

**THE BIBLE YEAR (2023-2024)**  
**Class #1: Scripture and Interpretation (Hermeneutics)/Creation**  
(Genesis 1-2)

1. Lutheran Principles of interpretation: Hermeneutics

- A. Contextual/Literal
- B. Hebrew/ancient Greek context (community, numbers, story, paradox, etc.)
- C. Themes: scripture interprets scripture. Did Jesus say this or do this? Is this a major theme which runs through scripture?
- D. Literature. What kind of literature am I reading?
- E. Source. Where does this come from? How is it changed/adapted/adoped? (example: Hammurabi Code, 1750 B.C.)
- F. Law and gospel. Points us to our need for a Savior you're not just the law, life and death.
- G. Jesus is the fulfillment of scripture. See through the prism of the cross, which leads to...
- H. Prescriptive or descriptive.
- I. Other principles (from faith to faith; J.A. Bengel; the Holy Spirit)

2. Creation

- A. 2 Stories - Genesis 1-2; Other Creation Stories in Scripture
- B. Given the Context/Themes - What are the major teachings?

3. Closing questions to consider:

- A. Two creation stories - How do these stories interact/complement each other? What questions about the world's and humanity's origins do they leave unanswered?
- B. What does the Bible's assertion that God is Creator mean to you personally?

4. Closing Prayer