

# Genesis

**Foundations of the Christian Faith**

*A Six-Part Sermon Series*



## 2) The Image of God

*9:00 & 10:15 am June 14, 2020*



# ROCK OF AGES

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### **Welcome to our guests!**

- It is our hope and prayer that the message you hear today from God's Word will fill your heart with the peace which only God can offer and the joy we have in knowing that Jesus Christ is our Savior from sin.
- Large print service folders and hearing assistance devices are available.
- Restrooms are located at the far ends of the entry area.
- Bible study groups are not meeting today but may resume soon.
- If you are new here please leave your contact information with our pastor in case of needed contact tracing during the pandemic.
- Children's activity bags, quiet toys, and a changing table are available from nursery in entry area.
- We are part of a world-wide Christian ministry and support the gospel ministry of the WELS. We'd love to share more with you about our ministry. Contact pastor today. You can also visit [wels.net](http://wels.net)





# The Common Service

*The common service is based on the historic liturgy of the Christian Church.*

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## Greeting

## Hymn

God Himself Is Present  
*Christian Worship 224*

♪ **God himself is present --  
Let us now adore him  
And with awe appear before him.  
God is in his temple --  
All within keep silence,  
Humbly kneel in deepest rev'rence.  
He alone On his throne  
Is our God and Savior;  
Praise his name forever!**

**2 God himself is present --  
Hear the harps resounding;  
See the hosts the throne surrounding.  
"Holy, holy, holy" --  
Hear the hymn ascending,  
Songs of saints and angels blending.  
Bow your ear To us here:  
Hear, O Christ, the praises  
That your Church now raises.**

**3 Fount of ev'ry blessing ,Purify my spirit,  
Trusting only in your merit. Like the holy angels,  
Worshipping before you, May I ceaselessly adore you.  
Let your will Ever still Rule your church terrestrial  
As the hosts celestial.**

# The Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

# Confession of Sins

You who are loved by the Lord: Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

# Announcement of Forgiveness

God our heavenly Father has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

# Response of Praise

How Great Thou Art  
*Christian Worship 256*

♪ **O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.**

*Refrain:*

***Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee,  
"How great thou art! How great thou art!"***

***Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to thee,  
"How great thou art! How great thou art!"***

**2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze, [Refrain]**

**3. And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin. [Refrain]**

**4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim: "My God, how great thou art!" [Refrain]**

## **Prayer of the Day**

O God, you rule over all things in wisdom and kindness. Take away everything that may be harmful and give us whatever is good; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

# **THE WORD**

## **First Lesson**

Genesis 1:26-28

*God created man and woman in his likeness, namely, holiness.*

God said, "Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the sky, and over the livestock, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that crawls on the earth."

<sup>27</sup>God created the man in his own image. In the image of God he created him. Male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup>God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the sky, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

## Psalm of the Day

Psalm 78

*Spoken responsively  
(Sung refrain from Christian Worship Hymnal)*

*♪ **Your Word is a lamp to my feet, and a light for my path.***

<sup>1</sup>Give ear, O my people, to my instruction.

**Turn your ear to the words of my mouth.**

<sup>2</sup>I will open my mouth to share a lesson.

**I will speak about puzzling problems from long ago,**

<sup>3</sup>things we have heard and known,

**things our fathers have told us.**

<sup>4</sup>We will not hide them from their descendants.

We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD,

**his power, and the wonders that he has done.**

<sup>5</sup>He set up testimony for Jacob.

**In Israel he established the law.**

**He commanded our fathers to make it known to their children.**

<sup>6</sup>Then the next generation would know it,  
even the children not yet born.

