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## First Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:4a

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And 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. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. <sup>6</sup>And 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>And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. <sup>8</sup>And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. <sup>9</sup>And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. <sup>10</sup>God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup>And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.” And it was so. <sup>12</sup>The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. <sup>14</sup>And 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 lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. <sup>16</sup>And God made the two great lights — the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night — and the stars. <sup>17</sup>And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, <sup>18</sup>to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. <sup>20</sup>And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.” <sup>21</sup>So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup>And 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>And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. <sup>24</sup>And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds — livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so. <sup>25</sup>And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>26</sup>Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” <sup>27</sup>So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. <sup>28</sup>And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful

and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”<sup>29</sup> And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food.”<sup>30</sup> And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so.<sup>31</sup> And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

<sup>1</sup>Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. <sup>2</sup>And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. <sup>3</sup>So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation. <sup>4a</sup>These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

## Psalm 8

<sup>1</sup>O LORD our Lord, how exalted is your Name in all the world!

**<sup>2</sup>Out of the mouths of infants and children  
your majesty is praised above the heavens.**

<sup>3</sup>You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries,  
to quell the enemy and the avenger.

**<sup>4</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,**

<sup>5</sup>What is man that you should be mindful of him?  
the son of man that you should seek him out?

**<sup>6</sup>You have made him but little lower than the angels;  
you adorn him with glory and honor;**

<sup>7</sup>You give him mastery over the works of your hands;  
you put all things under his feet:

**<sup>8</sup>All sheep and oxen, even the wild beasts of the field,**

<sup>9</sup>The birds of the air, the fish of the sea,  
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

**<sup>10</sup>O LORD our Lord, how exalted is your name in all the world!**

## **Second Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-36**

<sup>14a</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them:

<sup>22</sup>“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know — <sup>23</sup>this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. <sup>24</sup>God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. <sup>25</sup>For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; <sup>26</sup>therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. <sup>27</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. <sup>28</sup>You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ <sup>29</sup>Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup>Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, <sup>31</sup>he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. <sup>32</sup>This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. <sup>33</sup>Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. <sup>34</sup>For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, ‘The LORD said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, <sup>35</sup>until I make your enemies your footstool.”’ <sup>36</sup>Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

## **Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20**

<sup>16</sup>The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

## The Athanasian Creed

(presented as a responsive reading)

L: Whoever wants to be saved should above all cling to the catholic faith.

**C: Whoever does not guard it whole and inviolable  
will doubtless perish eternally.**

L: Now this is the catholic faith: We worship one God in trinity, and the Trinity in unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the divine being.

**C: For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit  
is still another, but the deity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is one,  
equal in glory and coeternal in majesty.**

L: What the Father is, the Son is, and so is the Holy Spirit.

**C: Uncreated is the Father; uncreated is the Son, uncreated is the Spirit.**

L: The Father is infinite, the Son is infinite, the Holy Spirit is infinite;

**C: Eternal is the Father, eternal is the Son, eternal is the Spirit;**

L: And yet there are not three eternal beings, but one who is eternal, as there are not three who are uncreated and unlimited beings, but one who is uncreated and unlimited.

**C: Almighty is the Father, almighty is the Son, almighty is the Spirit,  
and yet there are not three almighty beings but one who is almighty.**

L: Thus the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God, and yet there are not three Gods but one God.

**C: Thus the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord, and  
yet there are not three Lords but one Lord.**

L: As Christian truth compels us to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so catholic religion forbids us to say that there are three gods or three lords.

**C: The Father was neither made nor created nor begotten;**

L: The Son was neither made nor created, but was alone begotten by the Father.

**C: The Spirit was neither made nor created,  
but is proceeding from the Father and the Son.**

L: Thus there is one Father and not three fathers, one Son and not three sons, one Holy Spirit and not three spirits.

**C: And in this Trinity, no one is before or after,  
greater or less than the other,**

L: But all three persons are in themselves coeternal and coequal, and so we must worship the Trinity in unity and the one God in three persons.

**C: Whoever wants to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.**

L: It is necessary for eternal salvation that one also faithfully believe

that our Lord Jesus Christ became flesh,

**C: For this is the true faith that we believe and confess:  
that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man:**

L: He is God, begotten before all worlds from the being of the Father,

**C: And he is man, born in the world from the being of his mother, existing  
fully as God and fully as man, with rational soul and a human body,**

L: Equal to the Father in divinity and subordinate to the Father in humanity.

**C: Although he is God and man, he is not divided but is one Christ:  
He is united because God has taken humanity into himself;  
he does not transform deity into humanity.**

L: He is completely one, in the unity of his person, without confusing his natures.

**C: For as the rational soul and body are one person,  
so the one Christ is God and man.**

L: He suffered for our salvation.

**C: He descended into hell, and rose again from the dead.**

L: He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**C: He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

L: At his coming, all people shall rise bodily to give an account of their own deeds.

**C: Those who have done good will enter eternal life,  
and those who have done evil will enter eternal fire.**

L: This is the catholic faith.

**C: One cannot be saved without believing this firmly and faithfully.**

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*Historical Note: This creed is named after St. Athanasius, a staunch defender of the Christian faith in the fourth century. It was prepared to assist the Church in combating two errors that undermined Bible teaching. One error denied that God's Son and the Holy Spirit are of one being or Godhead with the Father. The other error denied that Jesus Christ is true God and true man in one person. The Athanasian Creed continues to serve the Christian Church as a standard of the truth. It declares that whoever rejects the doctrine of the Trinity and the doctrine of Christ is without the saving faith.*

## Notes and News

- Welcome to those listening on the radio. Our broadcast is sponsored anonymously.
- This Wednesday, June 3, we begin a 12-week summer worship series called “Come and See”. It will meet every Wednesday from 6:00-6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall providing an accessible and relaxed, yet reverent worship opportunity where friends and neighbors can experience the Gospel and renewal through Christ. The theme of “Come and See” is this:  
**God acts first. Christ serves first. Faith receives. Our service flows from His work.**
- Men’s Fellowship continues to meet every Wednesday, 6:30 pm at Otium Brewing.
- Worship next Sunday, June 7 will include
  - Denise Bosckis’s Baptism/Affirmation of Faith and Anita Scheeler’s Affirmation of Faith
  - Celebration of “Vocation of Marriage” Sunday, highlighting marriage as a sacred calling from God
  - A special meeting of the Congregation following the service, for the purpose of voting on calling Pastor Blayne Watts as Associate Pastor
- The Baby Bottle Fund Drive in support of the Outreach Clinic is available in the narthex.
- A congregational picnic to celebrate 120 years of First Lutheran Church will be held at Wibaux Park after worship June 14. Fried chicken and homemade ice cream will be served.

**Attendance last Sunday: 67; Giving: \$1,215 & Simply Giving \$2,590**

**Next Week’s Readings:** Hosea 5:15-6:6; Psalm 119:65-72; Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13

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**Who are we?**

**We are an inviting community of faith,  
aiming to bring everyone closer to Christ  
through His Word in fellowship, education and service.**

***Come and See!***