care for your creation

Help us care for your creation

So we may share your love

So we may share your love

Through all the earth.

Through all the earth.

Amen.

Amen.

Scripture

Psalm 148¹ Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens.

Praise him high above the earth.

² Praise him, all you angels.

Praise him, all you armies of heaven.

³ Praise him, sun and moon.

Praise him, all you shining stars.

⁴ Praise him, highest heavens
and you waters above the sky.

⁵ Let them praise the Lord
because they were created by his command.

⁶ He set them in place forever and ever.
He made a law that will never end.

⁷ Praise the Lord from the earth.
Praise him, you large sea animals and all the oceans.

⁸ Praise him, lightning and hail, snow and clouds,
and stormy winds that obey him.

⁹ Praise him, mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedar trees.

¹⁰ Praise him, you wild animals and all cattle,
small crawling animals and birds.

¹¹ Praise him, you kings of the earth and all nations,
princes and all rulers of the earth.

¹² Praise him, you young men and women,
old people and children.

¹³ Praise the Lord.
He alone is great.
He is greater than heaven and earth.

¹⁴ God has given his people a king.
He should be praised by all who belong to him.
He should be praised by the Israelites, the people closest to his heart.

Praise the Lord!

¹ Psalm in International Children's Bible translation from biblegateway.com

Acts 17: 22a, 24-28²

Then Paul stood before the meeting of the Areopagus. He said, “Men of Athens, I can see that you are very religious in all things. ²⁴ He is the God who made the whole world and everything in it. He is the Lord of the land and the sky. He does not live in temples that men build! ²⁵ This God is the One who gives life, breath, and everything else to people. He does not need any help from them. He has everything he needs. ²⁶ God began by making one man. From him came all the different people who live everywhere in the world. He decided exactly when and where they must live. ²⁷ God wanted them to look for him and perhaps search all around for him and find him. But he is not far from any of us: ²⁸ ‘By his power we live and move and exist.’ Some of your own poets have said: ‘For we are his children.’

Here ends the reading.

Inspire our understanding, Spirit of God.

Gospel Acclamation: ELW #172 “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah” Sung Twice Through

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

(Repeat)

John 1: 1-5³

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 1st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the beginning was the Word
and the Word was with God
and the Word was God.

² The Word was with God in the beginning.

³ Everything came into being through the Word,
and without the Word

² Acts reading in International Children’s Bible translation from biblegateway.com

³ Gospel Reading in Common English Bible translation from biblegateway.com

nothing came into being.
What came into being
⁴ through the Word was life,
and the life was the light for all people.
⁵ The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness doesn't extinguish the light.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Message (*children are invited to the front*)

Song of the Day "If I Were a Butterfly"⁴

If I were a butterfly
I'd thank you Lord for giving me wings
If I were a robin in a tree
I'd thank you Lord that I could sing
If I were a fish in the sea
I'd wiggle my tail and I'd giggle with glee
But I just thank you Father for making me, me, me.

CHORUS

For you gave me a heart and you gave me a smile
You gave me Jesus and you made me your child
And I just thank you Father for making me, me

If I were an elephant
I'd thank you Lord by raising my trunk
If I were a kangaroo
You know I'd hop right up to you
If I were an octopus
I'd thank you Lord for my fine looks
But I just thank you Father for making me, me, me.

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CHORUS

For you gave me a heart and you gave me a smile
You gave me Jesus and you made me your child
And I just thank you Father for making me, me

If I were a wiggly worm
I'd thank you Lord that I could squirm
If I were a fuzzy, wuzzy bear
I'd thank you Lord for my fuzzy, wuzzy hair
If I were a crocodile
I'd thank you Lord for my great smile
But I just thank you Father for making me, me, me.

CHORUS

For you gave me a heart and you gave me a smile
You gave me Jesus and you made me your child
And I just thank you Father for making me, me

The Apostles' Creed in Child-Friendly Language

Please join us in an affirmation of faith.

We believe in God who created the world and everything in it. God loves us and cares for us no matter what.

We believe in Jesus, who is God's son. Jesus came to save all people. Jesus teaches us how to love God and how to love each other. Jesus died and came back to life so we can all be saved. Jesus will come again someday.

We believe in the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is with us all the time. It guides us to follow God. The Holy Spirit comforts us and keeps us strong. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

You may be seated for a time of prayer. We will end each prayer petition by saying "Creator God," and you are invited to respond, "hear our prayer."

God who created the dark and the light, we praise you for forming communities of faith. Guide the church all over the world to share the Good

News of Jesus. Help us all to love and serve our neighbours. Creator God,
hear our prayer.

God who created the waters, the skies, and the land, we praise you for the earth. Thank you for making the world and everything in it. Help us to care for the earth, so that all life—plants, animals, and people—can grow and thrive. Creator God, **hear our prayer.**

God who created the plants, we pray for peace. Protect all that you have created, and keep your children safe all around the world. Creator God, **hear our prayer.**

God who created the creatures of the seas and the skies, we pray for people who don't have what they need. Work through us to create communities where everyone shares in your creation and has what they need to live. Creator God, **hear our prayer.**

God who created the animals of the land, we pray for all who are sick or struggling throughout your creation. Protect endangered animals. Keep safe all who are affected by natural disasters. Comfort people who are struggling in body, mind, or spirit. Help them to heal and to feel your love. Creator God, **hear our prayer.**

God who created all of us in your image, we praise you for the gift of children. Watch over families, teachers, bus drivers, day care workers, and all who care for our children. Guide them and bless them in their work so that all children can learn and grow together. Bless everyone going back to school with a year that is safe, fun, and full of good learning. Creator God, **hear our prayer.**

Creator God, we thank you for the gift of the Word, your Son Jesus, and we pray the words Jesus taught us:

**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.**

Offering introduction

Offering plate is placed on the altar.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Dear God, thank you for all of the gifts that you have blessed us with. Let these offerings be used in ways that show love to your people, and let us use all of our gifts to love You and others. Amen.

Backpack Blessing,⁵

Children are invited up to the front to participate.

Lord, bless this backpack
And watch over the person that carries it.
Fill their heart with courage,
Fill their mind with wisdom,
And fill their body with strength.
Guide them in all that they do. Amen.

⁵ Backpack Blessing from <https://favoriteprintables.com/backpack-blessing-tags/>

Blessing

May you feel God's love [*hands to heart*]. May you spread God's love [*hands reach out*]. May God's love fill the world [*hands circle from overhead*]. Amen.

Sending Hymn ELW #846 "*Amen, We Praise Your Name*" sung twice

Amen, we praise your name, O God!

Amen, we praise your name, O God!

Amen, amen.

Amen, amen.

Amen, we praise your name, O God!

(repeat)

Commission

Go in peace, inspired by Christ to love and serve. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Joshua Hendricksen