

Genesis

Foundations of the Christian Faith

A Six-Part Sermon Series



4) The Gift of Marriage

9:00 & 10:15 am June 28, 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.
- Midweek Bible study groups will resume 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





Divine Service II

(WILL NOT INCLUDE THE LORD'S SUPPER)

A version of the historic liturgy of the Christian church.

Greeting

Hymn

Father, We Praise You

Christian Worship 581 (6th century hymn)

♪ **Father, we praise you, now the night is over.
Active and watchful, standing now before you,
Singing, we offer prayer and meditation;
Thus we adore you.**

**2. Monarch of all things, fit us for your mansions;
Banish our weakness, health and wholeness sending.
Bring us to heaven, where your saints united
Joy without ending.**

**3. All-holy Father, Son, and equal Spirit,
Trinity blessed, send us your salvation;
Yours is the glory, gleaming and resounding
Through all creation.**

Invocation

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

Amen.

Confession

Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

Absolution

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie*

Mark 10:47

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

Christ, have mercy.

For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

Amen.

Hymn of Praise

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

Christian Worship 250:1

♪ **From all that dwell below the skies**

Let the Creator's praise arise.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let the Redeemer's name be sung

Through ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE WORD

Prayer of the Day

God, protector of all the faithful, you alone make strong; you alone make holy. Show us your mercy and forgive our sins day by day. Guide us through our earthly lives that we do not lose the things you have prepared for us in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Lesson

Genesis 2:16-24

Marriage was instituted by God at the beginning.

The LORD God gave a command to the man. He said, "You may freely eat from every tree in the garden, ¹⁷but you shall not eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, for on the day that you eat from it, you will certainly die."

¹⁸The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is a suitable partner for him." ¹⁹Out of the soil the LORD God had formed every wild animal and every bird of the sky, and he brought them to the man to see what he would call them. Whatever the man called every living creature, that became its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all the livestock, and to the birds of the sky, and to every wild animal, but for Adam no helper was found who was a suitable partner for him. ²¹The LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep. As the man slept, the LORD God took a rib and closed up the flesh where it had been. ²²The LORD God built a woman from the rib that he had taken from the man and brought her to the man.

²³The man said,

Now this one is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh.

She will be called "woman," because she was taken out of man.

²⁴For this reason a man will leave his father and his mother

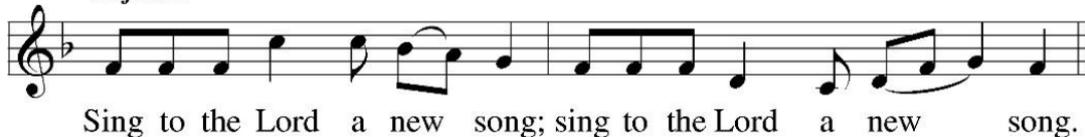
and will remain united with his wife, and they will become one flesh.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 100

Christian Worship Hymnal Page 104

Refrain



Psalm tone



come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the LORD is God.

He is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. **Refrain**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;

his faithfulness continues through all generations.

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

Ephesians 5:22-33

Scripture gives directions for husbands and wives

Wives, submit to your own husbands as to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife, just as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he himself is the Savior. ²⁴Moreover, as the church submits to Christ, so also wives are to submit to their husbands in everything.

²⁵Husbands, love your wives, in the same way as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶to make her holy, by cleansing her with the washing of water in connection with the Word. ²⁷He did this so that he could present her to himself as a glorious church, having no stain or wrinkle or any such thing, but so that she would be holy and blameless. ²⁸In the same way, husbands have an obligation to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹To be sure, no one has ever hated his own body, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰because we are members of his body, of his flesh and of his bones. ³¹"For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will be one flesh." ³²This is a great mystery, but I am talking about Christ and the church. ³³In any case, each one of you also is to love his wife as himself, and each wife is to respect her husband.

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

Matthew 4:23

Alleluia. May your priests be clothed with righteousness; may your saints sing for joy. Alleluia. (Psalm 132:9)

Gospel

Matthew 19:1-11

Jesus defends marriage as a life-long union of one man and one woman.

