



*The Nicene Creed was written around A.D. 325 in defense of the true Christian faith.*

*The Council at Nicea developed it, expanding on the deity of Christ, in order to safeguard the apostles' teaching.*

*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.*

## **NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.