



*The Apostles Creed is a brief statement of gospel truths taught by the apostles.*

*It was not formulated by theologians, but out of the needs of the Christian church. Christians used it to tell others what they believed and also to confess their faith with one another as they met for worship.*

*A creed is a short summary of what Christians believe. God's Word does not command us to use a creed, but the Lord does want us to express our faith. Thankfully, God gives us the freedom to express the Christian faith in our own words. Christians of all backgrounds have discovered that creeds are one helpful way to express that faith.*

*The Lutheran church still recognizes all three ancient creeds (Apostles', Nicene, and Athanasian) as correct explanations of God's Word, and uses them today.*

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.