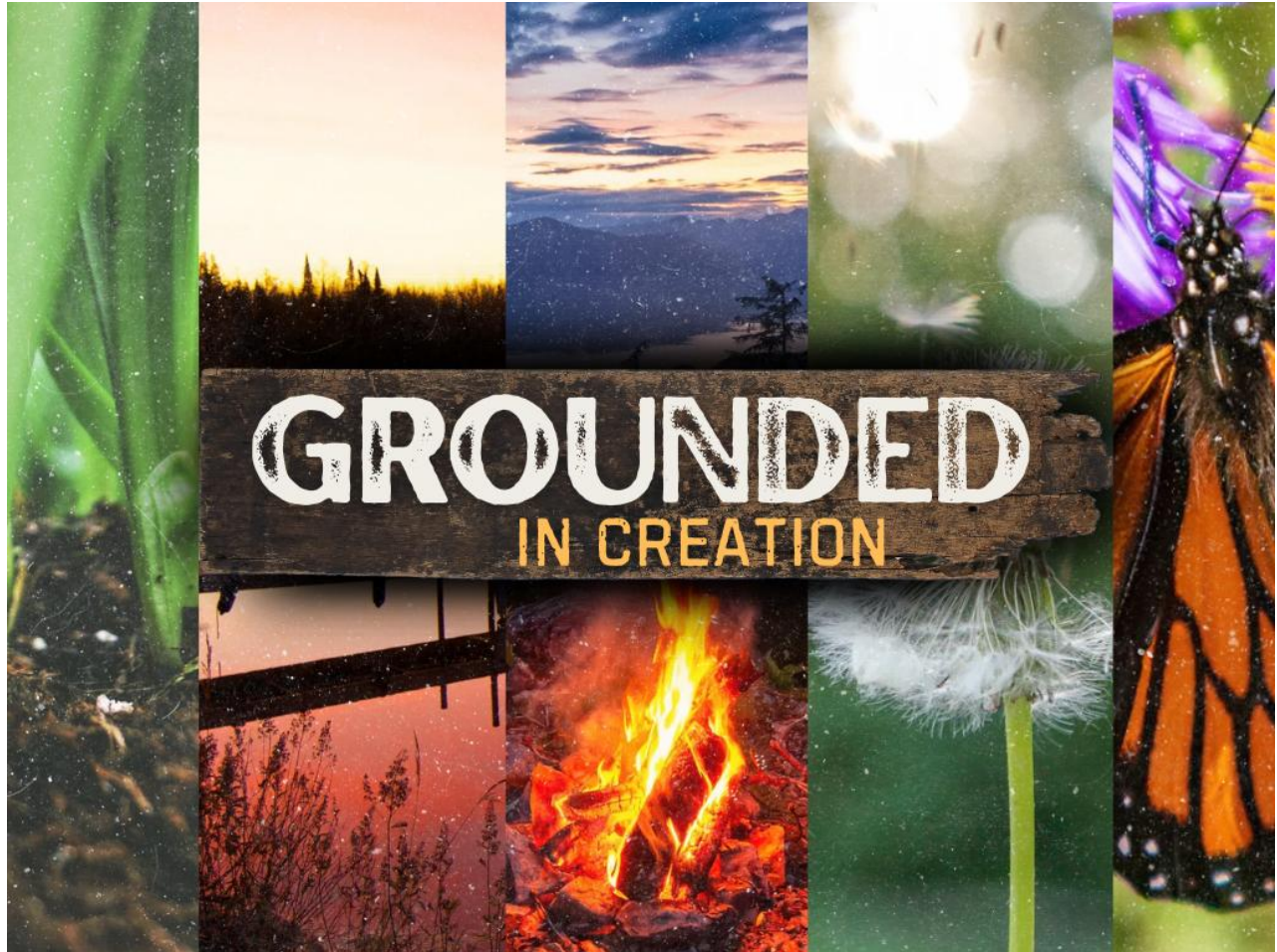


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E.L.C.A.