**They would rise up and tell their children.**

<sup>7</sup>Then they would put their confidence in God,

**and they would not forget the deeds of God,  
but they would keep his commands.**

*♪ Your Word is a lamp to my feet, and a light for my path.*

<sup>8</sup>Then they would not be like their fathers,  
a stubborn, rebellious generation,  
**a generation that did not keep their hearts steadfast,  
whose spirits were not faithful to God.**

<sup>33</sup>So he ended their days in frustration  
**and their years in terror.**

<sup>34</sup>Whenever he struck them down, they would seek him.  
**Then they turned and sought God.**

<sup>35</sup>Then they remembered that God was their Rock,  
**That God Most High was their Redeemer.**

<sup>72</sup>So he shepherded them with a sincere heart,  
**and with skillful hands he led them.**

*♪ Your Word is a lamp to my feet, and a light for my path.*

## Second Lesson

**Colossians 3:1-10**

*In Christ we are being renewed in the image of our Creator*

Therefore, because you were raised with Christ, seek the things that are above,  
where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your mind on things above,  
not on earthly things. <sup>3</sup>For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

<sup>4</sup>When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup>So put to death whatever is worldly in you: sexual immorality, uncleanness, lust,  
evil desire, and greed, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup>It is because of these things that the wrath  
of God is coming on the sons of disobedience. <sup>7</sup>You too once walked in these  
things, when you were living in them.

<sup>8</sup>But now, you too are to rid yourselves of all of these: wrath, anger, malice, slander,  
and filthy language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to each other since you have put  
off the old self with its practices, <sup>10</sup>and put on the new self, which is continually  
being renewed in knowledge, according to the image of its Creator.

# Children's Message

*All children 5th grade and under are invited to come to the front area.  
Helpers and parents are welcome to join them.*

## Verse of the Day

(Psalm 119:105)

Alleluia. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. Alleluia.

## Gospel

John 3:16-21

*The Father sent his Son to save the world.*

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. <sup>18</sup>The one who believes in him is not condemned, but the one who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only-begotten Son of God. <sup>19</sup>This is the basis for the judgment: The light has come into the world, yet people loved the darkness rather than the light, because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>In fact, everyone who practices wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, or else his deeds would be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But the one who does what is true comes toward the light, in order that his deeds may be seen as having been done in connection with God."

## Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**



# Hymn of the Day

**May the Mind of Christ My Savior**

*Christian Worship 467*

♪ **May the mind of Christ my Savior  
Live in me from day to day,  
By his love and pow'r inspiring  
All I do or say.**

**2 May the Word of God dwell richly  
In my heart from hour to hour,  
So that all may see I triumph  
Only through his pow'r.**

**3 May the peace of God my Father  
Rule my life in ev'rything,  
That I may be calm to comfort  
Sick and sorrowing.**

**4 May the love of Jesus fill me  
As the waters fill the sea,  
Him exalting, self abasing --  
This is victory!**






**5 May I run the race before me,  
Strong and brave to face the foe,  
Looking only unto Jesus  
As I onward go.**

**6 May his spirit live within me  
As I seek the lost to win,  
And may they forget the channel,  
Seeing only him.**



# Genesis

Foundations of the Christian Faith

- 6/07  **The Trinity** (Genesis 1:1 - 2:3)
- 6/14  **The Image of God** (Genesis 1:26-28)
- 6/21  **The Garden of Eden** (Genesis 2:4-15)
- 6/28  **The Gift of Marriage** (Genesis 2:16-24)
- 7/05  **The Loss of Paradise** (Genesis 3:1-24)
- 7/12  **The Promised Deliverer** (Genesis 3:15)

# Offerings Gathered

*Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him. Our offerings go to support the gospel ministry of our congregation and our national church body, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.*

## Prayer of the Church

**Sundays after Pentecost**

*Christian Worship page 127*

Lord, Our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

**We praise you for every grace and blessing.**

Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

**Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.**

We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state, and local governments.

**Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.**

Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

**Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.**

Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote and informed and responsible citizenry.

**Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.**

Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

**Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.

**Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## **THE SACRAMENT**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is good and right so to do.**

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

# Holy, Holy, Holy



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Words of Institution

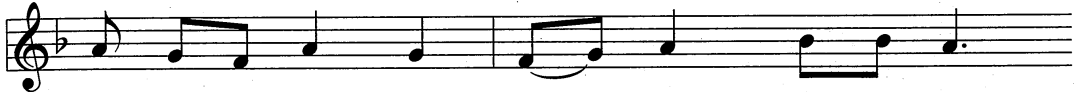
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (+) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

# Lamb of God, *Agnus Dei*



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - - men.

