

# APOSTLES' CREED

## Unit 6

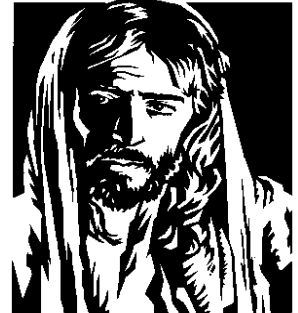
### Lesson 12: The 2<sup>nd</sup> Article of the Apostles' Creed (God the Son) (Redemption)

#### MIDWEEK PRESENTATION:

Read through the Creed and the Meaning in the Small Catechism (p.17)

#### Intro:

Does Satan believe in Jesus? Do you? What's the difference?



**... And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary ...**

*John 3:16* For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

1. Why was he given the name "Jesus"?

*Matthew 1:21* She will bear a son, and you call his name \_\_\_\_\_,  
for he will \_\_\_\_\_ his people from their \_\_\_\_\_."

2. T – F In addition to faith in Jesus Christ, people can be "saved" in other ways.

*Acts 4:12* And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

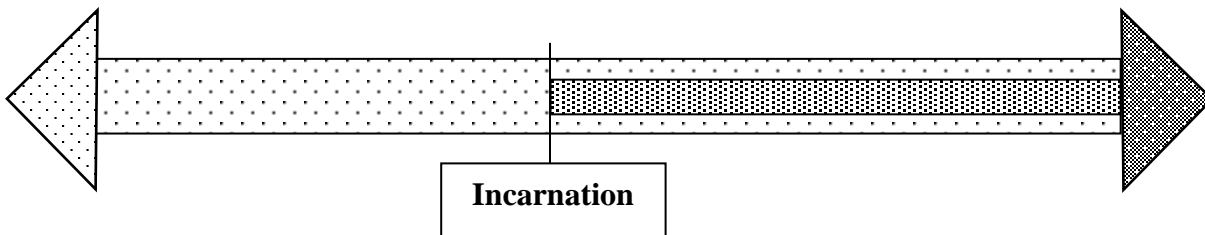
*John 14:6* Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

3. Jesus is called *Messiah* or *Christ*. They mean the same thing, which is what?

- a. anointed one (see Acts 10:38)
- b. royalty
- c. the promised one
- d. almighty

**NOTE:** *Messiah* is Hebrew while *Christ* is a Greek word. Read more of the Christmas account in Matthew 1 and Luke 2.

Illustration of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Person of the Trinity & the Incarnation



**... suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell.**

All the gospels, using different details, describe the final days of Jesus' life. One example to which you could turn is **Luke 19 – 23** where these chapters describe the last week of Jesus' life where He rode into Jerusalem on a donkey to the praise of the people (Palm Sunday) and then later that week, He celebrated the Passover with His disciples, instituted Holy Communion, went to the Mount of Olives for prayer where He was betrayed by Judas, arrested by the Romans and taken to a mock trial with Pilate, then Herod, and then Pilate again. The crucifixion took place followed by His death and burial.



Rembrandt's portrayal of the Crucifixion (unfinished)

### ***JESUS in HELL?***

4. As Lutherans, we believe that Jesus went to hell during that weekend of His death, before His resurrection. Peter's letter briefly describes Jesus' decent into hell:

*1 Peter 3:18,19* He was made alive ... (and) went and preached to the spirits who were in **prison** ... (*spirits who lived in the time of Noah*).

5. As Lutherans we believe that Jesus went to hell before His resurrection. This was not as punishment, but to proclaim **victory** over satan and all evil.

*Revelation 1:18* I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.



### **The third day He rose again from the dead.**

The gospels give a variety of accounts of Jesus' resurrection. Jesus rose in bodily form appearing to many, many people. The resurrection distinguishes Christianity from all other faiths.

6. Jesus appeared to many people on different occasions.

*1 Corinthians 15:6* Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.

7. At the resurrection, Jesus rose in bodily form, not just as a spirit.

*Luke 24: 38-43* He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence.

8. What does Jesus' resurrection in bodily form say about our future life in heaven?

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*1 Corinthians 15:54* When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." Read more about the Last Day, the Day of the Resurrection in 1 Corinthians 15.



**... He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

#### **The Ascension**

*Acts 1:9* And when he (Jesus) had said these things, as they (the disciples) were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

9. What is our *response* to this truth of Jesus being the resurrected, ascended Christ?

*Philippians 2:9-11* "Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus **every knee should bow**, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, **and every tongue confess** that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

10. How does Christ's suffering and death benefit us? (*Look these up on your own. You might find an appropriate Confirmation verse here.*) ☺

Isaiah 53:5 \_\_\_\_\_

2 Corinthians 5:21 \_\_\_\_\_

2 Timothy 1:10 \_\_\_\_\_

Genesis 3:15 \_\_\_\_\_

1 John 3:8 \_\_\_\_\_

John 3:16 \_\_\_\_\_

11. We know that Jesus suffered and died as our Substitute, thereby saving us from

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ (its guilt, punishment, and slavery)
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ (which is now the entrance into eternal life)
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ (all his evil works and all his evil ways)

12. Redemption means: \_\_\_\_\_

13. Since Jesus died for the whole world, will all people be saved *automatically* now that Jesus has done His great and mighty work?

