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## **See Creation Around Us**

### **ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton Weekly Video Message**

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I'm looking out of my window here in Skokie, and it's one of those rare days in a Chicago winter when the sun is out, and one of those rare days when the sun makes the snowfall look beautiful.

Too often I'm too busy and too distracted to pay attention to the beauty of God's creation, and to remember that it *is* called good. In Genesis it said, "And God saw everything that God had made, and indeed, it was very good."

I hope that we take some time to give ourselves the freedom to pay attention to the world around us and to study the creation, because when we study the creation, we draw closer to the creator.

I remember a Muslim student I met at one of our universities. It's not permitted in their tradition to draw pictures of animals or people, so she studied biology, because she said by studying the creation, she could see the face of God.

May it be so for us. Let us pray:

Creative Lord, wonderful are your works. For the laughter of children and the wisdom of elders, we thank you. For the mystery of the universe and the wonder of creation, we worship you. For all you are, we praise you. Amen. Be well, dear Church.