

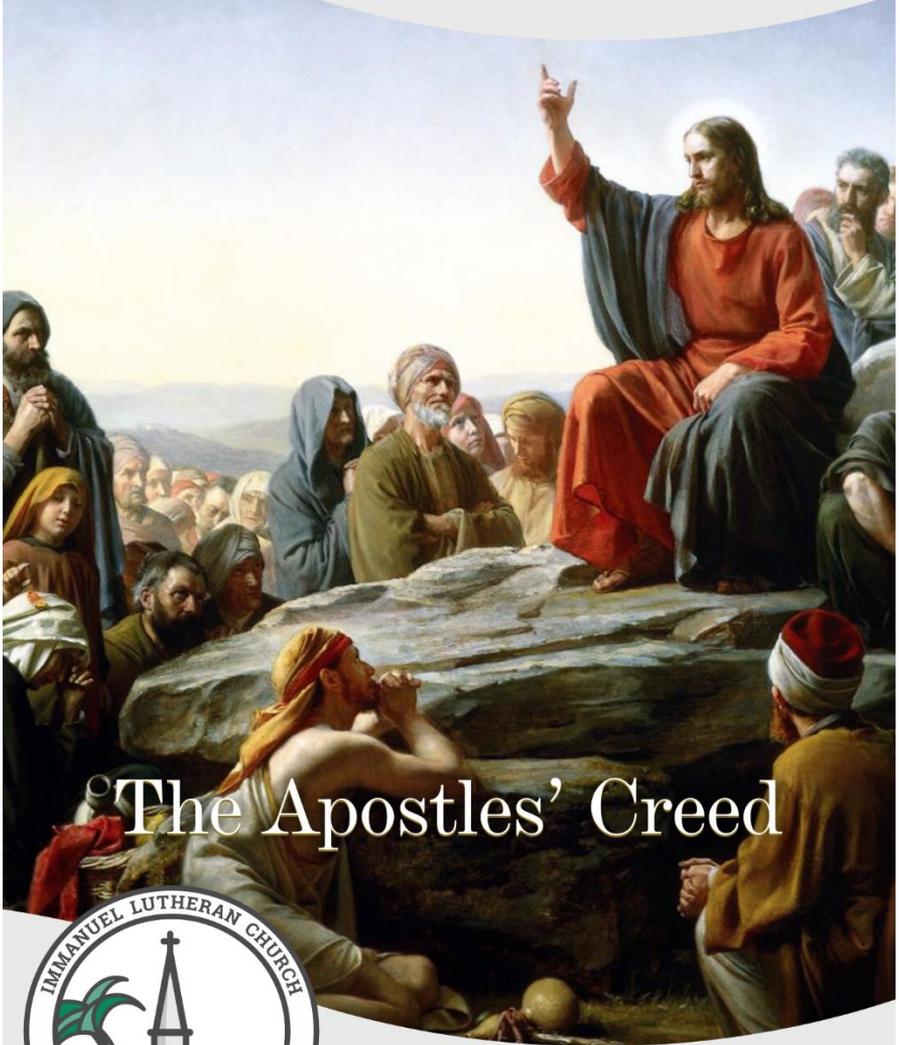
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The Apostles' Creed



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A “Reformation” Series

This morning we are going to continue a series on the Catechism in preparation for Reformation. The word catechism is derived from the Greek and means to “repeat again” or to “teach.” A catechism is a book of instruction, specifically in the Christian faith. Martin Luther was motivated to write and publish a new catechism after making a visitation of Lutheran congregations and finding that both the laity and even pastors and teachers were basically ignorant of the basics of the Christian faith. He published both the Large and Small Catechisms in 1529 in an effort to provide a tool to help people learn the basic truths of God’s Word. Luther’s Catechism was divided into six main parts: The Ten Commandments, The Apostles’ Creed, The Lord’s Prayer, The Sacrament of Baptism, The Ministry of the Keys, and The Sacrament of the Altar. He also included a section called The Table of Duties. The Small Catechism has been called the “Gem of the Reformation” because of its lasting value and importance in instructing countless generations throughout the world in the truths of God’s Word. Within a generation there were 100,000 copies of Luther’s Catechism in print in Germany and it was required instruction in German schools. This morning we continue this study of God’s Word and the six chief parts of the Catechism. Here is our schedule:

Sept. 30 - The Ten Commandments

Oct. 7 - The Apostles’ Creed

Oct. 14 - The Lord’s Prayer

Oct. 21 - The Sacrament of Baptism

Oct. 28 - The Ministry of the Keys

Nov. 4 - The Sacrament of the Altar

Dig out and dust off your Catechism and take some time in the coming weeks to review this wonderful “gem of the Reformation”!

PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Ps. 25:14-22

¹⁴ The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant. ¹⁵ My eyes are ever toward the LORD, for he will pluck my feet out of the net. ¹⁶ Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. ¹⁷ The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses. ¹⁸ Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins. ¹⁹ Consider how many are my foes, and with what violent hatred they hate me. ²⁰ Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me! Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you. ²¹ May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for you. ²² Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: TLH #248

“Father of Glory, to Thy Name”

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

P God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

C If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P Let us pray.

C Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

P Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

INTROIT

Ps. 25:4-8

A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.

P Make me to know Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths.

C Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all the day long.

P Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

C Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness!

