



Genesis

Foundations of the Christian Faith

A Six-Part Sermon Series



5) The Loss of Paradise

9:00 & 10:15 am July 5, 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.
- 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





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

In Adam We Have All Been One
Christian Worship 396

-solo

♪ In Adam we have all been one,
One huge rebellious man;
We all have fled that evening voice
That sought us as we ran.

-congregation joins

**2. We fled our God, and losing him,
We lost our brother too;
Each singly sought and claimed his own;
Each man his brother slew.**

**3. But your strong love, it sought us still
And sent your only Son
That we might hear his shepherd's voice
And, hearing him, be one.**

**4. O Savior, when we loved you not,
You loved and saved us all;
O great good Shepherd of mankind,
Oh, hear us when we call.**

**5. Send us your Spirit, teach us truth;
To purge our vanity.**



**From fancied wisdom, self-sought ways,
O Savior, set us free.**

-sung by all without accompaniment

**6. Then shall our song united rise
To your eternal throne;
Where with the Father evermore
And Spirit, you are one.**

Invocation

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

Confession & Absolution

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.

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

Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven
Christian Worship 388:1-3

♪ Redeemed, restored, forgiven
Through Jesus' precious blood,
Heirs of his home in heaven --
Oh, praise our pard'ning God!
Praise him in tuneful measures
Who gave his Son to die;
Praise him whose sev'nfold treasures
Enrich and sanctify.

2. Once on the dreary mountain
We wandered far and wide,
Far from the cleansing fountain,
Far from the pierced side.
But Jesus sought and found us;
Our many sins he bore.
With cords of love he bound us
To him forevermore.

3. Dear Master, yours the glory
Of each recovered soul.
Ah, who can tell the story
Of love that made us whole?
Not ours, not ours the merit;
To you alone the praise!
Give us a thankful spirit
To serve you all our days.

Prayer of the Day

Lord, our God, govern the nations on earth and direct the affairs of this world so that your Church may worship you in peace and joy; 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 3:1-24

The first man and woman chose to trust the devil over the Lord and lost paradise.

Now the serpent was more clever than any wild animal which the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Has God really said, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?"



²The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees of the garden, ³but not from the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden. God has said, 'You shall not eat from it. You shall not touch it, or else you will die.' "

⁴The serpent said to the woman, "You certainly will not die. ⁵In fact, God knows that the day you eat from it, your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

⁶When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was appealing to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took some of its fruit and ate. She gave some also to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

⁷The eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked.

They sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for their waists. ⁸They heard the voice of the LORD God, who was walking around in the garden during the cooler part of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

⁹The LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"

¹⁰The man said, "I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid myself."

¹¹God said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree from which I commanded you not to eat?"

¹²The man said, "The woman you gave to be with me—she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

¹³The LORD God said to the woman, "What have you done?"

The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent:

Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all the livestock, and more than every wild animal. You shall crawl on your belly, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life. ¹⁵I will put hostility between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed. He will crush your head, and you will crush his heel.

¹⁶To the woman he said:

I will greatly increase your pain in childbearing. With painful labor you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, but he will rule over you.

¹⁷To Adam he said:

Because you listened to your wife's voice and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, "You shall not eat from it," the soil is cursed on account of you. You will eat from it with painful labor all the days of your life. ¹⁸Thorns and thistles will spring up from the ground for you, but you will eat the crops of the field. ¹⁹By the sweat of your face you will eat bread until you return to the soil, for out of it you were taken. For you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

²⁰The man named his wife Eve because she would be the mother of all the living.

²¹The LORD God made clothing of animal skins for Adam and for his wife and clothed them.

²²The LORD God said, "Look, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil. Now, so that he does not reach out his hand and also take from the Tree of Life and eat and live forever—" ²³the LORD God sent him out from the Garden of Eden to work the soil from which he had been taken. ²⁴So he drove the man out, and in front of the Garden of Eden he stationed cherubim and a flaming sword, which turned in every direction to guard the way to the Tree of Life.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 31

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**♪ Surely it is God who saves me.
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
and he will be my Savior.**

In you, O Lord, I have taken refuge;
deliver me in your righteousness.

Be my rock of refuge,
a strong fortress to save me.

Into your hands I commit my spirit;
redeem me, O Lord, the God of truth. *Refrain*

My times are in your hands;
save me in your unfailing love.

How great is your goodness,
which you have stored up for those who fear you,

You heard my cry for mercy
when I called to you for help.

**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

Romans 3:9-20

All are guilty of sin; God's law makes that clear to us.

