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“Seven C’s in God’s Eternal Plan”

At the Creation Museum, there was a lot of information to take in—perhaps too much! If you wanted a slower way to digest the material, there is a book of the museum’s signs that will be in our church library in the Heritage Room.

There was one way that they simplified the message of the Bible. It is the Seven C’s: Creation, Corruption, Catastrophe, Confusion, Christ, Cross, Consummation. This is a good summary for a museum. It may be lacking some important doctrines, but no summary is perfect. Nonetheless, these Seven C’s describe much about God, our world, human nature, and our Savior.

Creation: God created this world in six days. At the pinnacle of his creation was Man: Adam and Eve, created male and female in the image of God. All was perfect, without sin; God declared it “very good” (Gen 1:31). All was created for Man, to work and enjoy God’s creation. Adam and Eve were also meant for each other as God united them in marriage.

Corruption: God had warned Adam not to eat of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Satan in the guise of a serpent tempted Eve, and she ate and gave some to Adam who was with her, and both fell into sin. God promised hardship and death to Adam. To Eve he promised pain in childbearing and chafing at her husband’s authority. Yet he cursed Satan, promising to send the Seed of the woman to crush his head. This corruption continued after Adam and Eve in their children. Cain killed Abel, and the world continued to become more and more corrupt until only Noah and his family were the last righteous people.

Catastrophe: God told Noah to build an ark of a significant size—enough to hold roughly 7000 animals, their food and water, and accommodations for Noah’s family too. The Ark Encounter did an unbelievable job of showing how this was possible (given that the animals were probably juveniles when they came onto the ark). The Flood wiped out all that was not in the ark, and the ark floated for five months; they waited another seven months for the waters to recede from the land. The rainbow served as God’s reminder that he will never again flood the whole earth.

Confusion: Why are humans so different? The tower of Babel tells us of man’s pride: they decided to build a tower to heaven rather than spread out and fill the earth as God had

commanded. God confused their languages, so the people groups naturally spread out to fill the earth. Yet we remain one race: the human race. DNA among all humans only varies by 1%. Any differences between us are superficial. Furthermore, God desires the salvation of all—not just one people who are special or chosen.

Christ: The Old Testament is replete with promises of the Savior. Time and time again, the people were told to expect the birth of a Messiah. All was fulfilled when Mary bore Jesus in Bethlehem, the Son of God. Jesus is God. He is the Creator of the universe. He is the great “I AM,” a divine Name. He demonstrated power over the natural world, including power over physical ailment and even death. He had power over supernatural beings as well, casting out demons.

Cross: The central moment of salvation is the day when Jesus celebrated the Last Supper, was betrayed in the Garden of Gethsemane, judged by the Sanhedrin, interrogated by Pilate, flogged by the soldiers, and crucified for our sins. Just before he died, Jesus said, “It is finished.” This referred to a debt that had been paid in full—the debt of sin. He then rose on the third day to promise us eternal life. Many people saw Jesus in those forty days after his resurrection and before his ascension.

Consummation: Jesus will come again. He will come suddenly and will judge the living and dead. Some will spend eternity in the pit of fire because of their unbelief, but believers will spend eternity with God in the New Creation because Jesus has forgiven them all their sins. “Consummation” means a fulfillment, a finalizing of promises that were made. Just as wedding promises are consummated later, Jesus’s promises to us will be consummated when he comes again.

There is much more than these Seven C’s that goes into our Christian faith, but a summary is good and necessary. We also have the Small Catechism that summarizes our faith. Maybe these Seven C’s can help you recognize God’s foundational work in the Bible to bring you to where you are today. What God started in Genesis has continued to today and will continue into eternal life.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Woelmer

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

August 1	Linda Giager
August 1	Nancy Golubski
August 1	Shirley Hubbard
August 1	Justin Shay
August 2	Zack Hutchison
August 2	Russell Prothe
August 3	Jeron Hermann
August 5	Kelly Kaiser
August 5	Halle Schlegel
August 5	Patty Moser
August 6	Jeremiah Ordonez
August 8	Jeff Garrison
August 8	Melissa Mondry
August 8	Trevor Fleming
August 8	Kurt Golubski
August 9	Chris Tesar
August 10	Hailey Jones
August 10	Tabytha Ritch
August 10	Kevin Erwin
August 11	Angela Parks
August 12	Janet Schneider
August 13	Cindy Karrow
August 14	Jeremiah Brandt
August 15	Alicia Brandt
August 15	Joan Fehling
August 15	Derek Johns
August 15	Jeff Menefee
August 16	Shaun Ferrell
August 16	Shaylan Gibson
August 16	Mike Oberheide
August 16	Ellie Reyelts
August 16	Jace Allen
August 17	Tony Thompson
August 17	Bailey Vaughn
August 18	Kaley Debrick
August 18	Cathy Warring
August 20	Angela Carwile
August 20	Enora Coppenbarger
August 21	Alaric Bogle
August 22	Gayle Plummer
August 23	Ryan Boyer
August 24	Kelly Gerken
August 24	Jessica Erwin
August 24	Kathryn Rakoski
August 25	Derik Vaughn

August 26	Brooke Prothe
August 27	Cale Elkinton
August 27	Beth Prothe
August 28	Courtney McHenry
August 30	Barb Brandt
August 30	Hailey Raines
August 31	Jamie Ennett
August 31	Quentin Garrison
August 31	August Meyer
August 31	Sylvia Roeser

Anniversaries

August 5	Jeff and Karen Garrison (18)
August 5	Dennis and Debra Karina (52)
August 6	Bill and Ashley Dillenbeck (8)
August 16	Doug and Judy Parks (44)
August 17	Curtis and Lucy Kettler (39)
August 18	Greg and Karen Windler (51)

BIBLE STUDY ON 1 PETER:

“An Epistle of Hope”

Our study of the book of Judges is coming to an end.

