

Creation Care Sunday

September 6, 2026 - 9:30 am

Prelude/ Bell/ Welcome and Announcements

Opening Greeting and Scriptural Dialogue based on Genesis 1:28

L: 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.

L: Let us bless God, who created heaven and earth.

C: Our Creator's name be praised.

L: God blessed them, and God said to them,

C: "Be fruitful and multiply

L: and fill the earth and subdue it

C: and have dominion over the fish of the sea

L: and over the birds of the air

C: and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."

Gathering Hymn

Earth Is Full of Wit and Wisdom

(ACS 1064)

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Opening Prayer L: Holy Spirit, **C: you move through all creation with sighs too deep for words. Open our hearts to listen to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. Speak through your church to rebuke the forces that seek to exploit your planet. Join our human prayers with the voices of all creation and move us to honor you by preserving the gifts of nature that reveal your glory. Amen.**

Scriptural Dialogue based on *Job 12:7-10*

L: But ask the animals, and they will teach you,

C: the birds of the air, and they will tell you;

L: ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you,

C: and the fish of the sea will declare to you.

L: Who among all these does not know

C: that the hand of the Lord has done this?

L: In his hand is the life of every living thing

C: and the breath of every human being.

Hymn

Praise and Thanksgiving

ELW 689

Prayer L: God, creator of all living things, **C: you fashioned a world in which lands and waterways, plants and animals, together meet the needs of all that you made. We pray that such vitality may flourish around the globe. Bless those who work the soil and who manage animals. Uphold their towns and villages. Nurture bees and other pollinators. Protect farmlands and ranches from drought and flood. Free children from forced labor in the fields. Grant an economy that can sustain those families who treasure a rural life. Teach us how to share with everyone the benefits of each harvest, and accept our gratitude for all sustenance you provide, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Scriptural Dialogue based on *Psalms 65:9-13*

L: You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water.

C: You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

L: You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;

C: with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

L: You crown the year with your goodness,

C: and your paths overflow with plenty.

L: May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,

C: and the hills be clothed with joy.

L: May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;

ALL: let them shout for joy and sing.

Hymn

God, Whose Farm Is All Creation

ELW 734

Prayer L: Holy God, **C: we lift to you the animal inhabitants of the earth. For those seen and unseen creatures and living things that attest to your creative power, we ask your blessing. We pray for victims of animal cruelty. Bless all who care for injured and abused animals. Comfort those who mourn for their pets and for endangered and extinct species. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Children's Welcome Song **"Jesus loves the little children. All the children of the world. You are loved and you are light. You are precious in God's sight. Jesus loves the little children of the world."**

Scriptural Dialogue based on *Revelation 22:1-2*

L: Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, **C: bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city.**

L: On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month,
C: and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

Hymn

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

ELW 735

Prayer L: Lord, make us instruments of your peace. **C: Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

Offering

Prayers of the People Prayers of the People L: Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

Sharing of the Peace L: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

The Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Words of Institution / The Lord's Prayer

Communion Welcome: All who are hungry for God's love and mercy are welcome to this table of forgiveness.
Holy Communion Distribution

Sending Blessing based on the writing "*Canticle of the Sun*" by Francis of Assisi,

L: Most high, most powerful, good Lord, **C: Praise, glory, honor and blessing are yours. . .**

L: Praise be to you, my Lord, with all your creatures, **C: Especially to my reverent Brother Sun . . .**

L: Beautiful is he and radiant with splendor great; **C: singing of your significance.**

L: Praised be my Lord, for Sister Moon and for the stars . . . **C: Praised be my Lord for Brother Wind . . .**

L: Praised be my Lord for Sister Water . . . **C: Praised be my Lord for Brother Fire . . .**

L: Praised be my Lord for our sister, Mother Earth,

C: Praised be my Lord for those who forgive others for your sake . . .

L: Praised be my Lord for our sister, Death . . .

ALL: Praise and bless my Lord for the gift of each other and give God thanks. Amen. Amen. Amen.

Prayer L: Stir up your power, O God, and save your good creation. **C: The earth groans in travail. Forests fall, oceans rise, crops fail. The air is thick with so much burning. Free us from the powerful who destroy the air, water, and land. Frustrate their violence, expose their lies, overthrow their schemes. Pour out over the earth justice that rolls down like water to nourish the life of the world. Preserve the health of your beloved creation. Strengthen those who serve and protect the garden of this earth. Restore the choir of your creatures and let us sing for joy. Gather us at your river, under the tree of life. Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth; in the name of the one who from a wounded tree birthed a new creation, Jesus our redeemer. Amen.**

Sending Hymn

All Creatures, Worship God Most High

ELW 835 vs. 1, 4, 6

Dismissal L: Let us bless the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**
L: May we go forth in peace. **C: In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Bell / Postlude

We Thank

Ushers; Tech Desk; Reader & Communion: Dale Hislop; Organist / Pianist: RaNae Martinson

We remember in our prayers: (Those with illness, unless noted otherwise.)

Nordland: Jerrod Quade (upcoming surgery/recovery), Susan Pederson (knee replacement), Kathy Chesness, Terry Porter, Dan Deadrick, Norma Heschke (hospitalized), Nordland Call Committee

Friends: Family of Sharon Kivioja (sister of Becky Thompson), Family of Joe Clemensen (Deb Friedrichs brother-in-law),

Dave Steffensen (Chemotherapy), Sandy Steffensen, Carol Rohr, Nick Carlson (kidney transplant), Maggie & Michael Kihui (terminal illness), Jacob & Emily Peterson (fertility), Wilder Christenson (infant illness)

Nordland's Week & Notices

Today	9:30 / 10:30	Worship / Fellowship: Cake & coffee to celebrate Doris Nygaard's 95 th Birthday!
Wed.	9:00 am	NLCW & Gather Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Confirmation Orientation for 7 – 9 Grade Youth & Parents
Thu.	6:30 pm	Church Council
Sun.	9:30 am	Schedule Time Change: <u>Rally Sunday & Fellowship</u>
<u>10:30 am</u>	<u>Worship</u>	with Blessing of Backpacks, Cradle Roll Graduates & Story Bibles

Nordland Lutheran Church is seeking a motivated and trustworthy individual to serve as our Benevolence Treasurer, a position currently held by Steve Wright. The Benevolence Treasurer manages funds from the right-hand side of the offering envelopes, alongside other church outreach functions. The time commitment is approximately 3 to 6 hours per month. Key Responsibilities are posted in the entryway. If you are interested in this role, please contact a council member, the pastor, or the church office.

Women of the ELCA Crow River Conference Fall Gathering is Sat., Sept. 26, at Ostmark Lutheran Church in Watkins. Registration 8 am & Brunch at 8:30 am. See sign up & info. posted. Cost \$12, deadline Sept. 14.