

FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE

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In Due Season

Call to Worship & Prayer:

We begin our chapel in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the great love that You have shown to us in every part of our lives.

Bless us now as we come before You to worship. Set our hearts and minds upon praising You, as we have been fearfully and wonderfully created to do. In Jesus' name we pray, AMEN.

Opening Song: Fearfully and Wonderfully Made (Hearts for Jesus Theme Song) by Aaron Rohde

Bible Verse: Deuteronomy 11:13-15 (ESV)

"And if you will indeed obey my commandments that I command you today, to love the Lord your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul, he will give the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the later rain, that you may gather in your grain and your wine and your oil. And he will give grass in your fields for your livestock, and you shall eat and be full."

Introduction of Video: (Read by Leader)

"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." Genesis 1:1 provides us with a concise description of how our world and everything in it came to be. God spoke the words and created everything in the universe: the sun, planets and stars, the earth and the sky, oceans and land, the fish in the sea, the plants on the ground, and every living creature. Finally, God created man; perfect and in His own image.

Unfortunately, it didn't take long before sin crept in and tarnished everything God had made. In spite of our sinfulness God's love for us remained, but the world was permanently changed. The garden in which Adam & Eve lived, the garden where everything they needed was provided for them was now off limits. They were on their own to work the soil and grow for themselves the food that they would need to survive. From that day on, farming became a critical part of the lives of every nation. Without farmers and the crops they produce every year we couldn't be teachers, pastors, lawyers, engineers, or businessmen. We'd be too busy growing our own food!

What's it like to be a farmer? Why don't we ask Matthew Traver, an eighth grader from Minnesota who has been fearfully and wonderfully made to farm.

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As you can see, there are many things that a farmer must know to be successful. Whether he is purchasing seed, growing crops, tending to livestock, repairing fences, or driving tractors, a farmer's work is never really done. When you add the business side of things to the fieldwork and the care of the herds, you can begin to appreciate just how much hard work and dedication goes into being a farmer. But careful planning and hard work isn't enough to guarantee a successful harvest. There are many elements that come into play where farmers must put their trust in God. The soil needs to be nutrient rich, the rains need to come at the right times and in the right amounts, the sun needs to shine but not scorch the plants. Farmers like Matthew thank God for the blessings He provides, giving them what they need for their farms to run smoothly. We too thank God for everything he has given to us to have what we need to live lives that bring glory to Him. Most of all, we give thanks for God's greatest gift of Jesus who saved us by His death and resurrection. Give thanks to God for those people like Matthew who provide fill our tables with bread and to God who fills our tables with the bread of life.

Offering**Prayer:**

Father. We come before You, giving You thanks and praise for this wonderful world that You lovingly created for us. We thank You for the sun that gives us warmth and light. We thank You for the earth and everything in it, created with a perfect balance to provide for our every need. We especially thank You for those men and women who have chosen farming as their profession. Their work feeds us all, providing us with the nourishment we need to live, to pursue our dreams, and to share Your word to others. We praise You Lord that in the same way farmers provide us with the bread we need to live healthy lives, You have also given to us the bread of life that comes from Your Son, Jesus Christ. He provides what we need to live not only here on earth but with You one day in Heaven. But until that day Lord, lead us by Your Holy Spirit to be firmly rooted in the faith so that we may grow up in You and in Your word. Help us Father to always remember and be thankful for these wonderful gifts and help us to share them with others so that they too would never hunger or thirst for You and Your great love.

(Insert Prayer Request and other individual church/school needs here)

All this we pray in the name of Jesus, who also taught us to pray...

Lord's Prayer and Benediction:

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. AMEN.

Closing Song Options:

"Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread" (LSB 625, LW 248)

"Sing to the Lord of the Harvest" (AGPS 215)

Grow by Kolby Koloff