

Creation – God made everything from Nothing!
A Sermon by Rev. John Reinke
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(Leaders – today we are using pictures 1 and 3 about creation from the Australian pictures. I would recommend printing these on the front of the bulletin cover.

I have also included the first article of the Apostles Creed with meaning that you can print and give to the people.

Finally I have included a question and answer paper for you to use with the people.

I pray God blesses you as you guide His people!)

Open Prayer: Lord, You created all things.
Help us today, create in us a new spirit.
Restore again our joy in Your world.
We ask in Jesus Holy Name, Amen.

Today we will study creation.
I know this is basic material – I am sure all of you finished study creation.
But – can you tell me what created first –
The sun or the grass/trees??
Which you think is first? Grass and trees OR sun?
(See what people answer – I will be very surprised if they know –
if they do – jump up and down and celebrate!)

Which is first? The grass and trees!!
God made the plants on the 3rd day and the sun, moon, and stars on the 4th day.
That is why we need review – this is basic and we want to remember what God did.
(Use the test paper below or write for people to see)
(Don't give answers right away – ask people what is on each day.)

1st-???? light and darkness

2nd-???? separate the waters

3rd-???? made the dry land and all the trees, plants, grass, flowers, etc...

4th-???? made the sun, moon, and the stars

5th-???? made the birds in the air and the fish in the seas

6th-???? He made all the land animals and finally the first man and woman – Adam and Eve

7th - ??? God rested on the Seventh Day

This is one of the most important week for all of us.
If God did not create this world – you and I would not be here.
I know many people say we evolved from fish and monkeys.
They teach that in school.
But evolution is not true.

Many many times in the Old Testament and New Testament
It talks about God creating the world in 6 days and resting on the 7th.
Why do you think we have a 7 day week?
Why does the 3rd commandment say to rest on the 7th day?
Even Jesus says that God made the man and woman – Adam and Eve (Mark 10:6)

That is our confession in the Apostles Creed.
You remember the first part of the Creed, but when last time you see the meaning?
Here is what Martin Luther wrote:
(print this in the bulletin for the people to take home and read)

The First Article: Creation

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

I believe that God has made me and all things (creatures);
that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all me,
my reason and all my senses, and continue takes care of them.
He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and
children, land, animals, and all I have.
He richly and daily gives (provides) me all that I need to support this body and life.
He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.
All this He does only out of fatherly, holy (divine) goodness and mercy,
without any good or worthiness in me.
For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.
This is most certainly true.

WOW that is a long explanation.
I would like you to take this home – read it yourself this week.
Remember what God finished do for you and He continues to do.
If God not support this world – fade away – finished gone.
You and I would not be here.

How did God create the world?
(ask and see if the people know?)
We know God made the man from the dust of the ground.
The woman God made from the man's rib.

What about the plants, animals, sun, moon, stars – how??

Very easy - God's Word

Not possible – I say “chair” (fingerspell and wait) nothing happen!

“chair” (fingerspell and wait) – nothing happen!

You and I cannot do it – we cannot create something from nothing.

But that is what God finish do.

Only with His Word God created everything.

John 1:1-3 says in the beginning the Word was with God and the Word was God.

Nothing was made without His Word!

That is God's power!

God finished make everything – Perfect or have sins?

Which?? – perfect or have sins??

Yes – God make EVERYTHING PERFECT.

There was not mistake – nothing wrong.

No suffering – no death – no pain – nothing wrong.

God finished create the world perfect!

Until Satan tempt Adam and Eve and they eat the fruit.

Then happen sin and pain and death.

Now we experience suffering and sorrow.

BUT God did not give up.

God promised to send a Savior for us.

God's Word became flesh (human) for us

God's Word – with the power to create everything –

His Word accepted a body to become same as us.

That is Jesus! – He suffered on the cross.

He took our sins on Himself.

Why God do that? He loves us!

He wants to create us NEW again!

Though His forgiveness our sins are washed away – He creates us new again.

One day God will bring us back to the Garden of Eden.

Remember Jesus words to the thief on the cross:

“Today you will be with me in PARADISE”

We sign Paradise = Heaven.

Paradise means a place like the garden – quiet, peaceful, perfect – with God.

Take time this week – sit and look at the world.

Remember God is the one who finish create all this for you and me.

Look at a baby – God continues to create and care for us.

Remember your Baptism, Lord's Supper – Everyday God wants to create you NEW

Thank God for His gifts and His power continue support our life on this earth.

Thank Him, because one day He will make a new and perfect world for us.
That is God's love for us.

Closing Prayer:

Dear Father, You created everything good and perfect for us.

Happen Adam and Eve are the fruit – now sin is in Your world.

Help us to care for Your creation.

Make us new again to become Your people.

Thank You for Your promise bring us home to Paradise.

We pray in the Name of Your Word - Jesus, Amen.

CREATION – GOD MADE FROM NOTHING

The Days of creation – Genesis 1 - 3

1st

2nd

3rd

4th

5th

6th

7th

God looked and everything was _____.

God made Adam from _____ of the _____.

God made Eve from _____.

The _____ of man – Genesis 3:6-7

The _____ of God. Genesis 3:15

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God looked and everything was very good.

God made Adam from the dust of the earth.

God made Eve from Adam's Rib.

The fall of man – Genesis 3:6-7

The promise of God. Genesis 3:15

	Have a body	Have a soul (spirit)
Animals	X	
People	X	X
Angels		X

Words to know:

Article – paragraph or part

Create – Make something from nothing

Creed – explains what we believe about God

Preserve – Take care of

Provide - Give

Soul – The life in people (the soul never dies, even after the body dies)

Perfect – having no sin