

Where Two or Three are Gathered (Sept 7 – Oct. 5, 2025).

Consider: Season of Creation, Orange Shirt Day.

Perhaps this is the year to embrace the Season of Creation (September 1–October 4)—a sacred time to renew our relationship with God and all creation through prayer, celebration, and earthly action.

This season, marked by ecumenical churches worldwide, calls us to deepen our commitment to ecological justice, spiritual transformation, and hope-filled stewardship.

During this period, you are encouraged to visit the official Season of Creation website at seasonofcreation.org. The site includes liturgies, prayers, advocacy tools, and ideas to help your community celebrate God’s gift of creation and act for climate justice. <https://seasonofcreation.org>

An amazing song resource for simple ‘call and response’ singing can be found here: https://www.musicthatmakescommunity.org/a_z_list_of_all_songs (I recommend “Peace, Salaam, Shalom” and “God Welcomes All” and “God Bless Every Step”.)

In addition, consider dedicating a Sunday worship to Orange Shirt Day (WEB: orangeshirtday.org) — honouring survivors and the legacy of residential schools. This observance can be an intersection with creation care: as we heal our land, so too we remember and support the restoration of Indigenous Peoples, their traditions, and their relationships with creation.

This short season leading up to Thanksgiving is a time of reflection, lament, hope, and renewal—for the earth, for reconciliation, and for the flourishing of all peoples.

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Prayer of the Day & Bible Readings

The ELCA puts out all the readings and prayers of the day in one spot. I've extracted the minimum needs for this document, but if you want more information on special days, it can all be found here:

https://elcamediaresources.blob.core.windows.net/cdn/wp-content/uploads/YearC_24-25TimeAfterPentecost.pdf

September 7, 2025 - Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Lectionary 23

Readings

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm 1 (3)

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14:25-33

Prayer of the Day

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

September 14, 2025 - Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Lectionary 24

Readings

Exodus 32:7-14

Psalm 51:1-10 (1)

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-10

Prayer of the Day

O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

September 21, 2025 - Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Lectionary 25

Readings

Amos 8:4-7

Psalm 113 (7)

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Luke 16:1-13

Prayer of the Day

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

September 28, 2025 - Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Lectionary 26

Readings

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Psalm 146 (7)

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Luke 16:19-31

Prayer of the Day

O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

October 5, 2025 - Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost - Lectionary 27

Readings

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Psalm 37:1-9 (5)

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Luke 17:5-10

Prayer of the Day

Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.