



# St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



## *The Fifth Sunday of Easter*

*May 14, 2017*

*10:30 Service of the Word*

Many people read Genesis 2 as a detailed continuation of Genesis 1 where we learn of God's creative work. But Genesis 2 is not a continuation of Genesis 1. It is actually a stand-alone creation story, and it contradicts Genesis 1 in many places. Today we'll explore these contradictions and begin to understand why the author of Genesis has put in more than one account of creation.

*Welcome to worship today!*

If you are visiting with us we invite you to sign the Guest Book in the back of the sanctuary.

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# † GATHERING †

## Prelude and Announcements

### Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Just as God's work of creation never ends,  
so the gifts received in baptism are renewed every day.  
Let us give thanks together for the life given in baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life:  
for water to bathe in, and for water to drink,  
for the rain, the snow, and the water in the ground.

**C: We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life.**

P: We give you thanks, O God for the waters of this place:  
the Finger Lakes, the Genesee River, and Lake Ontario;  
for waters to play in and waters that inspire wonder,  
for water that gives life to our planet.

**C: We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of wonder.**

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
and for all who gather in this place;  
for godparents and baptismal sponsors,  
for children and grandchildren,  
for our brothers and sisters in Christ whom we have never seen but to  
whom we are bound.

**C: We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized.**

P: We give you thanks, O God, for water, for life, for grace, for  
forgiveness, for resurrection and for eternal life.

**C: We give you thanks, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.  
Amen.**

Gathering Hymn Come Let Us Worship and Bow Down  
(For music turn to Hymn 7 in the Songbook binder)

*Verse*

**Come let us worship and bow down  
Let us kneel before the Lord  
Our God our maker  
Come let us worship and bow down  
Let us kneel before the Lord**

**Our God our Maker  
For He is our God  
And we are the people of His pasture  
And the sheep of His hand  
Just the sheep of His hand**

*Repeat*

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Greeting (2 Corinthians 13:13)

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

Gathering Dialog (Romans 10)

A: The word is near you,

**C: on your lips and in your heart.**

A: If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord,

**C: and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.**

A: Faith comes from what is heard,

**C: and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.**

Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray...

Abundant God, we give you thanks for the fruitful earth, which produces what is needed for life. Bless those who work in the fields; grant favorable weather to all engaged in agriculture; and help us to ensure that all people share in the fruits of the earth, rejoicing in your goodness; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

† WORD †

First Reading Genesis 2:4b-25

In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, <sup>5</sup>when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; <sup>6</sup>but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— <sup>7</sup>then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being.

<sup>8</sup>And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. <sup>9</sup>Out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. <sup>10</sup>A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and becomes four branches. <sup>11</sup>The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; <sup>12</sup>and the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. <sup>13</sup>The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Cush. <sup>14</sup>The name of the third river is Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates. <sup>15</sup>The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

<sup>16</sup>And the LORD God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; <sup>17</sup>but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

<sup>18</sup>Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” <sup>19</sup>So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner.

<sup>21</sup>So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh.

<sup>22</sup>And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.” <sup>24</sup>Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. <sup>25</sup>And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

*After the reading the reader may say: The Word of the Lord*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Scripture Poetry* Psalm 148 (read responsively)

A: Praise the Lord!

Across the heavens,  
from the heights,  
all you angels, heavenly beings,  
sing praise, sing praise!

**C: Sun and moon, glittering stars,  
sing praise, sing praise,**

**Highest heavens, rain clouds,  
sing praise, sing praise.**

A: Praise God's name,  
whose word called you forth  
and fixed you in place for ever  
by eternal decree.

**C: Let there be praise:  
from depths of earth,  
from creatures of the deep.**

A: Fire and hail, snow and mist,  
storms, winds,  
mountains, hills,  
fruit trees and cedars,  
wild beasts and tame,  
snakes and birds,

**C: princes, judges,  
rulers, subjects,  
men, women,  
old and young,  
praise, praise the holy name,  
this name beyond all names.**

A: God's splendor above the earth,  
above the heavens,

**C: gives strength to the nation,  
glory to the faithful,  
a people close to the Lord.  
Israel, let there be praise!**

Second Reading 1 John 4:7-12

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup>God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

*After the reading the reader may say:* The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation (1 John 4:10)

**C: Alleluia. In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us. Alleluia**

Gospel Reading John 20:11-18

*The gospel is announced:*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you O Lord.**

<sup>11</sup>But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup>and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup>They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." <sup>14</sup>When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup>Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" <sup>18</sup>Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

*After the reading:*

P: The gospel of the Lord

**C: Praise to you O Christ.**

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth  
(for music, please turn to Hymn 735 in the Red Hymnal)

1. **Mothering God, you gave me birth  
in the bright morning of this world.  
Creator, source of ev'ry breath,  
you are my rain, my wind, my sun.**

2. **Mothering Christ, you took my form,  
offering me your food of light,  
grain of new life, and grape of love,  
your very body for my peace.**
3. **Mothering Sprit, nurt'ring one,  
in arms of patience hold me close,  
so that in faith I root and grow  
until I flow'r, until I know.**

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### *Apostles' Creed*

A: We confirm our faith with the Apostles' Creed

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

Prayers of Intercession

P: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*The pastor will begin the prayer with a petition and then invites the congregation to add additional petitions and thanksgivings. Please conclude your petition with: Lord in your mercy,*

*The congregation will respond: **Hear our prayer.***

*The pastor concludes the prayer:*

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

Peace

A: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

A: Let us share that peace with one another.

*The congregation may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.*

‡ THANKSGIVING ‡

Offering & Special Music *How Will they Know?* by Mark Patterson

Hymn of Thanksgiving *As the offering is brought forward the congregation sings:*

Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil

*For music turn to Hymn 713 in the Blue Hymnal*

**Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
open to the seed of your Word.**

**Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
where love can grow and peace is understood.**

**When my heart is hard,  
break the stone away.**

**When my heart is cold,  
warm it with the day.**

**When my heart is lost,  
lead me on your way.**

**Lord, let my heart,**

**Lord, let my heart,**

**Lord, let my heart be good soil.**



Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray:

**C: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

A: Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C: 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.**

† SENDING †

Blessing

P: May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

Sending Hymn The Power of Your Love

(for music, turn to Hymn 71 in the Songbook binder)

**1. Lord, I come to You, let my heart be changed, renewed,  
Flowing from the grace that I've found in You.  
And, Lord, I've come to know the weaknesses I see in me  
will be stripped away by the pow'r of Your love.**

*Refrain*

**Hold me close, let Your love surround me;  
Bring me near, draw me to Your side  
And as I wait, I'll rise up like an eagle, and I will soar with You.  
Your Spirit leads me on in the pow'r of Your love.**

2. **Lord, unveil my eyes, let me see You face to face,  
the knowledge of Your love as You live in me.  
Lord, renew my mind, as Your will unfolds in my life,  
in living ev 'ry day in the pow'r of Your love. *Refrain***

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*Dismissal*

**A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.**

**C: God's Work. Our Hands.**

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MORE THAN A  
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| Counters            | Beth Perdan and Bettina Kalish |
| Coffee Hour         | Men of the Church              |

**Worship assistants for next Sunday, May 14**

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