

The Holy Trinity – 2023

Saturday, 6/3 at 4:00 | Sunday, 6/4 at 9:00



Text: Genesis 1:1 – 2:4 NAS 1995

**Introduction:** Dear friends in Christ: Are you ready for the end of the world? When we ➡ believe the Bible, ➡ have godly sorrow, and ➡ have trust in Jesus for eternal life, *then we are ready!*

In this sermon, *as I read God's account of creation*, let us ▶ believe it and ▶ be thankful that the LCMS believes it – *but let us realize that most church bodies reject it* 😊<sup>1</sup> Why is that a HUGE problem?

**For all who believe the beginning of the Bible is false, it's totally inconsistent to believe anything in the rest of the Bible is true!**

**Notes:** The **Father** designed, the **Son** created, the **Spirit** inspected. The word “**kind**” appears 12 times; *each reproduces after its kind!*

1. **Day 1 – Sunday:** Time, Heavens, Earth, Light: <sup>1</sup> **In the beginning** [out of nothing] **God** [Elohim, plural, F—designing and S--creating] **created the heavens and the earth.** <sup>2</sup> **The earth was formless and void** [empty], and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God [Elohim] was moving over the surface of the waters [examining]. <sup>3</sup> **Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light.** <sup>4</sup> **God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness.** <sup>5</sup> **God called the light day, and the darkness He called night.**

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.pewresearch.org/religion/2009/02/04/religious-groups-views-on-evolution/>

And there was evening and there was morning, one day. // God the F, S, & HS worked together to create all things. Since God can do anything, He made light, *even before He made the sun!* When using Jewish time, *evening comes before morning.*

2. **Day 2 – Monday: Sky, Sea:** <sup>6</sup> Then God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” <sup>7</sup> God made the expanse, and separated the waters which were below the expanse from the waters which were above the expanse; and it was so. <sup>8</sup> God called the expanse heaven [sky]. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day. // From earth to outer space is 62 miles. On day 2 God removed the water from that place – *leaving the sea below and the sky above.*
3. **Day 3 – Tuesday: Dry Land, Vegetation, Trees:** <sup>9</sup> Then God said, “Let the waters below the heavens be gathered into one place, and let the dry land appear”; and it was so. <sup>10</sup> God called the dry land earth, and the gathering of the waters He called seas; and God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup> Then God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees on the earth bearing fruit after their kind with seed in them”; and it was so. <sup>12</sup> The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed after their kind, and trees bearing fruit with seed in them, after their kind; and God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup> There was evening and there was morning, a third day. // Waters in one place – *so one sea*; land in one place – *so one continent.* Then plants and trees that bore vegetables and fruits; they were edible and contained seeds.
4. **Day 4 – Wednesday: Sun, Moon, Stars:** <sup>14</sup> Then God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years; <sup>15</sup> and let them be for lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth”; and it was so. <sup>16</sup> God made the two great lights, the greater light to

govern the day [sun (earth around sun once = 1-yr)], and the lesser light to govern the night [moon (moon around earth once = 1-mo)]; He made the stars also. <sup>17</sup> God placed them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, <sup>18</sup> and to govern the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness; and God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup> There was evening and there was morning, a fourth day. // During the day we see the sun in the expanse. During the night we see the moon and stars.

5. **Day 5 – Thursday: Fish, Birds:** <sup>20</sup> Then God said, “Let the waters teem with swarms of living creatures [*fish, etc.*], and let birds fly above the earth in the open expanse of the heavens.” <sup>21</sup> God created the great sea monsters [*learn about the great Leviathan in Job 41; the LORD said, “Lay your hand on him; Remember the battle; you will not do it again!” (Job 41:8)*] and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarmed after their **kind**, and every winged bird after its **kind**; and God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup> God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” <sup>23</sup> There was evening and there was morning, a fifth day. // *Let us believe!*

6. **Day 6 – Friday: Animals, People:** <sup>24</sup> Then God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures after their **kind**: cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth after their **kind**”; and it was so. <sup>25</sup> God made the beasts of the earth after their **kind**, and the cattle after their **kind**, and everything that creeps on the ground after its **kind**; and God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let Us [*the F,S &HS*] make man in Our image, according to Our likeness [*Adam was holy and God’s representative in the world*]; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

<sup>27</sup> God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them [*God made every person male or female*]. <sup>28</sup> God blessed them; and God said to

them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

<sup>29</sup> Then God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has fruit yielding seed; it shall be food for you; <sup>30</sup> and to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the sky and to every thing that moves on the earth which has life, *I have given every green plant for food*”; and it was so [*initially the people and animals were vegetarians*]. <sup>31</sup> God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good [*God was pleased*]. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

7. **Day 7 – Saturday: God Rested:** 2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth were completed, and all their hosts [*“The things with which God had filled the earth, sea, and sky” (TLSB)*]. <sup>2</sup> By the seventh day God completed His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.
- <sup>3</sup> Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it [*set it apart*], because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made. <sup>4</sup> This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day [*time*] that the LORD God made earth and heaven. // Those words of God tell us what He did; *chapter 2 includes more details. Origins: sun – est. the year, moon est. the mo., creation est. the week!* As the Trinity worked together to **create** us, so, *regarding our salvation*, ♦the F planned, ♦the S came, lived, suffered, died, and was raised, and ♦the HS gave us godly sorrow and faith. So, let us always believe, live, and share God’s holy word!

**Let Us Pray:** Dear HS, for us and others, grow our trust in the Bible and Jesus, and help us to glorify God in all we think, say, and do!

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