What then? Are we any better off? No, not at all! In fact, we have already made the charge that all (both Jews and Greeks) are under sin. ¹⁰Just as it is written:

There is no one who is righteous, not even one.

¹¹There is no one who understands. There is no one who searches for God.

¹²They all turned away; together they became useless.

There is no one who does what is good; there is not even one.

¹³Their throat is an open grave.

They kept deceiving with their tongues.

The poison of asps is on their lips.

¹⁴Their mouth is filled with cursing and bitterness.

¹⁵Their feet are quick to shed blood.

¹⁶They leave a trail of destruction and suffering wherever they go.

¹⁷The way of peace they did not know.

¹⁸There is no fear of God in front of their eyes.

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says is addressed to those who are under the law, so that every mouth will be silenced and the whole world will be subject to God's judgment. ²⁰For this reason, no one will be declared righteous in his sight by works of the law, for through the law we become aware of sin.

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

(Galatians 4:6)

Alleluia. Because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" Alleluia.

Gospel

John 3:1-15

Jesus was lifted up on the tree and saves all who believe in him.

There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. ²He came to Jesus at night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these miraculous signs you are doing unless God is with him."

³Jesus replied, "Amen, Amen, I tell you: Unless someone is born from above, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born, can he?"

⁵Jesus answered, "Amen, Amen, I tell you: Unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God! ⁶Whatever is born of the flesh is flesh. Whatever is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be surprised when I tell you that you must be born from above. ⁸The wind blows where it pleases. You hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

⁹"How can these things be?" asked Nicodemus.

¹⁰"You are the teacher of Israel," Jesus answered, "and you do not know these things?

¹¹Amen, Amen, I tell you: We speak what we know, and we testify about what we have seen. But you people do not accept our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No

one has ascended into heaven, except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man, who is in heaven. ¹⁴Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵so that everyone who believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

After the gospel reading:

The words and works of our King!

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day

The Tree of Life

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A video with words can be found here: <https://youtu.be/ydv5c9uHEDQ>

Sermon

Genesis 3:1-24



- 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)

Response of Praise

Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven
Christian Worship 388:4

♪ **Now keep us, holy Savior,
In your true love and fear,
And grant us by your favor
The grace to persevere
Till, in your new creation,
Our earthly troubles o'er,
Heirs of your free salvation,
We praise you evermore.**

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

For the Nation
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Almighty God, we acknowledge with thanks that all we have and enjoy is a gift from your gracious hand. We come before you today in heartfelt appreciation for our nation and its people.

We thank you for enabling us to worship you in freedom and to serve you without fear.

You have enriched us with the bounties of farm and factory, the beauty of forest and mountain, and the marvels of medicine and science.

For all these blessings, we praise and glorify you.

Look with favor upon our nation, and preserve our cherished liberties. Enable our leaders to govern with wisdom, honesty, courage, and justice. Protect those who serve in the armed forces and those who maintain peace and safety in our communities.

Give us willingness to obey our nation's laws and to work for the common good.

Keep our financial institutions secure and our economy strong. Bless our fields that they may produce abundant harvests. Guard us from calamities of nature and accident, and spare our land from the ravages of disease and epidemic.

Teach us not to worry but to cast all our cares on you.

Strengthen the homes of our nation. By your Spirit lead husbands and wives to love each other, parents to nurture their children, young adults to assume responsibility, and children to show respect.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions. *-Silent prayer*

To you, O Lord, we bring our thanks and our requests.

Hear our prayers for Jesus' sake. 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

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus



1. O soul, are you wea - ry and trou - bled? No light in the
 2. Through death in - to life ev - er - last - ing he passed, and we
 3. His Word shall not fail you— he prom - ised; be - lieve him, and



dark - ness you see? There's light for a look at the
 fol - low him there; o - ver us sin no more hath do -
 all will be well: then go to a world that is



Sav - ior, and life more a - bun - dant and free!
 min - ion— for more than con - qu'rors we are!
 dy - ing, his per - fect sal - va - tion to tell!

REFRAIN



Turn your eyes upon Je - sus, look full in his won - der - ful face; and the



things of earth will grow strange - ly dim in the light of his glo - ry and grace.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remember with Prayer

- Thanks to God for all the blessings which we enjoy in our nation; that he provides us with peace and continued freedom to worship.
- That God would graciously provide our region with rain.

Attendance

6/28 Sunday Worship: 59

Received in June: \$9,870.82

Midweek Bible Class

We are meeting this month 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."

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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CALENDAR

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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

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.



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