



# ***Listen to the Voice of creation*** **SEASON OF CREATION 2022**

## ***Storm Sunday***

***We worship with the winds and the weather***

*“You make the clouds your chariots, you ride on the wings of the wind and you make the winds your messengers” Ps. 104.3-4*

## ***What is the Season of Creation?***

In the seasons of Advent, Epiphany, Lent and Easter we celebrate the life of Christ. In the season of Pentecost we celebrate the Holy Spirit. Now, in the season of Creation, we have an opportunity to celebrate God, the Creator. For four Sundays beginning in September, prior to St Francis of Assisi Day, we join in celebrating with Christ the wonders of creation. In the liturgy, we follow the lead of the psalm writers and celebrate with creation — with the forests, the rivers and the fields, which praise the Creator in their own way. Bible readings focus especially on the story of Earth, which complements the story of God and the story of humanity in the Scriptures. We commit ourselves to a ministry of healing Earth, with Christ and creation as our partners.

**Storm** refers to the world of the weather, the gales, the lightning, the winds, the hurricanes, the downpours, and the tornados. Storm means the weather we need to renew our planet and the weather that expresses the destructive forces of nature. Storms are events we celebrate in the weather cycle that sustains Earth as a living planet, but they are also events that frighten us and that are destructive of human and non-human life.

### ***Special Focus***

Sometimes, God's voice is portrayed as thunder. God often seems to be present deep within a storm.

In our call to worship, we invite all the domains of the weather to worship with us. As we do, we wonder at the power of storms and the fierce expressions of the elements. In the readings, we become aware of God's presence revealed in the power of nature. We also learn that God discerns the Wisdom embedded in creation—especially in the wind, the rain, and the lightning. We are aware that global warming has changed weather patterns around the world. Tornados, hurricanes, and cyclones are intensified and, on the increase, as are other extreme weather patterns. Yet Jesus Christ, who was surrounded by fierce forces at the last supper and on the cross, is present also in the stillness after the storm. He knows the way of the storm.

**Photo:** Storm clouds accessed online from free resources.

**Season of Creation is a time of grace that the Church, in ecumenical dialogue, offers to humanity to renew its relationship with the Creator and with creation, through celebration, conversion and commitment together.**

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

### *Invocation*

In the name of God, present in the thunder of the storm. In the name of Christ, present in the stillness after the storm. In the name of the Spirit, present in the winds of the storm.

**Holy! Holy! Holy! Earth is filled with God's presence.**

Christ, as we come to into this sanctuary today, we enter your presence even in the storm.

**Holy! Holy! Holy! Earth is filled with your presence.**

### *Procession and Song: ELW 756 "Eternal Father Strong to Save"*

#### *The Greeting*

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

Christ, we gather in your name to worship in this sanctuary called Earth,  
**a planet filled with your presence,  
quivering in the forests,  
vibrating in the land,  
pulsating in the wilderness,  
shimmering in the oceans.**

God, reveal yourself to us in this place and show us your face in all creation.

**We pray that you would call to us, as from the burning bush, with the sustaining fire of your Spirit. Breathe upon us. Open our ears and move our hearts. Turn us from our inward gaze. Teach us to contemplate your creation, and listen for the voice of each creature declaring your glory. Holy! Holy! Holy! Earth is filled with your presence.**

#### *An Invitation*

We invite the elements of the storm to worship with us.

**The wild winds and the dark clouds, the lightning flash and the thunder roll.**

We invite the hurricane to join us in wonder:

**The fierce gales and blinding rains, the crashing waves and swaying trees.**

Where is God in all of this? Where is God in the storm?

**God created all things. God created the storms.**

Where is God in all this? Where is God in the storm?

**Storms can renew life with wind and water. Storms can destroy life with gale and water.**

Where is our God in the tornado?

**As crucified Christ, in solidarity with victims. As risen Christ, bringing life out of death.**

Where is our God in the hurricane?

**As crucified Christ, suffering with those who suffer in the storm. As risen Christ, offering new life amidst loss.**

Where is our God in the tsunami?

**As crucified Christ, identifying with the grieving. As risen Christ, providing comfort and hope.**

Yes, where is our God in all of this?

**Our God is working for good in all things.**

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

***A Remembering.*** *We remember our past connection with storms.*

*Share with a person near you a memory of a storm or extreme weather that awed and frightened you.*

*We remember fierce storms, Times when we wondered about God's role in our world.*

### ***A Confession***

We remember and confess our doubts.