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*You, All Members of -G.A.*

Pastor:

**Jaime Decker**

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Prelude Music:

Welcome/Announcements

**Gathering**

**Opening Litany**

One: Blessed be the holy Trinity, (+) one God, the tree of life that brings healing for the nations, our nourishment and our care, our connection and salvation. **Amen.**

One: This is the day that the Lord has made.

**All: We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

One: God’s steadfast love surrounds us now, in earth, air, and fire; in water, flora, and fauna.

**All: We rest in connection with all of God’s creation.**

One: Christ came among us, with breath and movement and feet that touched the earth.

**All: We yearn for connection with all of God’s creation.**

One: The Holy Spirit moves among us, as close as our very breath.

**All: We move in connection with all of God’s creation.**

One: God of all, we seek to be one with you and all you have made. Be near us when we are disconnected, and bring us into right relationship with all of your good creation. Give us open hearts, open hands, and compassion for all, as you ground us in connection with every living thing. **Amen.**

**\*Gathering Hymn**

*Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil*

*ELW #512*

**\*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 - Earth**

**God of life, you nurture your whole creation and bring forth life from the ground. Root us and ground us in your love. Nourish the seeds of life within us, that we may receive your grace and burst forth in joy. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.**

**Word**

**Reading**

**Genesis 1-2:3**

When God began to create the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup> the earth was complete chaos, 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.

<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 humans 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 humans 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.

**2** Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. <sup>2</sup> On the sixth 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.

R: The Word of the Lord     **C: Thanks be to God**

## **Gospel Reading**

**Matthew 13:1-9**

P: The Gospel according to \_\_\_\_\_

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

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup> Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup> And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup> And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. <sup>5</sup> Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup> But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup> Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup> Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup> If you have ears, <sup>[a]</sup> hear!"

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

## **Message**

### **Hymn of the Day**

*When Long Before Time*

ELW #861

### **\*The 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.

### **Prayers of the People**

Response: **Receive Our Prayer.**

### **Sharing The Peace**

### **Offering**

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we worship, fellowship, learn, serve and grow.  
**Thank you for your generosity!***

### **Offering Song**

*Give Thanks*

**Gray #170**

### **\* Offering Prayer**

**C: God of abundance, We give you thanks for the gifts of the earth and the gifts of your people. Knit us together as one in you that we may know connection, joy, and peace with all of creation. Amen.**

## Meal

### Eucharistic Prayer

Blessed are you, O God of creation. You birthed the planets and galaxies, you filled the earth with soil and water, you gave life to plants and animals. You give us water, air, grace, and love to nourish us day by day. You breathe life into our bodies, and you came to live among us on this earth in the form of Jesus, your beloved child. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. In this meal, we remember your Son Jesus, who walked on this soil, who is the living water, the bread of life, the true vine, the sower of the seeds. Send the breath of your Spirit to this meal, and fill us all, in every time and place, with the fire of your love. **Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

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.

### \*Invitation to Communion

P: Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

Communion Distribution (All Are Welcome to Receive Communion Here at GA Church)

### \*Post Communion Blessing

#### \* Post Communion Prayer

P: Gracious God, We give you thanks for the abundance of your created world. As we receive your gifts, send us into your creation to echo back your joy and mercy. In the name of Christ, the holy one, we pray. **C: Amen.**

## Sending

### Blessing

L: May the God who holds creation tenderly bless you, keep you, and fill you with life, in the name of Christ, (+) who grounds us, loves us, and draws us into joy. **C: Amen.**

### \*Sending Hymn

*As Rain From the Clouds*

ELW #508

### \*Dismissal

P: Go in peace, care for creation.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

\*Postlude

Mission Statement of Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church (Adopted in 2022)

**To share the Good News of God's Word and to serve the community and the world.**

*Matthew 22:39* 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

*Matthew 28:19* Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

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We celebrate weekly Holy Communion. We welcome all who believe in the Risen Christ and who find in the sacrament our Lord's real presence for the forgiveness of sins and the renewal of life. If you receive communion in your home congregation, you are invited to receive it here at G.A. Red wine and white grape juice will be offered to you in Christ's name. You may choose your preference. If you are unable to receive wheat bread, or wine, be sure that in a single element you receive the Presence and all the gifts of the sacrament.  
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