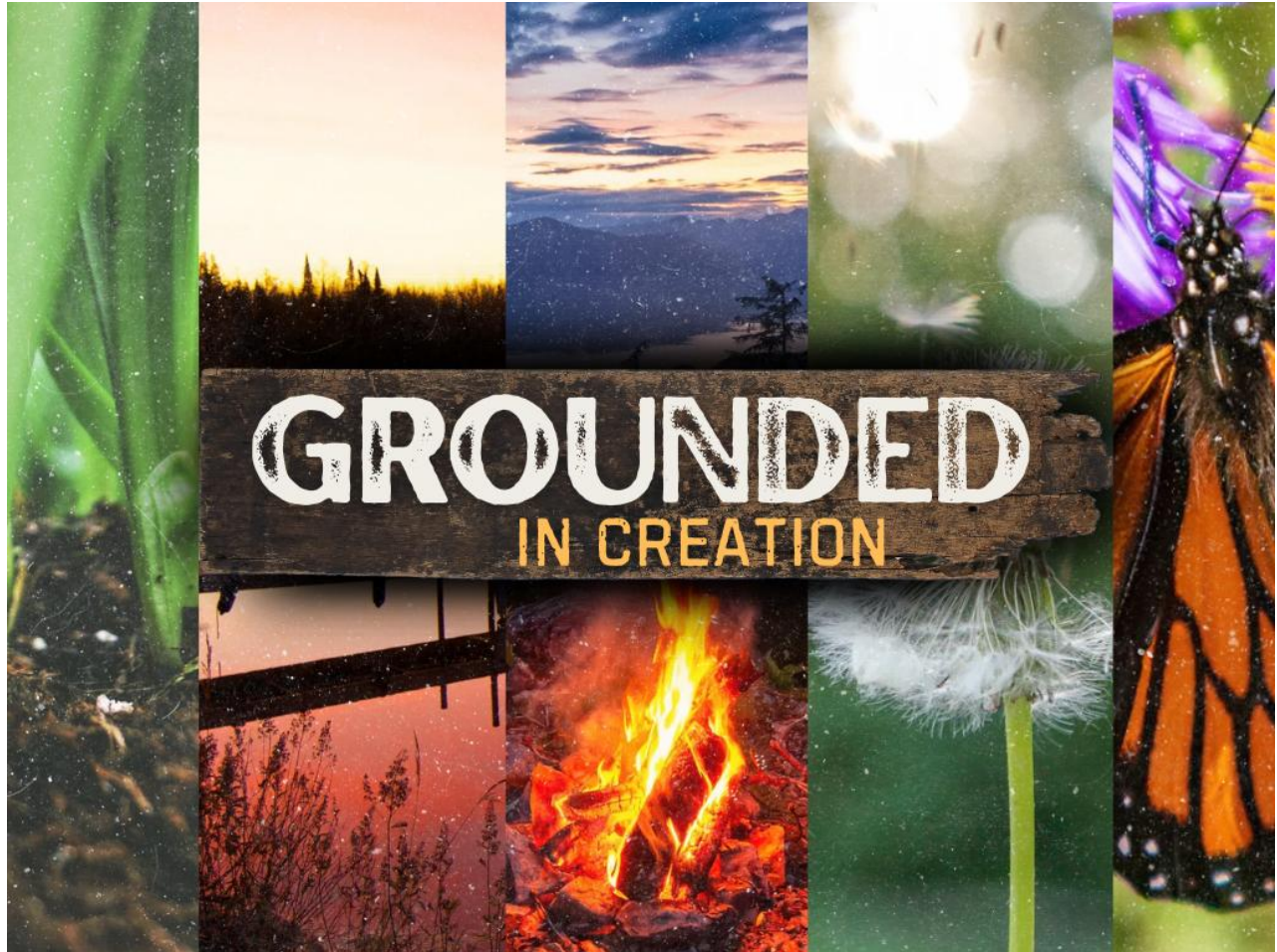


Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church  
E.L.C.A.



Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Week 5: Flora & Fauna

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**Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Ministers:

*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**

*Beautiful Savior*

*ELW #838*

**\*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 - Flora and Fauna**

**God of new birth, you bring forth life again and again. Give us faith to know that goodness is stronger than evil, and life is stronger than death. Help us take our place in the family of your creation, and connect us to all who share this earth together. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.**

**Word**

**First Reading**

**Matthew 13:31-32**

He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; <sup>32</sup> it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

**Second Reading**

**Luke 12:22-34**

<sup>22</sup> He said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. <sup>23</sup> For life is more than food and the body more than clothing.

<sup>24</sup> Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God

feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! <sup>25</sup> And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? <sup>26</sup> If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? <sup>27</sup> Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>28</sup> But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, you of little faith! <sup>29</sup> And do not keep seeking what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. <sup>30</sup> For it is the nations of the world that seek all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. <sup>31</sup> Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. <sup>32</sup> "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

### Message

### Hymn of the Day

*Now Thank We All Our God*

ELW #840

### \*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: **Hear 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*

Insert- 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.**

**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.

**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**

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

ELW #836

**\*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. *From Sundays and Seasons.com. Copyright 2026 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted and live streamed by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #35904. CCLI# 3138595 and #21256999*

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**Offering Song**

**Give Thanks**

**Gray #170**

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One; give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son. (Repeat)

And now let the weak say, "I am strong!"

Let the poor say, "I am rich" because of what the Lord has done for us! (Repeat) Give thanks.