**We have doubted God's presence.**

**We have doubted God's goodness.**

**We have doubted God's love.**

**When tornados and hurricanes have hit,**

**We have doubted God's presence.**

**In the wake of human suffering,**

**We have doubted God's goodness.**

**In the wake of the destruction of nature,**

**We have doubted God's love.**

We bring these doubts before you.

**We confess our doubts and uncertainties.**

## **Absolution**

Christ hears your confession, receives your doubts and uncertainties, and assures you of God's presence in the storm, assures you that even in the fiercest storm the healing power of Christ is there to comfort and offer new life.

**Christ, assure us of your presence in all things, Assure us of your goodness and love.**

I speak for Christ: Your God is not high in heaven playing wild games with nature. Your God is deep within each storm. Your God is the suffering God, revealed to us at Calvary, and suffering with all who suffer in the aftermath of storms. Your God is the God of resurrection and new life.

**Shalom! Shalom! God too suffers in our storms.**

## **The Kyrie**

As we name our uncertainties about God. **Christ, have mercy.**

As we confess our doubts about storms. **Christ, have mercy.**

As we discover God's healing presence. **Christ, have mercy.**

*All sing the refrain, worship leaders offer select verses.*

**S493** **Canticle of Creation**  
*Response to Daniel 3*

*Refrain* ♩ = 60

To God be high - est glo - ry and praise for - ev - er.

## **The Prayer of the Day.**

**God, our Creator, as we face the storms of this world, we celebrate the wonders of the wind and the weather. Help us to see your presence in the forces of nature, your presence with those who suffer from natural disasters, and your presence among those who come to their aid. Teach us to recognize that your Wisdom is embedded in all natural forces, a Wisdom that suffers, guides, and heals. In the name of Christ, who is the Wisdom of God renewing all things in creation. Amen**

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

*All may sit for the first three readings and rise for the Gospel.*

### **Readings for Storm Sunday**

#### **Job 28.20-28 'God Discovers Wisdom'**

*Where can wisdom be found? According to the poet in Job, God discovered wisdom embedded in nature, even in the elements of the weather, when God was creating the cosmos.*

*THE MESSAGE: The Bible in Contemporary Language copyright 2002 by Eugene Peterson.*

**20** "So where does Wisdom come from? And where does Insight live? **21** It can't be found by looking, no matter how deep you dig, no matter how high you fly. **22** If you search through the graveyard and question the dead, they say, 'We've only heard rumors of it.' **23** "God alone knows the way to Wisdom, he knows the exact place to find it. **24** He knows where everything is on earth, he sees everything under heaven. **25** After he commanded the winds to blow and measured out the waters, **26** Arranged for the rain and set off explosions of thunder and lightning, **27** He focused on Wisdom, made sure it was all set and tested and ready. **28** Then he addressed the human race: 'Here it is! Fear-of-the-Lord - that's Wisdom, and Insight means shunning evil.'"

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

#### **Psalm 29 'God in the Storm'**

*Thunder, in this Psalm, is described as the voice of God, a powerful force that strikes Earth with great force, while the beings in the heavenly temple respond with the cry of 'Glory'!*

**1** Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. **2** Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor. **3** The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters. **4** The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty. **5** The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon. **6** He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox. **7** The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire. **8** The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. **9** The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!" **10** The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever. **11** May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

#### **1 Corinthians 1.21-31 'Christ, the Wisdom of God'**

*According to Paul, the wise in the world cannot grasp the message of Christ crucified. Ultimately the crucified one is also the source of life and the Wisdom of God.*

**21** For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. **22** For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, **23** but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, **24** but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. **25** For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. **26** Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. **27** But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; **28** God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, **29** so that no one might boast in the presence of God. **30** He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, **31** in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

***We welcome the Gospel***

**Wade in the Water**

*Refrain*  
All

Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,  
wade in the wa - ter, God's a-goin'-a trou-ble the wa - ter.

***Luke 8.22-25 Jesus knows the 'Way of the Storm'***

*The stilling of the storm not only demonstrates Jesus' capacity to perform miracles; it also demonstrates that he is in tune with nature and knows 'the way' of the storm, its inner nature.*

**22** One day Jesus got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side of the lake." So they put out, **23** and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A windstorm swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. **24** They went to him and woke him up, shouting, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. **25** He said to them, "Where is your faith?" They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, "Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

***Sermon***

***Apostles' Creed***

**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 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.**

**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.**

***The Prayers of the People***

**After each petition-**

**God of Mercy, Hear our prayer.**

**Jesus Christ, teach us to empathize with Earth.**

**Make our spirits sensitive to the cries of creation,  
cries for justice from the air, the clouds and the sky,  
cries of our fellow creatures deserted and dying.**