We will be looking at a very important book next:

First Peter! It is a book full of vivid imagery, which Martin Luther incorporates into the Small Catechism. St. Peter points us forward in hope to the day of our Lord’s return.

Join the Adult Bible Class at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays in the Heritage Room to learn more!

COFFEE HOUR

Everyone is invited to stay for Coffee Hour in the Gathering Room following worship. Our thanks to those that provide snacks each Sunday. The signup sheet to provide snacks for Coffee Hour in 2024 is on the counter in the Gathering Room. Consider signing up to honor birthdays, wedding anniversaries, etc.



LOOKING AHEAD TO SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Join us in the Heritage Room from 10:30-11:30 on Wednesday mornings to hear a “sneak peek” of the readings for the next Sunday.

NURSING HOME SERVICES

You are invited to help Trinity provide brief worship services for nursing home residents this month. The simple services are approximately 20 minutes in length at each home. This month, we are scheduled for Sunday, **July 18st**. We will begin at 1:30 pm at North Point, and then go to Medicalodges around 2:15 for the second service. The residents really enjoy these services, especially singing their favorite hymns. It's great to have church members there to greet the residents and sing along. We have a few members who help but we could use your help too!

BIEROCK MAKING

Our Bierocks are so popular that we sell out of them every year, and we are going to try to make more than our usual 600+ to meet the demand. We are planning to begin the beginning of August. We will meet on Tuesdays to make the filling and then we will meet on Thursdays to combine that filling with bread to form the Bierocks. After three weeks of these sessions, we will have around 600 Bierocks made! We will plan to start at 9:00 AM. The dates will be:

Tuesday, August 6th and Thursday, August 8th
Tuesday August 13th and Thursday, August 15th
Tuesday, August 20th and Thursday, August 22nd

KITCHEN DEDICATION

Join us at 9:00 a.m. next Sunday for a blessing of the kitchen following the remodeling. It will happen right before the youth's pancake breakfast, so plan to stay for a great breakfast!

YOUTH GROUP PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The youth group invites you to ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKES during the Sunday School hour (9–10 a.m.) on August 11th to eat a yummy breakfast and to learn about the youth group's trip to the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter! Free will donations will go to help support their trip to the National Youth Gathering in July 2025.



LADIES' AID RAFFLE TICKETS

Ladies Aid will be selling raffle tickets for their hand quilted quilt, lap quilt, and a wall hanging. The drawing will be held at the end of the day during the Blocktoberfest for the winner's choice of hand quilted items. The remaining two items will be drawn during the Chili/Chicken Noodle dinner on our Heritage Day Sunday in October.

BLOCKTOBERFEST SEPTEMBER 21

Ach du lieber! It's almost time for our eleventh annual Blocktoberfest! Held at the Shelter House on Saturday, September 21, from noon to 6:00 p.m., this year's Blocktoberfest will again feature lots of free fun activities and delicious food. Keep an eye (or ear) out for something new: Heartland Revival will be playing from 11:00 – 12:30!

And, on Sunday, September 22 we will also hold our annual “Blocktoberfest Outdoor Service” in the Shelter House at our regular worship time of 10:00 a.m. We look forward to another wunderbar year celebrating our German heritage—and having fun!

VOTERS MEETING

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Windler, followed with prayer by Pastor Woelmer. Roll was answered by 26 members; there were no new member requests. Financial reports by the home treasurer and mission treasurer were given. Pastor Woelmer's Q3 2024 report was given. Trustees report included parsonage roof repairs, teacherage air conditioner repairs, sign completion, flag pole and sign lighting, and poles and bases for flags for new west addition have arrived. Reports were heard from the Endowment, Youth Group, and Blocktoberfest committees. Old business items included sign construction has finished, kitchen work anticipated to be 99.9% at weeks end, and August 3 is scheduled for church cleanup. New business items addressed included approval of fixing basement toilet, purchasing new ESV bibles, and approval of nominations for Kansas District convention. On-line giving continues to be available. Voters were also reminded that church will be locked in conjunction with upcoming elections.

ADULT INSTRUCTION CLASS

We will meet on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Heritage Room, beginning this Thursday. Bring your Bible and Catechism. Classes will be one hour long for about 11 weeks.

PRAYER CHAIN

If you would like to be added to a texting group for getting prayer requests, please sign up on the sheet in the Gathering Room, or speak with Pastor or Susan Schmitt.

LUTHERAN LINKS

LCMS: www.lcms.org

LCMS Kansas District: www.kslcms.org

Lutherans for Life: www.lutheransforlife.org

The Lutheran Hour: www.lutheranhour.org

Issues, Etc. (Talk Radio): www.issuesetc.org

KFUO Radio: www.kfu.org

LUTHERAN RESOURCES

The Lutheran Study Bible is a great all-around resource to understanding the Scriptures. There are plentiful notes, prayers for your devotions, maps of the Holy Land, and so much more! The Lutheran Study Bible is the updated version of the Concordia Self-Study Bible that many of you may be familiar with.

Concordia Publishing House (cph.org) is having a Bible Sale right now where you can save 25% on all Bibles today with code Bibles24. (Make sure you enter it as the code in the checkout page!)

Are you tech-savvy and don't want to carry around a Bible? CPH has you covered! You can find the Lutheran Study Bible in app form on Apple and Android devices; simply look for "Lutheran Study Bible" in your app store.



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