

Everyone's Daily Bread

God gave to humans "every tree with seed in its fruit" for food. To the animals and birds God gave "every green plant for food."
(Genesis 1:29 - 30)



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Who are Lutherans Restoring Creation?



We are a grassroots movement promoting care for creation in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

This is accomplished by cultivating a community of dedicated stewards of earth and neighbor who proclaim God's promise of hope and healing for all.

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How do your daily decisions impact our neighbors' access to daily bread?

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Who are our neighbors?

- ▶ Global
- ▶ Local
- ▶ Human
- ▶ Non-human



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Global: How your gut interacts with the entire planet daily:

- ▶ Transportation costs
- ▶ Treatment of workers
- ▶ Public health conditions in farming communities
- ▶ Packaging - before & after



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Local:

- ▶ How do local farming operations impact everyone's habitat?
- ▶ Is a child around to learn from your behavior?
- ▶ What do you do with the piece of earth you steward?
- ▶ What chemicals to you add to the watershed?



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Too good to be true? Can some simple discipleship shifts help us restore creation?



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OUTSIDE the CHURCH PROCESSing is a PROCESS

Think about it:

- How you eat and what you eat
- How hard was it to get to you?
- How it was grown?
- Was anyone hurt in the process of making this food for you?
- Are you leaving a mess for anyone else to deal with?

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When we gather as church who do we speak for?

The voiceless:

- ▢ The Poor
- ▢ The Future Generations
- ▢ The Natural World

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ADVOCACY as Public Witness (not politics)



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In & Out of Church: PRAY

The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. Gracious God, bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bountiful goodness, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

(prayer of Martin Luther, after Psalm 145)



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