When Jesus had finished saying these things, he left Galilee and went to the region of Judea beyond the Jordan. ²Large crowds followed him, and he healed them there. ³Some Pharisees came in order to test him. They asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any reason?"

⁴He answered, "Haven't you read that from the beginning their Maker 'made them male and female,' ⁵and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will be one flesh'? ⁶So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, man must not separate."

⁷They asked him, "Then why did Moses command a man to give her a certificate of divorce and send her away?"

⁸Jesus said to them, "Because of your hard hearts, Moses permitted you to divorce your wives, but it was not that way from the beginning. ⁹I tell you that whoever divorces his wife, except on the grounds of her sexual immorality, and marries another woman is committing adultery."

¹⁰His disciples said to him, "If this is the relationship of a man with his wife, it is better not to marry."

¹¹But he said to them, "Not everyone can accept this saying, but only those to whom it has been given."

After the Gospel

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day

Love Is the Gracious Gift
Christian Worship 505

♪ **Love is the gracious gift of your goodness;
Love is the patient fruit of your care;
Love is the gentle work of your Spirit,
Who is the source of love ev'rywhere.**

**2. You loved me first, Lord, sending me Jesus.
Then I responded, trusting your Son.
Now you invite me to love my neighbor,
Showing your true love to ev'ryone.**

**3. Love means forgiveness, patience, and kindness;
Love is not jealous, boastful, or rude.**

**Love endures all things, bearing, believing;
Love hopes forever, rejoices in truth.**

**4. Love in a marriage, love freely given,
Love of a husband, love of a wife –
Made to continue, blossom, and flourish,
Grow ever deeper throughout this life.**

**5. Love among Christians, love in the fam'ly,
Love for the Savior, whose blood was shed,
Love and submission one to another
As unto Christ, who reigns as our head.**

Sermon

Genesis 2:16-24



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| 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 | | <u>The Gift of Marriage</u> (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.

**The original word here in Greek from the church council in Nicea in 325 is often translated "Catholic." It refers to the universal church, not just the Roman Catholic church. We join with all believers everywhere of all time in confessing these truths.*

Offering

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.

Hymn

The Gift of Love

Sung by 4 For Christ (10:15 service)

Prayer of the Church

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Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.

Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer

Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen

Lord's Supper

Service Plan Adjustment

There have recently been increased levels of community spread of the pandemic. We will forgo serving the Lord's Supper our services until after July 10. Please speak to pastor if you are interested in private communion options for the next two weeks.

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

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

Christian Worship 439

♪ **Lord, take my hand and lead me
Upon life's way;
Direct, protect and feed me
From day to day.
Without your grace and favor
I go astray;
So take my hand, O Savior,
And lead the way.**

**2. Lord, when the tempest rages,
I need not fear;
For you, the Rock of Ages,
Are always near.
Close by your side abiding,
I fear no foe,
For when your hand is guiding,
In peace I go.**

**3. Lord, when the shadows lengthen
And night has come,
I know that you will strengthen**

**My steps toward home,
And nothing can impede me,
O blessed Friend!
So take my hand and lead me
Unto the end.**

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remember with Prayer

- The current increase of the spread of the pandemic in our community; that God would keep our community safe; that he would bless the ongoing efforts to stop the spread of the virus and care for those who are ill.
- Those affected by the recent wildfires; that God would keep the families and firefighters safe; that the threat will soon subside; that God provide rain to our area.

Attendance

6/21 Sunday Worship: 50

Received in June: \$7,968.82 *(to date)*

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.

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)*

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 and meeting in the church. Join us for our look at "Lessons from the Kings."

CALENDAR

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Sunday, June 28

9:00am Worship
10:15am Worship

Wednesday, July 1

9:00am Elders Meeting
3:45pm Youth Discipleship Group
6:00pm Midweek Bible Class

Thursday, July 2

9:00am Midweek Bible Class

Sunday, July 5 Pentecost 5

9:00am Worship
10:15am Worship

Wednesday, July 8

6:00pm Midweek Bible Class

Thursday, July 9

9:00am Midweek Bible Class

Sunday, July 12 Pentecost 6

9:00am Worship with Lord's Supper
10:15am Worship with Lord's Supper

Monday, July 13

6:00pm Council Meeting

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