



**“The heavens declare the glory of God: the sky above proclaims His handiwork”**

**Psalm 19:1. (ESV)**

All of creation is a witness to the almighty power of God and declares His wonderful works. We see God’s handiwork in the intricacy of the human body, that we are fearfully and wonderfully made (**Psalm 139:14**) in the majesty of the heavens above, the beauty of nature, the mountains, seas and everything that declares God is the Creator. The official record of God’s creating work is found in His Word. The Word is not only the best and most accurate record of Creation, it is the only truthful record of the Creation account given that we would know His wonderful and mighty works.

All three persons of The Trinity participated in The Creation: God created the heavens and the earth; The Spirit hovered over the face of the waters; and when God said **“Let there be light” Genesis 1:3**; it was the Word by whom all things were made **St. John 1:1-3; Colossians 1:16; Hebrew 1-2**. God’s Word gives the definitive answer as to who created the heavens and the earth, who sustains the heavens and the earth and who receives all honor and glory for His almighty power. The entire creation is a manifestation of His Divine Power and is intended for the benefit of all human creation.

Evolution is entirely false, based on theory and limited human thought. Evolution itself is designed to replace God. If one believes evolution as an answer to the world’s existence or if one believes the truth of God’s Word; both views are what a person believes; a matter of religion or religious belief. Both cannot be true; one must be false. **“By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible” Hebrews 11:3.**

To embrace evolution is to deny that God created the heavens and the earth. To deny that God created the heavens and the earth is to deny the existence of God. Evolution, then, replaces God and when God is replaced it also eliminates the need of a Savior. One denial leads to another which leads, over time, to a loss of faith. The comfort for believers is that the same God who brought about all creation is the God of our salvation who gave His Son, Jesus Christ as our Savior. The God who called everything into existence from nothing, by the power of His Word, is also the God of love who had the authority and power to cause our salvation through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. God made His creation good but later came the fall into sin by our first parents. In His great mercy, God promised a Savior, who has come and rescued us from sin, death, and the devil. In Baptism, God puts to death our sinful nature and begins new life in us, the beginning of His new creation. Just as God breathed life into Adam, so in Baptism, His Holy Spirit is given to us giving new life in our Savior Jesus Christ.

Because evolution has become so prevalent in our world today, later this month, we have invited a speaker from the Museum in Glendive Montana to speak, (at St. Paul’s) concerning what God’s Word says about creation. Much has been written and spoken concerning creation while much has also been written and spoken on the theory of evolution. As Christians, we believe the Biblical account of creation as given is the truth. We hope you can make time to attend this gathering that we can learn more about what God’s Word says regarding the creation of all things. More information will be in the bulletin in the next few weeks.

The hymn writers’ words beautifully portray God’s Divine work of creation while also revealing His work of salvation given by Christ Jesus, our Savior.

**All praise to God, who reigns above,  
The God of all creation,  
The God of wonders, power, and love,  
The God of our salvation!  
With healing balm my soul He fills,  
The God who every sorrow stills,  
To God all praise and glory!**

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