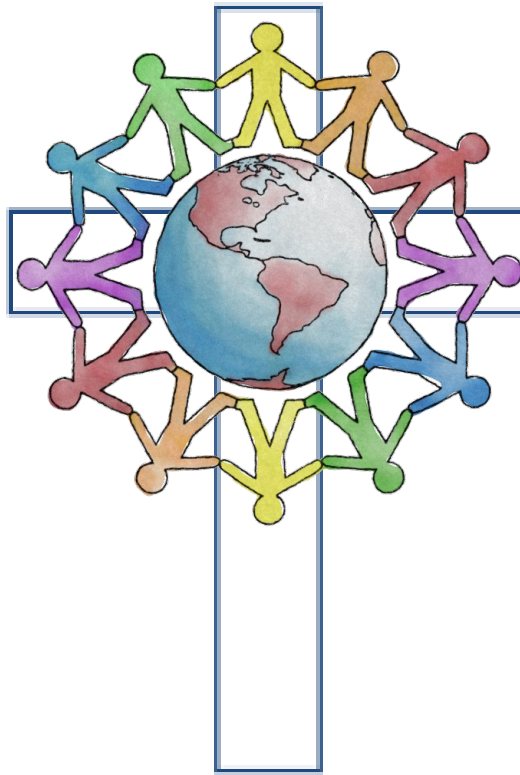


# **Joint Theological Day**

## **Creation Conversation:**

### **Acting on the Message of Pope Francis**



Thursday, March 31, 2016  
Sts. Anne & Joachim Catholic Church  
Fargo, ND





# Welcome!

## Schedule for the Day:

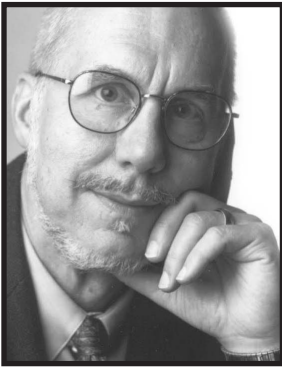
10:00am	Check-in and Refreshments	(Gathering Space)
10:45am	Introductions and Opening Worship	(Holy Family Social Hall)
11:00am	First Address	(Holy Family Social Hall)
12:15pm	Lunch	(Holy Family Social Hall)
1:00pm	Second Address	(Holy Family Social Hall)
2:15pm	Panel Discussion	(Holy Family Social Hall)
3:30pm	Transition to Main Church	
3:45pm	Closing Worship	(Main Church)

# Presenters



## **Mark Rohlena**

Mark is the Director of the Office of Domestic Social Development in the Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. He serves as a resource to the bishops on domestic social policy, and works to advance Catholic social teaching in federal policymaking on a host of issues, including environmental stewardship. He regularly speaks and writes on these matters. Before joining the USCCB, Rohlena served as the President and CEO of Catholic Charities of Central Colorado in the Diocese of Colorado Springs, CO. He is an attorney who previously practiced in the area of legal ethics. Rohlena lives in Virginia with his wife, Danielle, and five children.



## **Dr. Larry Rasmussen**

Dr. Rasmussen is one of the world's foremost Christian environmental ethicists. Dr. Rasmussen has mentored a generation of Christians in eco-theology and "green religion." He spearheaded the "greening" at the Union Theological Seminary as an institution and rooted his courses and scholarship in the practice of environmental justice with communities and community leaders. He has published more than a dozen books, including the landmark, award-winning *Earth Community, Earth Ethics*.



## **Christopher Dodson**

Christopher is the Executive Director and General Counsel for the North Dakota Catholic Conference, the public policy voice of the Catholic bishops of North Dakota. Chris received his bachelor's degree from the University of California at Riverside and his law degree from the University of California at Berkeley. Chris started with the North Dakota Catholic Conference in 1994 and has served as its Executive Director since 1995. He also serves on the board of directors of the North Dakota Conference of Churches. He lives in Jamestown with his wife, Rosalie.



### **Jason Adkins**

Jason is the Executive Director of the Minnesota Catholic Conference since March 2011. Prior to his advocacy work for the Church, Jason was an attorney at the Institute for Justice, a public interest law firm. Jason has clerked for both state and federal appellate judges, and received his law degree from the University of Minnesota Law School, where he has served as an adjunct professor. Jason teaches at the St. Paul Seminary and his writing has also appeared in numerous secular publications and journals, and he is a frequent guest on the radio and TV. He holds undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of St. Thomas (Minnesota), and resides in St. Paul, Minnesota with his family.



