

## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### SERMON OUTLINE -- JULY 17, 2022

# Let's Be Tree Huggers!

*(Psalm 24:1)*

**INTRODUCTION:** *How do you define a “tree hugger”??*

## **I. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT STEWARDSHIP**

- A. Not just money.... all of life
- B. This includes stewardship of God's creation
- C. Psalm 24:1 – *“The earth is the LORD's...”*

## **II. GOD MADE US HIS CREATION STEWARDS RIGHT AWAY**

- A. Note – Genesis 1:28 & 2:15
- B. As stewards we can be tree huggers in the best sense of the term
- C. So says Martin Luther's explanation of the 1st article of  
the *Apostles Creed*

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### **III. HOWEVER, MANKIND'S SIN CORRUPTS GOD'S GIFT OF THE CREATION**

- A. See what we have done to the environment!
- B. And the “environmental movement” can turn us away from God & make creation a *god* with its own worshippers
- C. God's Word shows us another way:  
being good creation stewards (*tree huggers*)
- D. Jesus our Saviour shows His Lordship over creation in the way He brings us salvation
- E. We are redeemed body & soul and can rejoice as creation stewards  
(1 Timothy 4:4)

**CONCLUSION: *Tree huggers...* in the name of Jesus**