P Good and upright is the LORD; therefore He instructs sinners in the way.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P Let us pray. ... through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Isaiah 43:1-13 But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³ For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴ Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. ⁵ Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. ⁶ I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, ⁷ everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made." ⁸ Bring out the people who are blind, yet have eyes, who are deaf, yet have ears! ⁹ All the nations gather together, and the peoples assemble. Who among them can declare this, and show us the former things? Let them bring their witnesses to prove them right, and let them hear and say, It is true. ¹⁰ "You are my witnesses," declares the LORD, "and my servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me. ¹¹ I, I am the LORD, and besides me there is no savior. ¹² I declared and saved and proclaimed, when there was no strange god among you; and you are my witnesses," declares the LORD, "and I am God. ¹³ Also henceforth I am he; there is none who can deliver from my hand; I work, and who can turn it back?"

GOSPEL READING – John 14:25-31 "These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. ³⁰ I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, ³¹ but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here.

P This is the Word of the LORD.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

The Apostles' Creed is a summary of Christian faith as taught by the Apostles. We boldly confess what God has taught us to believe.

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

Is. 64:8; Gen. 35:11; Gen. 1:1.

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.

Mt. 16:16; Jn. 1:14; Lk. 2:11; Mt. 1:20; Mt. 1:23; Lk. 1:27; Jn. 19:1-5; Mt. 27:35; Mk. 15:37; Lk. 23:52-53; 1 Pt. 3:19; 1 Cor. 15:4; Acts 1:9; Mk. 16:19; Acts 1:11; 2 Tim. 4:1.

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.

Acts 5:3-4; Eph. 5:27; 1 Cor 1:2; Col 1:13-14; Rom. 6:5; 1 John 5:11.

SERMON – 1 Peter 1:1-2 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, ² according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

The Apostles’ Creed:

(Not “I Think MY God...”, but)

I. This is Who GOD says He is

II. And HE chose to be mine!

HYMN: TLH #37

“Lord, ‘Tis Not that I did Choose Thee”

- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS –

PRAYER and the LORD’S PRAYER

Order of Holy Communion

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts!

C We lift them up to the Lord!

P It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, Who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

C Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!
Amen.



**Words of Institution
& Distribution**



Please Note: The Lord's Supper is described in 1 Corinthians 11:23-32 as a most precious medicine for the soul. Like all medicines, of course, it must be used at the right time for the right purpose by the right person, lest it do more harm than good. That is one reason we ask our visitors...please speak to the pastor before you commune with us. Thank you!

After the distribution, we will continue with the next hymn:

COMMUNION HYMN: TLH #659

"Feed Thy Children"

THE BENEDICTION:

The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26).

P The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

G Amen!

CLOSING HYMN: TLH #334

"Let Me Be Thine Forever"

✠ Announcements ✠

CLC Call News Pastor James Albrecht of St. John's Ev. Lutheran in Okabena MN, has returned the call to Our Redeemer's Lutheran in Red Wing, MN. Our Redeemer's has now called Pastor Michael Wilke of Saginaw, Mich.

I will be out of town this afternoon through Thursday (7th-11th) for Pastoral Conference in Loganville (Atlanta), GA. Feel free to contact me if you need anything.

Looking Ahead...

- ✠ **Today:** Communion & Fellowship Snack
- ✠ **Today:** Ladies of Immanuel
- ✠ **Today:** Church Council
- ✠ **Today-Thursday:** Pastor out of town in Atlanta, GA
- ✠ **Oct. 14:** Orlando Service
- ✠ **Oct. 14:** Board of Trustees
- ✠ **Oct. 21:** Board of Education
- ✠ **Oct. 28:** Church Council
- ✠ **Nov. 4:** Quarterly Voters Mtg

Shut-in/Encouragement List **Loye Issitt** continues to battle for good health with a kidney condition. **Betty Sweet** is now living at the memory care facility at Spring Haven. **Emily Kuehne** suffers from total blindness and severe knee pain when standing or walking. **Patti Meno**

continues to receive treatment for her kidney condition and is awaiting a transplant. **Ray Seger** was recently hospitalized with an infection. The doctors are still doing tests. **Delores Seger** is battling severe back pain; she had a minor operation last week and is preparing for surgery. **Bill Issitt III** remains mostly housebound while recovering from several health problems. **Richard Cook** is dealing with general unsteadiness. **Johanna Jaehnigen** remains mostly housebound, being no longer able to drive. **Liz Hartmann** is recovering from eye surgery.

The 2018 Southeastern Women's Retreat will be held from November 4-6 in Myrtle Beach, SC. The cost varies based on how many people will be staying in a room. If you are interested in attending, please speak with Pastor for a registration form. Immanuel currently has two members who are attending, and they have kindly offered the extra seats in their car to any other women who would like to attend the retreat. Please consider attending!

Special Fund Refresher: We have a number of special funds here at Immanuel, including **CLC Offerings** – Used to support the work of Immanuel Lutheran College and Mission Program of the CLC; **ILC Building Fund** – Used to pay for new academic center at Immanuel Lutheran High School; **Tuition Grant Fund** – Used to help students at our school through tuition grants; **ILC Tuition Fund** – Used to help families send their children to Immanuel Lutheran High School; **Building Fund** – Used for special large ticket replacement items such as septic tank and AC. Also can be used to pay down or pay off loan on teacherage; **Property Improvement Fund** – Used for special larger improvement projects for church, parsonage, and teacherage; **Revolving Fund** – Basically an “in” and “out” fund for non-budgetary reimbursed expenses; **Benevolence Fund** – New fund to help families (especially within our congregation) with special needs. You can read more about these and other funds on page 7 of your Immanuel Yearbook. Thank you for all that you do to support this congregation!

Last Week (9/30) WH – 30

General = \$1078 | Tuition = \$350 | Building Fund = \$35
Property Improvement = \$25 | ILC Tuition = \$40
Total Offering = \$1,528

September Usher: Mark Moorehead | **Acolyte (10/14):** Hayden
| **Cleaner (10/13):** Rodebaugh