

Didache Divine Service
Session 5
Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

The Apostles' Creed: The First Article—Man and the Fall into Sin

- I. Invocation and Prayer, The First Article and Its Explanation, LSB p. 322
- II. Hymn: 942 "Kyrie! God, Father in Heav'n Above"
- III. Bible Reading: Creation—Genesis 2:7-9, 15-25; 3:1-19

And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

⁸The LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed. ⁹And out of the ground the LORD God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life *was* also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁵Then the LORD God took ^[d]the man and put him in the garden of Eden to ^[e]tend and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you ^[f]shall surely die."

¹⁸And the LORD God said, "*It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.*" ¹⁹Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought *them* to ^[g]Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that *was* its name. ²⁰So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him.

²¹And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. ²²Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He ^[h]made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.

²³And Adam said: "This *is* now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of ^[i]Man."

²⁴Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be ^[j]joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

²⁵And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

3 Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?"

²And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; ³but of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.' "

⁴Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

⁶So when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, that it *was* ^[a]pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make *one* wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves ^[b]coverings.

⁸And they heard the ^[c]sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the ^[d]cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

⁹Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where *are* you?"

¹⁰So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself."

¹¹And He said, "Who told you that you *were* naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?"

¹²Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave *to be* with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate."

¹³And the LORD God said to the woman, "What *is* this you have done?"

The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

¹⁴So the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, You *are* cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life.

¹⁵ And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."

¹⁶ To the woman He said: "I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire *shall be* ^[e]for your husband, And he shall rule over you."

¹⁷ Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': "Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life. ¹⁸ Both thorns and thistles it shall ^[f]bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field.

¹⁹ In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return."

- **To what does the order of creation refer?**

The order of creation: Adam was formed first from the dust; Eve was formed out of Adam's side. This signifies an ordering within marriage and family that reflects how we are made in the image and likeness of the Holy Trinity. There is a difference and ordering among the persons which is how life is created and nurtured within marriage and family.

- **Is work associated with sin?**

No, work was something man was called to do before the fall into sin and was how man was to "exercise dominion over the creation."

- **What is God teaching us by saying, "It was not good that the man should be alone"?**

Man could not reflect the image of God in isolation. He needed one to love for the procreation of children and for dominion over the creation.

- **How did God create all things?**

By His Word.

- **What would it mean if Adam were to eat of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil?**

To eat of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil was to turn away from God's Word that gave them life. This is why death is the result. God's Word is the source of life.

- **In what animal did Satan enter God's creation?**

A serpent. (This highlights the invasion of evil into God's good creation).

- **Of what did Satan accuse God in his temptation of Adam and Eve? (Satan means accuser)**

The Serpent accused God of being a liar and of withholding good gifts from Adam and Eve.

- **When did Adam's fall begin?**

Adam and Eve became sinful when they turned away from God's Word and ate of the tree.

- **What is the curse of the fall?**

The curse of the fall was God's curse of the creation to show us our fallenness and our need for Christ.

- **How did the curse of the fall uniquely manifest itself for the man and the woman according to their respective offices?**

The pain of childbirth for the woman and the toil of work touches man at the heart of what it is to be male and female made in the image of God.

- **Who is the Seed of the woman and how did He crush the Serpent's head?**

The Son of God is the Seed of the Woman who bruises (or crushes) the Serpent's authority by His death upon the cross. Satan's power is connected to God's Word: The day you eat of it, you will surely die. The Son of God becomes man and receives the punishment of death that mankind deserved.

IV. **Hymn: 561 "The Tree of Life"**

V. **Liturgy for Holy Communion (Peach handout)**

VI. **Hymn to Depart: 569 "In Adam We Have All Been One"**