

Genesis

Foundations of the Christian Faith

A Six-Part Sermon Series



9:00 & 10:15 am June 7, 2020



ROCK OF AGES

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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





Service of the Word

This service focuses on the proclamation of God's Word. Believers respond to this divine gift with prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.

Greeting

Hymn

We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer
Christian Worship 609

♪ **We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator!**

In grateful devotion our tribute we bring:

We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;

We bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

2. We worship you, God of our fathers; we bless you.

Through trial and tempest our guide you have been;

When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,

And with your help, O Lord, our battles we win.

3. With voices united our praises we offer;

To you, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise.

Your strong arm will guide us; our God is beside us.

To you, our great Redeemer, fore'er be praise!

Invocation of the Trinity

I Sing As I Arise Today
Traditional Celtic poem, spoken

I sing as I arise today,

I call on my Creator's might

The will of God to be my guide,

The eye of God to be my sight,

The word of God to be my speech,

The hand of God to be my stay,

The shield of God to be my strength,
The path of God to be my way,

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

Confession of Sins

We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

Absolution

God our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

Response of Praise

There Is a Redeemer
Christian Worship Supplement 747

**There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.
Thank, you, O my Father, for giving us your Son
and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.**

**2. Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain.
Thank, you, O my Father, for giving us your Son
and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.**

**3. When I stand in glory, I will see his face;
There I'll serve my King forever In that holy place.
Thank, you, O my Father, for giving us your Son
and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.**

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God and Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, filling and renewing all creation by your eternal Spirit, and manifesting your saving grace through our Lord Jesus Christ: in mercy cleanse our hearts and lips that, free from doubt and fear, we may ever worship you, one true immortal God, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, living and reigning, now and forever.
Amen.

THE WORD

First Lesson

Genesis 1:1-2:3

The Triune God creates and orders a perfect world by the power of his Word.

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was undeveloped and empty. Darkness covered the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.

³God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

⁴God saw that the light was good. He separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." There was evening and there was morning—the first day.

⁶God said, "Let there be an expanse between the waters, and let it separate the water from the water." ⁷God made the expanse, and he separated the water that



was below the expanse from the water that was above the expanse, and it was so. ⁸God called the expanse “sky.” There was evening and there was morning—the second day.

⁹God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together to one place, and let the dry land appear,” and it was so. The waters under the sky gathered to their own places, and the dry land appeared. ¹⁰God called the dry ground “land,” and the gathering places of the waters he called “seas.” God saw that it was good.

¹¹God said, “Let the earth produce plants—vegetation that produces seed, and trees that bear fruit with its seed in it—each according to its own kind on the earth,” and it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth plants, vegetation that produces seed according to its own kind, and trees that bear fruit with its seed in it, each according to its own kind, and God saw that it was good. ¹³There was evening and there was morning—the third day.

¹⁴God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to divide the day from the night, and let them serve as markers to indicate seasons, days, and years. ¹⁵Let them serve as lights in the expanse of the sky to give light to the earth,” and it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He also made the stars. ¹⁷God set these lights in place in the expanse of the sky to provide light for the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. God saw that it was good. ¹⁹There was evening and there was morning—the fourth day.

²⁰God said, “Let the waters swarm with living creatures, and let birds and other winged creatures fly above the earth in the open expanse of the sky.” ²¹God created the large sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their own kind, and every winged bird according to its own kind. God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them when he said, “Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the waters of the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³There was evening and there was morning—the fifth day.

²⁴God said, “Let the earth produce living creatures according to their own kind, livestock, creeping things, and wild animals according to their own kind,” and it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals according to their own kind, and the livestock according to their own kind, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its own kind. God saw that it was good.

²⁶God 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.”

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

²⁸God 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.” ²⁹God said, “Look, I have given you every plant that produces seed on the face of the whole earth, and every tree that bears fruit that produces seed. It will be your food. ³⁰To every animal of the earth, and to every bird of the sky, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so.

³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. There was evening and there was morning—the sixth day.

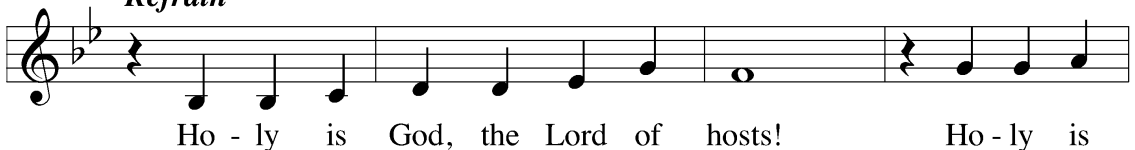
The heavens and the earth were finished, along with everything in them. ²On the seventh day God had finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had been doing. ³God blessed the seventh day and set it apart as holy, because on it he rested from all his work of creation that he had done.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 150

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Refrain



Psalm Tone



Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens.

Praise him for his acts of power;
praise him for his surpassing greatness. **Refrain**

Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,
praise him with the harp and lyre,

praise him with tambourine and dancing,
praise him with strings and flute,

praise him with the clash of cymbals,
praise him with resounding cymbals.

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.
Praise the LORD.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen. **Refrain****

Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 13:11-14

Paul closes his letter with a blessing from the Triune God.

Finally, brothers, rejoice. Set things in order. Be encouraged. Agree with one another. Be at peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. ¹³All the saints greet you. ¹⁴The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit 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.*

Verse of the Day

(Isaiah 6:3b)

Alleluia. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory. Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20

The Lord instructs baptism to be given to all with the name of the Triune God.

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshipped him, but some hesitated because they were uncertain. ¹⁸Jesus approached and spoke to them saying, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and gather disciples from all nations by baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and by teaching them to keep all the instructions I have given you. And surely I am with you always until the end of the age.

The words and works of our King!

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty
Christian Worship 195

♪ **Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,

Who was and is and evermore shall be.

3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,

Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,

**Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.**

**4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**







Sermon

Romans 5:12-19



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

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. 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 national church body, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS).

Prayer of the Church

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Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.

You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.

Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.

Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.

(Special prayers and intercessions may follow)

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

Silent prayer.

We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. 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.

Prayer for Grace

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.

Blessing

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 Peace of God
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♪ **May the peace of God our heav'nly Father,
And the grace of Christ the risen Son,
And the fellowship of God the Spirit
Keep our hearts and minds within his love.**

Refrain

**And to him be praise for his glorious reign
From the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n.
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain—
Christ eternal, the King of kings.**

**2. May this peace which passes understanding,
And this grace which makes us what we are,
And this fellowship of his Communion
Make us one in spirit and in heart.**

Refrain

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remember with Prayer

- The many recent disturbing occurrences reported in the news; that God would bring about justice, mercy, and his peace to the communities facing political and social unrest; that he would bring the arrogant and unjust to repentance give the afflicted relief.
- Erica, friend of Jeni Strickland; that God would bless her as she faces health challenges this week.
- Mary Strong, who began her first chemo treatment this week; that God provide strength and healing.
- Peggy Bishop; who was hospitalized with an infection in her leg last week; thanks to God for bringing her home; that he continues to be with her and give her healing and hope.

Attendance

5/31 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 34 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.

CALENDAR

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Sunday, June 7 Trinity

9:00am Worship
10:15am Worship

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)*

Contact Tracing

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