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The Will to Get Going
ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton Weekly Video Message
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Hot enough for you? It's in the 90s all week here in Chicagoland. And out in Portland, it's in the 100s. Wildfires are raging in the West, and we were drenched with severe storms.

This week, the United Nations released its latest report on climate change, and we see that, in fact, that we're getting closer and closer to a tipping point. The Christian call, vocation and responsibility, according to Genesis, is to till and care for God's garden, for the Earth. And as you read the Genesis story in Chapter 1, when everything was created, except for human beings, God first said, "It was very good."

We are here as part of the creation, and we have a unique responsibility to care for that creation. I urge you to read the ELCA social statement *Caring for Creation: Vision, Hope, and Justice* and begin to see how you as an individual, and also your congregation, can be part of the solution to this dire problem. We've been charged with this work, and God will give us the wisdom to do it. May God also give us the will to get going.

Be well, dear church.