### **Tammy Walhof**

Tammy Walhof's passion for justice led her to volunteer with low-income families in the U.S., work for 6 years in development in Latin America, travel to various African countries, and work in advocacy for more than 20 years. Her experience has been helpful in understanding hunger and poverty, and how severe environmental degradation impacts vulnerable people. Tammy's background in public policy analysis has served her in state government and has enabled her to be immersed personally and professionally in the policy issues that impact hunger, poverty, and care of creation in the U.S. and worldwide. Following more than 19 years at Bread for the World, Tammy has been with Lutheran Advocacy-MN since early 2014.

# Opening Worship

Holy Family Social Hall

## GREETING AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Stand

**Bishop Wohlrabe:** Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**All:** Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

## HYMN

"Thine Is The Glory"



2. Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he  
3. No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



2. greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness  
3. out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,



2. hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;  
3. through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan



2. death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring  
3. to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

**Bishop Hoepfner:**

Bless the LORD, O my soul.  
O LORD my God, you are very great.  
You are clothed with honor and majesty,  
wrapped in light as with a garment.  
You stretch out the heavens like a tent,  
you set the beams of your chambers on the waters,  
you make the clouds your chariot,  
you ride on the wings of the wind,  
you make the winds your messengers,  
fire and flame your ministers.

**All:** You set the earth on its foundations,  
so that it shall never be shaken.  
You cover it with the deep as with a garment;  
the waters stood above the mountains.  
At your rebuke they flee;  
at the sound of your thunder they take to flight.  
They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys  
to the place that you appointed for them.  
You set a boundary that they may not pass,  
so that they might not again cover the earth.

**Bishop Hoepfner:**

You make springs gush forth in the valleys;  
they flow between the hills,  
giving drink to every wild animal;  
the wild asses quench their thirst.

**All:** By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation;  
they sing among the branches.  
From your lofty abode you water the mountains;  
the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.



**Men:** You cause the grass to grow for the cattle,  
and plants for people to use,  
to bring forth food from the earth,  
and wine to gladden the human heart,  
oil to make the face shine,  
and bread to strengthen the human heart.

**Women:** The trees of the LORD are watered abundantly,  
the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.  
In them the birds build their nests;  
the stork has its home in the fir trees.

**Men:** The high mountains are for the wild goats;  
the rocks are a refuge for the badgers.

**Women:** You have made the moon to mark the seasons;  
the sun knows its time for setting.  
You make darkness, and it is night,  
when all the animals of the forest come creeping out.

**Men:** The young lions roar for their prey,  
seeking their food from God.  
When the sun rises, they withdraw  
and lie down in their dens.

**Women:** People go out to their work  
and to their labor until the evening.

**All:** O LORD, how manifold are your works!  
In wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.

**Men:** Yonder is the sea, great and wide,  
creeping things innumerable are there,  
living things both small and great.  
There go the ships,  
and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

**Women:** These all look to you  
to give them their food in due season;  
when you give to them, they gather it up;  
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

**Men:** When you hide your face, they are dismayed;  
when you take away their breath, they die  
and return to their dust.

**Women:** When you send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the ground.

**Bishop Hoepfner:**

May the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
may the LORD rejoice in his works —  
who looks on the earth and it trembles,  
who touches the mountains and they smoke.

**All:** I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.  
May my meditation be pleasing to him,  
for I rejoice in the LORD.

## SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:22-23 (NRSV)

**Bishop Wohlrabe:** The Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

## REFLECTION

Paragraph 69 of  
"On Care for our Common Home", Pope Francis

## HYMN

"Canticle of the Sun" (page 8)

Stand

## PRAYER

"A Christian Prayer in Union With Creation" from  
"On Care for our Common Home", Pope Francis

**Bishop Hoepfner:** Gracious God, (4 times)

**Response - All:** Praise be to you!

Participants remain in the Holy Family Social Hall for the first session.

# Canticle of the Sun



The heav-ens are tell-ing the glo-ry of God, and all cre - a-tion is



shout-ing for joy. Come, dance in the for-est, come, play in the field,



and sing, sing to the glo-ry of the Lord.



1. Praise to the sun, the bring - er of day, He car - ries the
2. Praise for the wind that blows through the trees, The seas' might-y
3. Praise for the rain that wa - ters our fields, And bless - es our
4. Praise for the fire who gives us his light, the warmth of the
5. Praise for the earth who makes life to grow, The crea - tures you
6. Praise for our death that makes our life real, The know - ledge of



1. light of the Lord in his rays; The moon and the stars who
2. storms, the gen - tl - est breeze; They blow where they will, they
3. crops so all the earth yields; From death un - to life her
4. sun to bright-en our night; He danc - es with joy, his
5. made to let your life show; The flow - ers and trees that
6. loss that helps us to feel; The gift of your - self, your



1. light up the way Un - to your throne.
2. blow where they please To please the Lord.
3. mys - t'ry re - vealed Springs forth in joy.
4. spir - it so bright, He sings of you.
5. help us to know The heart of love.
6. pres - ence re - vealed To lead us home.

