

APOSTLES' CREED

Unit 6

Lesson 11 - Trinity Overview and 1st Article of Creed (God the Father)

Midweek Presentations will walk us through the following material on the Apostles' Creed and the Trinity. The homework for the Sunday discussions follow each unit. Please let me or your Sunday group leader know if you have any questions. God's blessings and strength on this most important unit of the faith! Lutherans acknowledge two additional creeds: the Nicene Creed and the Athanasian Creed, but our focus will be on the Apostles' Creed. Did you know this creed is traditionally used in Baptisms? ☺

MIDWEEK PRESENTATION ON TRINITY AND CREED (1ST ARTICLE)

- 1) What does *Creed* mean? _____
- 2) What does *Triune* mean? _____
- 3) Where is the word, *Triune* or *Trinity* found in the Bible? _____
- 4) This illustration describes what the Trinity *is*: (*although not perfectly, of course*)

a) God the Father is represented by the hand to show his creative work.

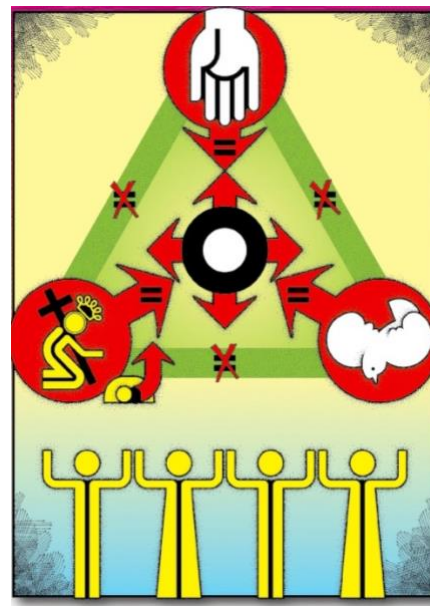
b) God the Son is represented by the cross, the empty tomb and the kneeling figure with a crown on his head to show that the servant king came to serve, not to be served. He did this through His life, death and resurrection. Matthew 1:21; Philippians 2:5-11; Romans 3:28

c) God the Holy Spirit is represented by the dove (Matthew 3:16) The Holy Spirit leads people to faith in the Son, making us holy (sanctified) before the Father. John 16:12-15.

d) There is only _____ God.
Genesis 1:1; Deut 6:4; Isaiah 42:8

e) There are three _____ in that one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14

f) Although each Person is _____ God (=), each Person is _____ from the others (cancelled equal sign). Matthew 28:19; Luke 3:22; Luke 11:13; John 14:26; Acts 5:3-4



5) This illustration describes what the Trinity *is not*:

- a) The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are not a _____ of God.
- b) There are not _____ Gods.
- c) God does not _____ Himself into each Person or role at separate times for specific purposes.
- d) Here, the _____ and the _____ are not viewed as God; only the Father is seen as God (Divine).



*To fully understand the doctrine of the Trinity is to be able to grasp the mind of God. We don't have that mind; we will never truly nor fully comprehend this truth of God. Yet God doesn't call us to "grasp and understand it completely". He calls us to accept it through FAITH. "For we are saved by God's grace through FAITH in Jesus Christ, not by works, so that no one can boast." Eph. 2:8-9 We are called to praise Him as the God the Holy Scriptures reveal. We are called to praise the three Persons of the one Triune God for their gracious works, their functions, on our behalf. For example, in Ephesians 1:3-14, Paul refers to the work of the Father in vv. 3-6, the Son in vv. 7-12, and the Spirit in vv. 13-14 and concludes each section with a summons to praise.

Apostles' Creed: 1st Article - God the Father

Read through the Creed and the Meaning in Luther's Small Catechism p.16

Read Luke 11:1-13

What do these scriptures tell me about God as Father?

HOMEWORK (Complete before Sunday's class; ask your parents for help. We'll discuss in class on Sunday.)

Use the scrambled letters to fill in the blank with the correct answer.

1. God the Father is often associated with _____ (retoi nca)
2. What word means to make something out of nothing? _____ (eratce)

MUSIC: Watch and Listen to [Creed by Rich Mullins](#) and to [We Believe by Newsboys](#)

Creed by Rich Mullins	We Believe by Newsboys
<p>I believe in God the Father Almighty Maker of Heaven and Maker of Earth And in Jesus Christ His only begotten Son, our Lord He was conceived by the Holy Spirit Born of the virgin Mary Suffered under Pontius Pilate He was crucified and dead and buried</p> <p>Refrain: And I believe what I believe, it makes me what I am I did not make it, no it is making me It is the very truth of God and not the invention of any man</p> <p>I believe that He who suffered was crucified, buried, and dead He descended into hell and on the third day, rose again He ascended into Heaven where He sits at God's mighty right hand I believe that He's returning To judge the quick and the dead of the sons of men</p> <p>Refrain</p> <p>I believe in God the Father Almighty Maker of Heaven and Maker of Earth And in Jesus Christ His only begotten Son, our Lord I believe in the Holy Spirit One Holy Church The communion of Saints The forgiveness of sin I believe in the resurrection I believe in a life that never ends</p> <p>Refrain</p> <p>I believe it, I believe it . . .</p>	<p>In this time of desperation When all we know is doubt and fear There is only one foundation We believe, we believe In this broken generation When all is dark, You help us see There is only one salvation We believe, we believe</p> <p>Refrain: We believe in God the Father We believe in Jesus Christ We believe in the Holy Spirit And He's given us new life We believe in the crucifixion We believe that He conquered death We believe in the resurrection And He's comin' back again, we believe</p> <p>So, let our faith be more than anthems Greater than the songs we sing And in our weakness and temptations We believe, we believe</p> <p>Refrain</p> <p>Let the lost be found and the dead be raised In the here and now, let love invade Let the church live loud, our God we'll say We believe, we believe And the gates of hell will not prevail For the power of God, has torn the veil Now we know Your love will never fail We believe, we believe</p> <p>Refrain</p> <p>He's comin' back again . . .</p>

- 1) Underline/highlight some of the words/phrases you really like in the songs.

2) What do you find interesting about the videos?

3) What do you find confusing about the videos?

4) Write down one question and its answer to pose to the class for Sunday discussions.

Q: _____

A: _____

Read the whole First Article and Meaning p.16

Briefly describe what the meaning emphasizes?

Read AGAIN the whole First Article and Meaning

Now, carefully underline several words and/or phrases that are making an impact on you as you read it. Be ready to share with the group why you picked those words/phrases.

***MEMORIZE the First Article & Meaning. You can practice writing it here.**

In Sunday's Class: Read John 3:16 and Deuteronomy 6:4 and Galatians 4:6

What do these scriptures tell us about God as Father?
