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Offering

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Prayer Of The Church

Lord's Prayer (Traditional Version)

Hymn **C.W. 449 / TLH 648**

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Benediction

Hymn **C.W. 334 / TLH 644**

SERMON TEXT: Genesis 1:1-3; 26

Vs. 1 – In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Vs. 2 – Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

Vs. 3 – And God said, Let there be light and there was light.

Vs. 26 – Then God said, **Let us make man in our image**, in our likeness and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth and over all the creatures that move along the ground.

GREETING: Jesus says: heaven & Earth will pass away, but My Words will never pass away. .
(Matt. 24:35)

As I looked out the front window this past week while working on my sermon and watched my wife water the flowers, I thanked THE LORD GOD that there was enough peace in the neighborhood that she could safely do so.

Yet in the back on my mind I know what type of things are going on in America and the World. (COVID-19 – Discord)

Do things seem a bit out of control - a bit crazy to the point that you are bursting, to the point that you want to cry, to the point that your heart hurts, to the point that you have a headache an upset stomach and you wonder what is going to go wrong next?

Then it is time to open up to Genesis 1:1

Vs. 1 – In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

A verse that we have read so many times that we can recite it from memory without even looking it up.

Genesis 1:1 is right there next to John 3:16 in familiarity to Christians and even some non-Christians.

– בְּרֵאשִׁית הָאֱלֹהִים בָּרָא אֶת הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ ! –

But how often have we done just that, quickly read it over and moved on to the next verse?

Whenever there is trouble and discord in our life or in the world, why not dissect this verse, give it thought and then take it to the Lord in prayer?

“In the beginning” – Where were you in the beginning? Where was I?
We did not exist!

Do the problems and troubles of this world begin to shrink?

Now we add on to that phrase just one Word: *“In the Beginning God”*
There at the beginning and before - from all eternity there was NO one BUT God, there was ONLY God.

Where did God come from?

To give the correct answer, the human mind can only give the answer which God has given us in His Holy, Inspired, Inerrant, and Infallible Word, The Holy Bible: *“Lord, You have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Before the mountains were born or You brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting You are God.”* (Psalm 90:1-2)

God was ALWAYS there!

Now as we look at this first verse of the Bible we add just one more word:
“In the Beginning God Created”

God did the creating!

Not Pastor Gierach – Not you – Not the leaders of our world – Not the wisest medical minds in the world – Not the greatest athlete to ever live!

God did the Creating. God is the ONE - Who made all things.

And so when we are having troubles in our heart our mind our soul.
When we are having physical ailments or financial struggles or emotional distress where is the best and greatest place to look?

“To God Who Created.”

And what did God Create?

We are still on verse ONE of the Bible.

Vs. 1 – *“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”*

Did you see the full moon this week?

God made it!

Did you notice the stars?

God made them!

Did you notice the ground that you were standing upon as you gazed at the heavens?

God put that ground beneath your feet!

And the mind with which you were to think, the eyes with which you could see, God made it all.

This is Your God. This is the ONE and Only True God, and we are not even done with looking at the four verses of our text!!! (I am sure that as you dissect this verse, you can come up with more questions that demonstrate how great God truly is!)

As we look at verse 2 of our text, we see that there is “*The Spirit of God*”.

Vs. 2 – “**Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.**”

As New Testament believers we know that the Spirit of God is in reference to the HOLY SPIRIT.

The Holy Spirit, that second Person of the Holy Trinity was there with God the Father, in the Beginning, from Everlasting to Everlasting.

Now as we look at verse three of our text, we ask the question: *Do I see God the Son?*

Vs. 3 – “**And God said, Let there be light and there was light.**”

And the quick answer is YES – God the Son was also there In the Beginning, from Everlasting to Everlasting!

But do not be misled.

It is true, Jesus says: “*I AM the Light of the World. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.*” (John 8:12)

But in Genesis 1:3 the *light* is not in reference to Jesus. Jesus is NOT created. Jesus Is God, equal with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

Rather we see Jesus in the Words: “God Said”. The Word.

We know this because God has revealed it to us in His Word.

In **John 1:1** God reveals to us: “*In the beginning was The Word, and The Word was with God, and The Word was God.*”

Jesus is the Word made flesh. – John 1:14; and grace and truth came through Jesus Christ – John 1:17

And so God is Triune – Father – Son and Holy Spirit. Three Persons - In One God.

This definition of God, God has given to us Himself.
We cannot and could not figure it out on our own.

The Holy Blessed Trinity has been clarified all the more in the simple and plain Words of Scripture given to us in Matthew 28:19 as Jesus tells His people: “*Go Ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*”

And so, as we read Genesis 1:26 – **Who Is The - US?**

Vs. 26 – “Then God said, **Let us make man in our image**, in our likeness and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

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It is God – Your Triune God – Maker of Heaven and Earth.

This is the God Whom you are able to approach in prayer every moment of every day because of Jesus, our Intercessor and Great High Priest Who has washed away all our sin by His Holy Precious blood shed on the cross of Calvary.

This Triune God Whom you are able to approach in prayer is the God Who in love, has broken down the wall of hostility that existed between God and Mankind since the Fall into Sin.

The One True – Triune God is the God Who Created You, Who Redeemed You with His Holy Precious Blood, and has brought you to faith in Him and the salvation won for you.

Heaven is your Home because of God!

In Paul’s Letter to the Galatians it is written: **Galatians 6:7** “*Be not deceived - God is not mocked for whatsoever a man sows that shall he also reap.*”

Aren’t you glad that God is on your side?

“*If God is for us, who can be against us? He Who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for US ALL – how will He not also along with Him, graciously give us all things?*” Romans 8:31-32) **AMEN**