2 *Peter 2:1* ...even denying the sovereign Lord who **bought** them-- bringing swift **destruction** on themselves.

*Acts 16:31* **Believe** in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved

*Matthew 7:21* **Not everyone** who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

*John 3* describes the need to be **"born again"**; brought into the **light** (from darkness)

*Ephesians 1:4-5* describes being **adopted** into God's family. This begs to ask, "What are we being adopted from?" *Ephesians 2:1-2*

14. As Lutherans, we boldly proclaim, as did the apostle Paul, the death of Jesus Christ as the ultimate event by which salvation has been won for us!

*1 Corinthians 1:22-23* For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach **Christ crucified**, a stumbling block to Jews and folly (foolishness) to Gentiles,

15. Who can receive this great redemption?

a. *2 Corinthians 5:15* He died for **all**.

b. *1 John 2:2* He is the propitiation (atoning sacrifice) for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole **world**.

16. Which one of the following is true?

a. Christ came to show us that God is Love and has nothing against us.

b. Christ came to appease the wrath of God and suffer the punishment we deserve because of our sins.

**What Now . . .** now that we believe in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior?

*Matthew 28:18-20* Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore **go and make disciples** of all nations, **baptizing** them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and **teaching** them to **obey** everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

*Ephesians 2:8-10* For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-- and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- not by works, so that no one can boast.

For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to **do good works**, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

*Ephesians 4:11-13* It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for **works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built** up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.



## HOMEWORK

- 1) Memorize the 2<sup>nd</sup> Article and Meaning as best as you can.
- 2) Listen to the following song and answer the questions.

**MUSIC:** Listen to the song called ["Thief" by Third Day.](#)

I am a thief, I am a murderer  
Walking up this lonely hill  
What have I done? No, I don't remember  
No one knows just how I feel  
And I know that my time is coming soon

It's been so long, oh, such a long time  
Since lived with peace and rest  
Now I am here, my destination  
I guess things work for the best  
And I know that my time is coming soon

Who is this man? This man beside me  
They call the King of the Jews  
They don't believe that He's the Messiah  
But somehow, I know that it's true

They laugh at Him in mockery  
And they beat Him 'til He bleeds  
And they nail Him to the rugged cross  
They raise Him, yeah, they raise Him up next to me

My time has come and I'm slowly fading  
I deserve what I receive  
Jesus when You are in Your kingdom  
Could You please, please remember me?

And He looks at me still holding on  
The tears fall from His eyes  
And He says I tell the truth  
Today, you will be with Me in paradise  
And I know that my time, yes my time is coming soon  
And I know that my time, yes my time, is coming soon  
And I know Paradise, Paradise is coming soon

- 1) Underline some of the words/phrases you really like in the song above.
- 2) What do you like/find interesting about the song?  

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- 3) What do you dislike/find confusing about the song?  

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**(In addition to discussing the Creed/Meaning and the song, the following will be discussed in Sunday's class.)**

1. It is easy to understand that Jesus was a human. But why do we believe He was also God, divine, true God and true man together?

*1 John 5:20b* He is the true \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

*John 20:28* Thomas said to him, "My \_\_\_\_\_ and my \_\_\_\_\_!"

*John 1:1-2* In the beginning was the \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_ was with God, and the Word was \_\_\_\_\_. He was with \_\_\_\_\_ in the beginning.

*John 1:14* The Word became \_\_\_\_\_ and made his dwelling among us.

There are many other verses that testify to Jesus being God, i.e. Hebrews 1:3, 13:8, Matthew 9:6, 28:18-20, John 1:3, 5:27, 21:17, Romans 9:5b

2. What does the word "Incarnation" mean?
  - a. Jesus being wrapped in swaddling clothes
  - b. God taking on the form of a man.
  - c. Type of milk product for children
  - d. Forgiveness

3. What does Immanuel/Emmanuel mean?
  - e. God with us
  - f. God having mercy on us
  - g. Man knowing God
  - h. Not automatic

4. What was the main purpose of Jesus' life (the Word becoming flesh)?

*1 John 3:8* The reason the Son of God appeared was to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ work.

5. During His life on earth, Jesus endured poverty, misunderstanding, hatred, and persecution. Finally, His enemies arrested Him, innocently condemned Him, and nailed Him to a cross. As the Apostles' Creed puts it: "He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried." How does Christ's suffering and death benefit us? (*As you look these up, you might find an appropriate Confirmation verse here.*) ☺

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**Have you learned the whole Second Article and Meaning in Luther's Small Catechism??? ☺**