# Afternoon Gathering Hymn

Holy Family Social Hall

## Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



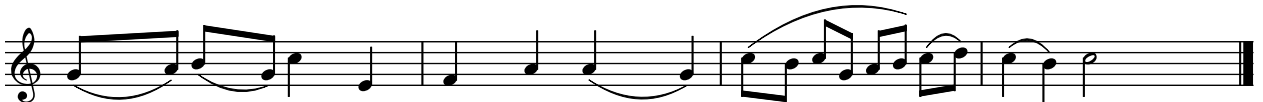
1. Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3. But the pains which he en-dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4. Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



1. Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2. Un - to Christ, our heav'n-ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
3. Our sal - va - tion have pro-cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
4. Praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



1. Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
2. Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
3. Now he reigns a - bove as King, Al - le - lu - ia!
4. Praise him, all ye heav'n-ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



1. Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
2. Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
3. Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
4. Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

# Closing Worship

Main Church

GREETING

Stand

**Bishop Folda:** Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**All:** Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT Evangelical Lutheran Worship - Rite of Holy Baptism

SPRINKLING RITE

HYMN

"I Saw Water Flowing"



I saw wa-ter flow-ing from the right side of the tem-ple, Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia!

Verses:



The wa - ter flowed, Al-le-lu-ia! Flowed from the tem - ple, Al-le-lu-ia!  
It brought God's life, Al-le-lu-ia! And his sal-va - tion, Al-le-lu-ia!  
The peo - ple sang, Al-le-lu-ia! They sang in joyful praise, Al-le-lu-ia!

PSALMODY

Psalm 8 (Revised Grail Psalms)

Sit

**Bishop Brandt:**

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic  
is your name through all the earth!  
Your majesty is set above the heavens.  
From the mouths of children and of babes  
you fashioned praise to foil your enemy,  
to silence the foe and the rebel.

**All:** When I see the heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars which you arranged,  
what is man that you should keep him in mind,  
the son of man that you care for him?

**Bishop Brandt:**

Yet you have made him little lower than the angels;  
with glory and honor you crowned him,  
gave him power over the works of your hands:  
you put all things under his feet,

**All:** All of them, sheep and oxen,  
yes, even the cattle of the fields,  
birds of the air, and fish of the sea  
that make their way through the waters.  
O LORD, our Lord, how majestic  
is your name through all the earth!

**GOSPEL READING**

Luke 24:28-36 (NRSV)

Stand

**Bishop Brandt:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**All:** Praise To You Lord Jesus Christ.

**SHARING OF PEACE**

**Bishop Brandt:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All:** And also with you.

**PRAYER**

A Prayer for Our Earth from  
"On Care for our Common Home", Pope Francis

Sit

**HYMN**

"All Creatures Of Our God and King" (page 12)

Stand

**BENEDICTION**

**SENDING**

**Bishop Folda:** Go in peace. Christ is risen!

**All:** Thanks be to God.

# All Creatures of Our God and King



1. All crea - tures of our God and King, Lift  
 2. Thou rush - ing wind that art so strong, Ye  
 3. Thou flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, Make  
 4. Dear moth - er earth, who day by day Un-  
 5. And all ye men of ten - der heart, For-  
 6. And thou, most kind and gen - tle death, Wait-  
 7. Let all things thier Cre - a - tor bless, And

1. up your voice and with us sing: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu-ia! Thou  
 2. clouds that sail in heav'n a - long: O-h praise him! Al-le - lu-ia! Thou  
 3. mu - sic for thy Lord to hear. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu-ia! Thou  
 4. - fold - est bless-ings on our way, O-h praise him! Al-le - lu-ia! The  
 5. - giv - ing oth - ers, take your part, O-h sing ye! Al-le - lu-ia! Ye  
 6. - ing to hush our lat - est breath, O-h praise him! Al-le - lu-ia! Thou  
 7. wor - ship him in hum - ble - ness O-h praise him! Al-le - lu-ia! Praise,

1. burn - ing sun with gold - en beam, Thou  
 2. ris - ing morn, in praise re - joice, Ye  
 3. fire so mas - ter - ful and bright, Thou  
 4. flow'rs and fruits that in thee grow, Let  
 5. who long pain and sor - row bear, Praise  
 6. lead - est home the child of God, And  
 7. praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son, And

1. sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam:  
 2. lights of eve - ning, find a voice.  
 3. giv - est man both warmth and light. O praise him, O  
 4. them his glo - ry al - so show.  
 5. God and on him cast your care.  
 6. Christ our Lord the way hath trod.  
 7. praise the Spir - it, Three in One!

praise him, Al-le - lu-ia, al-le - lu-ia, al-le - lu - ia!

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