



Genesis

Foundations of the Christian Faith

A Six-Part Sermon Series



3) The Garden of Eden

9:00 & 10:15 am June 21, 2020



ROCK OF AGES

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to our guests!

- We pray that the message you hear today from God's Word will fill your heart with the peace and joy we have in knowing that Jesus Christ is our Savior from sin.
- Our mission is to share the rock-solid hope of Jesus with today's world through timeless truths found in the Holy Scriptures.
- Large print service folders and hearing assistance devices are available.
- Restrooms are located at the far ends of the entry area.
- Children's activity bags, quiet toys, and a changing table are available from the nursery in entry area.
- Bible study groups will resume meeting for midweek study on July 1st & 2nd.
- We are part of a world-wide Christian body and support the gospel ministry of the WELS. We'd love to share more with you. Contact pastor today. You can also visit wels.net





Morning Praise

Morning Praise is based on the historic service called "Matins." Joined to Christ, our risen Lord, we glorify God as we rise to the activities of this new day.

Greeting

Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Christian Worship 234

♪ **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him,
for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear Now to his temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!**

**2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things
is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle,
uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen All that is needful has been
Sent by his gracious ordaining?**

**3. Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully,
wondrously, made you,
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly
falling, has stayed you.
What need or grief Ever has failed of relief?
Wings of his mercy did shade you.**

The Invocation

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

Confession & Absolution

Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven,
whose sins are covered

Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

According to your promises in Jesus Christ.

Silence for meditation and reflection.

God our merciful Father, has forgiven all your sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilty by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

Response of Praise

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Christian Worship 234:4-5

**4. Praise to the Lord, who will prosper
your work and defend you;**

**Surely his goodness and mercy
shall daily attend you.**

**Ponder anew What the Almighty can do
As with his love he befriends you.**

**5. Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all
that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now
with praises before him!
Let the Amen Sound from his people again;
Gladly forever adore him!**

First Lesson

Genesis 2:4-15

God blessed the first man with a perfect place to live and work.

This is the account about the development of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens:

⁵No bushes that grow in the field were yet on the earth, and no plants of the field had yet sprung up, since the LORD God had not yet caused it to rain on the earth. There was not yet a man to till the soil, ⁶but water came up from the earth and watered the entire surface of the ground.

⁷The LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. ⁸The LORD God planted a garden in Eden in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹Out of the ground the LORD God made every kind of tree grow—trees that are pleasant to look at and good for food, including the Tree of Life in the middle of the garden and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.

¹⁰A river went out from Eden to water the garden, and from there it divided and became the headwaters of four rivers. ¹¹The name of the first river is Pishon. It flows through the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold, ¹²and the gold of that land is good. Incense and onyx stone are also found there. ¹³The name of the second river is Gihon. It is the same river that winds through the whole land of Cush. ¹⁴The name of the third river is Tigris. This is the one which flows along the east side of Assyria. The fourth river is the Euphrates.

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and settled him in the Garden of Eden to work it and to take care of it.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 119c

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

Oh, how I 'love your law!
I meditate on it 'all day long.

I have more insight than all my 'teachers,
For I meditate on your 'statutes.

I have more understanding than the 'elders,
For I obey your 'precepts. [Refrain]

I have kept my feet from every 'evil path
So that I might o'bey your Word.

I have departed 'from your laws,
For you yourself have 'taught me.

How sweet are your words 'to my taste,
Sweeter than honey 'to my mouth!

Glory be to the Father and 'to the Son
And to the Holy 'Spirit,
As it was in the be'ginning,
Is now, and will be forever. 'Amen. [Refrain]

Second Lesson

2 Thessalonians 3:6-16

It is good to occupy our time by working as we are able.

We instruct you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to avoid every brother who is walking idly and not in accordance with the teaching that you received from us. ⁷In fact, you yourselves know how necessary it is for you to imitate us, because we were not idle among you. ⁸We never ate anyone's bread without paying for it. Instead, with labor and hardship we worked night and day, so that we would not be a burden to any of you. ⁹This was not because we lacked authority, but to provide an example for you to imitate. ¹⁰In fact, when we were

with you, this was our command to you: If anyone does not want to work, he should not eat. ¹¹Indeed, we hear that some among you are idle, not busy working, but being busybodies. ¹²In the Lord Jesus Christ, we command and urge these people to work quietly and eat their own bread.

¹³But you, brothers, do not grow weary of doing good. ¹⁴And if anyone does not obey our word in this letter, take note of him so that you do not associate with him, in order that he may be put to shame. ¹⁵Yet do not consider him an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.

¹⁶May the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with you all.

Children's Message

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

Gospel

Matthew 9:9-13

Matthew worked full time for the government then full time for the gospel.

As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting in the tax collector's booth. He said to him, "Follow me." Matthew got up and followed him.

