

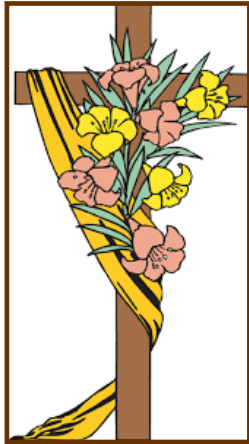
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I BELIEVE!



He is Risen!

He is risen indeed!



Sunday, April 8th
Potluck at 5:00pm

Communion Service
at 6:00pm

As Lutherans and with Christians in other denominations, we have access to and usage of two creeds which enable us to speak what we specifically believe. For example on any given Sunday in a Lutheran Church the Apostles Creed or the Nicene Creed will be included in the liturgy. Where did these creeds have their origin, why are they spoken? The origination of the Apostles Creed is unknown but generally thought that it was not composed by the apostles. What is known is the use of this creed by early Christians in Rome during the second century as a Baptismal Creed. The Nicene Creed was composed because the church needed to come to an agreement concerning the relationship of God, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. This prompted the church leaders to gather at Nicaea in AD 325, the Council of Nicaea. Revisions were made by the Council of Constantinople in AD 381 and again in AD 589 when the following revision was added – that the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father “and the Son”.

These two creeds have three distinct parts or articles dealing with: God the Father, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. The purpose of these two creeds is the same, affirming the faith and proclaiming before all what we believe. The Nicene Creed became longer because of the additional and more precise information, based upon scripture, provided for more distinct clarifications. The area of concern was not in the acceptance of God the Father but in the acceptance of Jesus and the Holy Spirit as being equal to God. What ultimately was included were expanded statements for Jesus and the Holy Spirit substantiated by Scripture “that Jesus Christ is true God, equal with the Father, and that the Holy Spirit is also true God, equal with the Father and the Son”.*

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Worship Texts for April

Date		1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Apr 1	Easter Sunday	Isaiah 25:6-9	Psalm 16	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Mark 16:1-8
Apr 8	Second Sunday of Easter	Acts 4:32-35	Psalm 148	1 John 1:1-2:2	John 20:19-31
Apr 15	Third Sunday of Easter	Acts 3:11-21	Psalm 4	1 John 3:1-7	Luke 24:36-49
Apr 22	Fourth Sunday of Easter	Acts 4:1-12	Psalm 23	1 John 3:16-24	John 10:11-18
Apr 29	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Acts 8:26-40	Psalm 150	1 John 4:1-11(12-21)	John 15:1-8

I BELIEVE - cont.

Our journey with Jesus to the cross of Calvary is now ending and we are humbled by the price that has been paid for our sinfulness. As we have traveled with Jesus, there has been an awareness of the support given to Him by his Father and the Holy Spirit: The close connection between Father and Son through prayer and the direction and strength provided by the Spirit. The involvement of the Trinity in providing for our salvation does not stop after the resurrection but continues to eternity!

Martin Luther's explanations to the three articles of the Apostles Creed enhance the belief of the 'three in one' working together to accomplish our salvation: "God does all this out of pure, fatherly, and divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness of mine at all! For all of this I owe it to God to thank and praise, serve and obey him." "He (Jesus Christ) has done all this in order that I may belong to him, live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he is risen from the dead and lives and rules in eternity." "...the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel. On the last day the Holy Spirit will raise me and all the dead and will give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life."**

Luther ended each of the three explanations with this sentence :

THIS IS MOST CERTAINLY TRUE.

*"Concordia, The Lutheran Confessions" 2nd edition, Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis 2005

**"The Junior Confirmation Book" by Jacob Tanner, Augsburg Publishing House, Minneapolis 1943

Nicene Creed (a Hymn)

1. We believe in the Creator, God who made the heavens and earth,
We believe in Christ our Savior and the awesome virgin birth,
Christ, begotten of the Father, God from God and Light from Light.
One with God and thus together, they created day and night
2. Our Salvation came from heaven by the power of God's own breath.
He took life in Virgin Mary and was human, birth to death.
Crucified by Pontius Pilate, suffered death and rose again.
He ascended into heaven where his glory has no end.
3. We believe in God's own Spirit, in the one who gives us life.
With the Father he is worshiped, with the Son is glorified.
We believe in the holy Christian Church, the forgiveness of our sins.
And we look for resurrection and the life that has no end.

Text: para. John C. Ylvisaker, 1937-
Tune: John Wyeth, 1770-1858; Asahel Nettleton, 1783-1844
RECLAIM Lutheran Hymnal for Church and Home, Page 189



A Third Creed

Yes, there is another one, the Athanasian Creed, named after Father Athanasius. It is recognized by the Lutheran Church but rarely used. Because of its detailed discussion on the doctrine of the Trinity, it is fitting for Trinity Sunday. This creed was written in opposition to Arianism - belief that Jesus Christ did not always exist but was begotten by God the Father.

COMING IN MAY!

- An update on the North Pacific LCMC conference to be held in Lebanon OR on April 20th and 21st.
- The first of our bi-monthly LOGOS newsletters

Word of Life Core Values

- *Jesus is Lord.*
- *Jesus is our guide.*
- *Forgiveness of sin leads to healing.*
- *Prayer changes things.*
- *Faith is God's gracious gift that saves.*



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