**Jesus Christ, make our faith sensitive to the groans of the Spirit,  
groans of longing for a new creation.**

**Jesus Christ, make our hearts sensitive to the songs of our kin,  
songs of celebration echoing around us.**

**Christ, teach us to care. Amen**

***The Greeting of Peace***

**The peace of the Lord be always with you.**

**And also with you.**

***Offering of Music - "Cast Out, O Christ" A. Davisson***

**8:30 Trinity Choir 10:45 Celebration**

*We lift our voices in prayer and praise. We gather and present our offerings of material goods for the Church's mission. We sing together the hymn*

***ELW 734 – "God, Whose Firm Is All Creation"***

***Offering Prayer***

**God, our Creator, through your love you have given us these gifts to share.**

**Accept our offerings as an expression of our deep thanks and our concern for all in need, including our fellow creatures on planet Earth. Amen**

### ***The Lord's Prayer***

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

### **THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

Christ calls you to be his disciples, to celebrate storms and to discern God's Wisdom and God's goodness and God's suffering presence in all the forces of nature.

Will you care for creation?

**We will care for creation! We will be in awe before the storm. We will celebrate God's healing presence amid the storm!**

### ***Blessing***

Now may the penetrating power of Christ's body and blood reach deep into your heart, your mind, and your body to heal your wounds and, through you, to bring healing to Earth, in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

### ***Sending Hymn: ELW 763 "My Life Flows on in Endless Song"***

Go in peace, serving Christ and loving Earth!

**We go in peace, serving Christ and loving Earth.**

**Prelude: Variations on "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"**

**Postlude: "On Jordan's Stormy Banks" arr. Mark Hayes**

## Season of Creation Schedule

	September 11	September 18	September 25	October 2
<b>Storm</b>	Atonement, Immanuel, Christ the King and Zion	Montpelier, Emmanuel, St. John's and English	Trinity	
<b>Animal</b>	Montpelier	Christ the King and Zion	Atonement and Immanuel	Emmanuel, Trinity, St. John's and English
<b>Ocean</b>	St. John's, Trinity, and Emmanuel		Christ the King and Zion	Atonement, Immanuel, and Montpelier
<b>Universe</b>		Atonement, Immanuel, and Trinity	Montpelier, Emmanuel, St. John's and English	Christ the King and Zion

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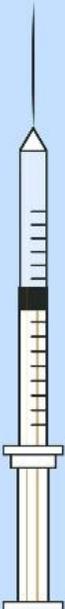
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# RENEW CARNIVAL TODAY!

Sunday, September 25

3:00—5:00 pm at Trinity

Inflatables Lawn Games Popcorn Cupcake Walk

Edible Cookie Dough



See the projects your donations have completed and what remains on the schedule

Tech Deck New Sanctuary Tile Hearing Loop

Steps and sidewalk Education Wing Roof Boilers

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*Get connected today!*

## Matching Grant Campaign

We have the opportunity to make an even greater impact through a \$60,000 matching grant to pay down the principal on the mortgage. **This means that each dollar you contribute toward the mortgage principal between now and September 30th will be matched.** \$10 becomes \$20; \$100 becomes \$200; \$1,000 becomes \$2,000.

As of last Sunday, we were  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the way to the goal with \$15,550 donated toward principal reduction.

**Please pray for the families of those who have died:**

Tyler Domek  
Betty Skjerva  
Anthony Klose  
Angela Jacobson

**Held in Prayer:** Braelynn Bakke, Warren Batsch, Harold Beckstrom, Jerry Bennett, Josh Brown, Hazell DeGroot, Tucker DeJong, Levi Dwelle, Bruce Foster, Donna Gullickson, Jim Gums, Vicki, Tom, Jennifer Gasal, Delilah Guthmiller, Don Guthmiller, Larry Holwerda, Clarence Hopland, Dale Lalim, Joy Langel, Pat Lippert, Goldie Mehlhoff, Judy Metzger, Harry Motz, Odean Olson, Mary Oster, Shandi Puhr

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**Candles, Flowers & Radio:** Larry & Joyce Kukla in honor of family & friends.

**College Addresses Needed**

Please call Meggen in the church office at 252-2841 or e-mail her at [connect@trinityjamestown.com](mailto:connect@trinityjamestown.com) with your child's college address.

**WEDNESDAYS THIS FALL!**

A 7 - session Study by Biblical culturalist Kristi McLelland - Jesus & Women  
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**Wednesday, Oct. 5 • 4:00-7:00 p.m.**

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