Genesis

## **The Creation of Man and Woman – Day 6 (2:4-25)**

*From a study of Luther’s Works: Lectures on Genesis, Paul Kretzmann’s Popular Commentary of the Bible, and the Lutheran Study Bible.*

## **The Narrative Begins (2:4-6)**

* These are the generations.
	+ A literary device that is used throughout Genesis to introduce a new stage
		- 5:1, 10:1, 11:10, etc.
* And we repeat already
	+ Another account of creation.
	+ Repetition = Pay attention; this is important!
* No plants, no rain
	+ At a time before the vegetation began to produce
	+ There is also thought that there was no rain until the time of the flood
* ~yhil{a/ hw"hy> (yahweh ‘elohim)
	+ Yahweh (Jehovah) (LORD) God
		- The first time the proper name for God is used in Scripture
		- Vowel pointing
		- The unspoken name

## **The LORD God Forms Man (2:7)**

* Formed
	+ Same word used for molding pottery
	+ This is different from what we had heard take place in the creation account where God spoke.
	+ This is hands-on and personal.
		- Isaiah 64:8
* Man of dust from the ground
	+ ~d'a' (‘adam) = man, Adam
	+ hm'd'a] (‘adamah) = ground, soil
		- Psalm 103:14
		- Job 10:9
		- Ecclesiastes 3:20
* Breathed into his nostrils the breath of life
	+ The LORD God gives man His own breath
	+ Not the animals
	+ Job 27:3
	+ Points to an eternal life

## **The Garden in Eden (2:8-17)**

* The LORD God planted
	+ An extension of God’s creative process for man.
	+ A place set apart and aside for something uniquely special
* In Eden
	+ A luxury, paradise.
* In the east
	+ Of what?
	+ Does it matter?
* The Tree of Life
	+ A tree we recognize from Revelation
		- Revelation 2:7, 22:2, 14
	+ A tree that was meant for enabling eternal life.
* The Tree of the knowledge of good and evil
	+ A tree we recognize as forbidden
		- 2:17
	+ A tree we recognize from the fall
		- 3:22
	+ A tree that is set apart for the worship of the LORD God.
* A river divided
	+ Before or after the flood?
* Adam’s purpose
	+ To work and keep
		- No cases of the Mondays here!
	+ Stewardship
* The LORD God speaks to Adam
	+ Eat, but don’t eat
	+ Luther regards this as the establishment of the church before the home
		- Shows man was created for another purpose over that of other beings
		- No slaughter of oxen, burning of incense, vows, fasting, or bodily torture.
		- All God desires is that Adam praise God, thank God, rejoice in God, and obey God
	+ If you eat from the tree of knowledge, you will surely die
		- A Law is given to Adam
			* No sin = no death
				+ Not a good thing
				+ Romans 6:23
				+ Yet what about eternal life?

## **Something is missing (2:18-25)**

* The LORD God recognizes something
	+ The first time something is “not good”
		- Not based on sin, but incompleteness
* There is a problem with alone
	+ We get into more trouble that way
		- 1 Corinthians 11:9
		- 1 Timothy 2:13
* A complementary helper is needed for God to *make*
* Creation paraded before Adam
	+ Adam names
		- And notices nothing “fits”
* So…
	+ Nap time for Adam
		- Minus one rib
	+ A reversal of the pattern for creation
		- Dust to flesh is now created (built) from the man
		- Yet still done with the LORD God’s own hand
		- By making her out of something of Adam…
			* God makes a complementary helper for Adam
			* God sets the created order
				+ 1 Corinthians 11:9
				+ 1 Timothy 2:13
			* God gives her to the man/Adam
* Adam’s response
	+ WOWZA!
	+ She is worth the wait (“at last!”)
	+ “bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh”
		- Of common/one flesh
		- Matthew 19:5
	+ Adam continues with his task to name God’s creation.
		- Woman
			* From man
			* Woman/she-man
			* hV'ai (Isha) = Woman
			* vyai (Ish) = Man
* Marriage is instituted (v.24)
	+ God, Adam, or Moses?
		- In marriage, that which was separated is reunited to “one flesh”
			* Back to the WOWZA
		- After the fall we see the pain when the flesh that is brought together is torn apart.
			* The further the flesh goes to being united, the greater the pain of separation.
* No problem with nudity.
	+ Pre-fall, there is no problem with lust