## Distribution

*Welcome guests! We follow the biblical practice of member communion.*

*We kindly ask that before joining in the Lord's Supper you express full agreement with us in the faith through membership here or in a sister congregation of the WELS, Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.*

*We'd love to share more with you about our ministry. Talk to our pastor today. Thank you for respecting our beliefs!*

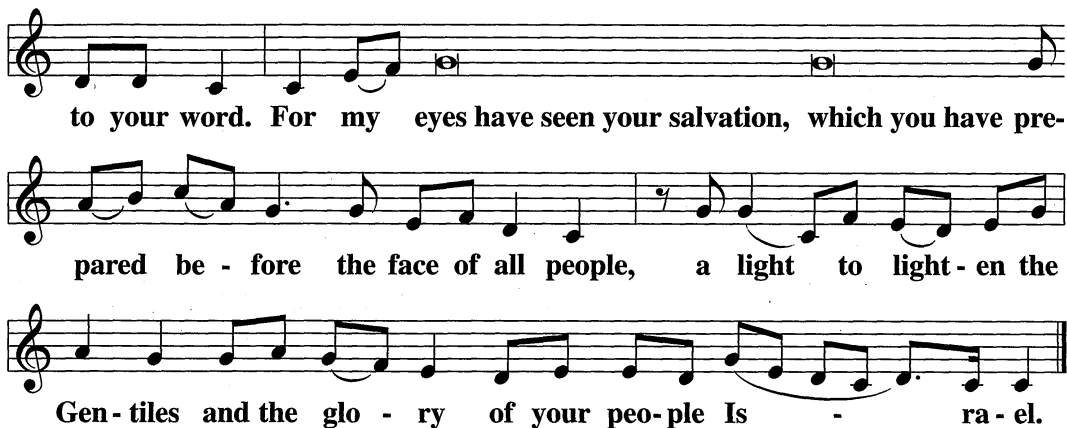
*After the distribution please stand to sing:*

## Song of Simeon

*Luke 2:29-32*



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac - cord - ing



to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared before the face of all people, a light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the glo-ry of your peo-ple Is-ra-el.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**And his mercy endures forever.**

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Blessing

*Numbers 6:24-26*

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

**Amen.**

## Hymn

May the Grace of Christ Our Savior

*Christian Worship 326:1-2*

♪ **May the grace of Christ our Savior And the Father's boundless love  
With the Holy Spirit's favor Rest upon us from above.**

**2 So may we abide in union With each other and the Lord,  
Gathered here in blest communion By the power of his Word.**

## **NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Remember with Prayer**

- Share your prayer requests

### **Attendance**

6/07 Sunday Worship: 63

**Received in May:** \$15,076.80 (to date)

### **Healthy Habits**

Thank you for respecting your fellow worshippers by practicing social distancing habits. You are encouraged to socialize in the sanctuary area or outside rather than causing a crowded area in our narthex. Volunteers are sanitizing all shared touch points between services.

### **Making Music**

We currently have 36 students registered in our program. There is still room for you to register today or to share the invitation with a friend.

### **Genesis Sermon Series**

Grab an invitation card to invite a friend to join us for a six-week series "Genesis: Foundations of the Christian Faith." Share today's message online from our website.

### **Contact Tracing**

If you are new here please leave your contact information with our pastor so that we might be able to alert you in case the spread of illness is detected.

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with you today**

## **CALENDAR**

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### **Sunday, June 14 Pentecost 2**

9:00am Worship with Lord's Supper

10:15am Worship with Lord's Supper

### **Monday, June 15**

6:00pm Council Meeting

### **Wednesday, June 17**

1:00pm Mary Martha meeting

### **Serving This Week**

Flowers & Communion Setup: Marlene Nielsen

Music: (9:00am) Keyboard, Sydney Peterson;

(10:15am) Keyboard, Jeni Strickland; 4 For Christ

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Barthel

Ushers: (sign up in narthex)



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