¹⁰As Jesus was reclining at the table in Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners were actually there too, eating with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

¹²When Jesus heard this, he said to them, "The healthy do not need a physician, but the sick do. ¹³Go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' In fact, I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Seasonal Response

Give thanks to the Lord; call on his name;

Make known among the nations what he has done.

Hymn of the Day

How Firm a Foundation
Christian Worship Supplement 768

1. **How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?**

2. **“Fear not! I am with you. Oh, be not dismayed;
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**

3. **“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes.
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake!**

4. **“When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace all-sufficient shall be your supply.
The flames will not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.**







5. **“Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove
My sov’ reign, eternal, unchangeable love,
And then, when gray hair shall their temples adorn,
Like lambs they shall still on my shoulders be borne.”**

Sermon

Genesis 2:4-15



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)

Confession of Faith

We Praise You, O God
Te Deum Laudamus

We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord;
all creation worships you, Father everlasting.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, cherubim and seraphim, sing in
endless praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of heavenly hosts, heaven and earth are full
of your glory.**

The glorious company of apostles praise you.

The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

The white robed army of martyrs praise you. Throughout the world the holy Church acclaim you:

Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and only Son, and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the King of glory, the eternal Son of the Father.

When you became man to set us free, you humbled yourself to be born of a virgin.

You overcame the sting of death

and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father.

We believe that you will come to be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people, bought with the price of your own blood,

and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting. Amen.

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 church body, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie*



M: In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.



C: Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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.

Prayer of the Day

God, the strength of all who trust in you, mercifully hear our prayers. Be gracious to us in our weakness and give us strength to keep your commandments in all we say and do; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Special Prayers

Special prayers are spoken concluding with ...through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Amen

Prayer Hymn

Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways
Christian Worship 462

♪ **Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways
To keep his statutes still!
Oh, that my God would grant me grace
To know and do his will!**

**2. Order my footsteps by your Word,
And make my heart sincere;
Let sin have no dominion, Lord,
But keep my conscience clear.**



**3. Assist my soul, too apt to stray,
A stricter watch to keep;
And should I e'er forget your way,
Restore your wand'ring sheep.**

**4. Make me to walk in your commands -
'Tis a delightful road -
Nor let my head or heart or hands
Offend against my God.**

Prayer for Grace

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Amen.

Let us praise the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Closing Doxology

Jude 24-25

To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault, and with great joy, to the only God, our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority through Jesus Christ, our Lord before all ages, now and forevermore. Amen. Amen.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name

Christian Worship 321

♪ **Savior, again to thy dear name we raise
With one accord our parting hymn of praise.
Once more we bless thee ere our worship cease,
Then, lowly bending, wait thy word of peace.**

**2. Grant us thy peace upon our homeward way;
With thee began, with thee shall end the day.
Guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
That in this house have called upon thy name.**

**3. Grant us thy peace, Lord, through the coming night;
Turn thou for us its darkness into light.
From harm and danger keep thy people free,
For dark and light are both alike to thee.**

**4. Grant us thy peace throughout our earthly life,
Our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife.
Then, when thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,
Call us, O Lord, to thine eternal peace.**

The LORD God took the
man and settled him
in the Garden of Eden
to work it and to take
care of it.

-Genesis 2:15



Let each person lead
the life
that the Lord has
assigned to him,
and to which God has
called him.

-1 Cor. 7:17

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remember with Prayer

- Those affected by the recent wildfires; that God keep the families and firefighters safe; that the danger and damage will soon subside.
- All those who are fathers; thanks to God for faithful fathers; that Christian fathers serve their families by feeding them the gospel and lead their family by example with godly living.
- That everyone serves in their vocation in life, whatever it may be, with a cheerful heart, doing the best of their ability as serving the Lord.

Attendance

6/08 to 6/12 Making Music: 35

6/14 Sunday Worship: 69

Received in June: \$4,721.32 (*reported June 8th*)

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*)

Genesis Series

Help yourself to an invitation card in the entryway and share with a friend.

Midweek Bible Class

We will resume our midweek Bible Class in July with a 6pm Wednesday and 9am Thursday group study. We will be practicing social distancing. Join us for our look at "Lessons from the Kings."
Note: there is a music lesson until 6pm on Wednesdays this July. Consequently, Bible class will be meeting at 6:15pm for the month of July.

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CALENDAR

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Sunday, June 21 *Father's Day*

9:00am Worship

10:15am Worship

Saturday, June 27

1:30pm Payson Pioneers

Sunday, June 28

9:00am Worship with Lord's Supper

10:15am Worship with Lord's Supper

Wednesday, July 1

9:00am Elders Meeting

3:00pm Youth Discipleship Group

6:00pm Midweek Bible Class

Thursday, July 2

9:00am Midweek Bible Class

Healthy Habits

Thank you for respecting your fellow worshippers by practicing social distancing. 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

Making Music is a summer program for all ages in our community. With it we are sharing free music lessons and the free gospel. 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.

Please take this service folder home with you today.



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