

Apostles' and Nicene Creeds

The Apostles' and Nicene Creeds are the first two of the three Ecumenical Creeds of the church catholic. The Creeds themselves form the rule of faith for the Christian church, that is a distillation of the basics of the faith as drawn from Scripture. Below we have provided a table that breaks down the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds by section and provide the Biblical texts from which these sections are drawn. After all the Creeds are drawn from the Scriptures themselves. We will note that the references below are not exhaustive.

We have mainly used <http://steadfastlutherans.org/2013/06/the-nicene-creed/> as our initial blueprint. We follow the order of the Nicene Creed for layout, putting alongside the Apostles' for comparison. Where the Apostles' text is out of order with respect to the Nicene we indicate with an asterisk(*). We then add references where only antilegomena books are used for texts. We also add references for places where the Apostles' Creed contains something that the Nicene does not. We also suggest hymns from the Lutheran Service Book (LSB) for each line of the Creeds as the Church herself sings the faith she confesses in the Creeds.

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Article I: God the Father, Creation

Apostles' Creed	Nicene Creed	Scripture	Hymn
I believe	I believe	Rom. 10:9, Jas 2:19, John 14:1	Sing Praise to God, The Highest Good
in God,	in one God,	Deut. 6:4, Is. 44:6	(LSB 819)
the Father	the Father	Is. 63:16, 2 Pet. 1:17, Mt. 6:9	Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
Almighty,	Almighty,	Gen. 17:1, Ps 91:1, Rev. 4:8	(LSB 802)
Maker	Maker	Job 4:17, 35:10, Is. 17:7, 54:5	Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
of heaven	of heaven	Gen. 1:1, 1:8	(LSB 790)
and earth	and earth	Ps. 104:5, Jer. 51:15	
	and all things	Gen. 1:31	
	visible and invisible.	Ps. 89:11-12, Amos 4:13, Rev. 3:5, Col. 1:16	

Article II: God the Son, Justification

Apostles' Creed	Nicene Creed	Scripture	Hymn
our Lord*	And in one Lord	Eph. 4:5	At the Name of Jesus
And in Jesus Christ*	Jesus Christ,	Acts 10:36, 11:17, Rom. 1:7, 5:1, 1 Cor. 1:2, 6:11, 2 Cor. 1:2, 8:9, Gal. 1:3, 6:14, Eph. 1:2, 3:11, Phil. 1:2, 3:20, Col. 1:3, 2:6, 1 Thes. 1:1, 5:9, 2 Thes. 1:1, 2:14, 1 Tim. 6:3, 6:14, 2 Tim. 1:2, Philemon 3, 25, Heb. 13:20, Jas. 1:1, 2:1, 1 Pet. 1:3, 3:15, 2 Pet. 1:8, 1:14, Jude 17, 21, Rev. 22:20-21	(LSB 512)
His only*	the only-begotten	John 1:18	To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord
Son*	Son of God,	Matt. 3:17, John 3:16	(LSB 406)
	begotten of His Father	Ps. 2:7, Heb. 1:5	Of the Father's Love Begotten
	before all worlds,	John 1:1, Col. 1:17, 1 John 1:1	(LSB 384)
	God of God,	John 1:1-2	O Christ, Who Art the Light and Day
	Light of Light,	Ps. 27:1, John 1:9, 8:12, 12:35-36, 1 John 1:5-7, Mt. 17:2, 17:5	(LSB 882)
	very God of very God	John 5:18, 8:58, 17:1-5	O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright (LSB 395)

	begotten,	John 1:1, Heb 1:5	O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair (LSB 413)
	not made,	Mic. 5:2, John 1:18, 17:5	
	being of one substance with the Father,	John 10:30, 14:9	Savior of the Nations, Come (LSB 332)
	by Whom all things were made;	1 Cor. 8:6, Col. 1:16	Thy Strong Word (LSB 578)
	Who for us men	Mt. 20:28, John 10:10	O Love, How Deep (LSB 544)
	and for our salvation	Mt. 1:21, Luke 19:10	
	came down from heaven	Rom. 10:6, Eph. 4:10	
Who was conceived	and was incarnate	Col. 2:9	The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came (LSB 356)
by the Holy Spirit,	by the Holy Spirit	Mt. 1:18	
born of the Virgin Mary,	of the Virgin Mary	Luke 1:34-35	
	and was made man;	John 1:14	All My Heart Again Rejoices (LSB 360)
was crucified,*	and was crucified	Mt. 20:19, John 19:18, Rom. 5:6, 5:8, 2 Cor. 13:4	Jesus, I Will Ponder Now (LSB 440)
	also for us	Rom. 5:8, 2 Cor. 5:15	
under Pontius Pilate,	under Pontius Pilate.	Mt. 27:2, 27:26, 1 Tim. 6:13	

suffered*	He suffered	1 Pet. 2:21, Heb. 2:10	O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (LSB 450)
died		Mt. 27:50, Mark 15:37, Luke 23:46, John 19:30, 19:33, Rom. 5:6, 6:3, 1 Cor. 11:26, 15:3	
and was buried.	and was buried.	Mark 15:46, 1 Cor. 15:4	
He descended into hell.		1 Pet. 3:19, Eph. 4:9	Christ is the World's Redeemer (LSB 539)
The third day	And the third day	Mt. 27:63, 28:1, 1 Cor. 15:4	Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands (LSB 458)
He rose again from the dead.	He rose again	Mark 16:6, 2 Tim. 2:8	
	according to the Scriptures	Ps. 16:10, Luke 24:25-27, 1 Cor. 15:4	
He ascended	and ascended	Luke 24:51, Acts 1:9	Up Through Endless Ranks of Angels (LSB 491)
into heaven	into heaven	Mark 16:19, Acts 1:11	
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.	and sits at the right hand of the Father.	Ps. 110:1, Mt. 26:64, Acts 7:56, Heb. 1:3	See, the Lord Ascends in Triumph (LSB 494)
From thence He shall come	And He will come again	John 14:3, 1 Thes. 4:16	The Day Is Surely Drawing Near (LSB 508)
	with glory	Mt. 16:27, 24:30, 25:31, 26:64, Mark 8:38, Col. 3:4	
to judge	to judge	Mt. 25:31-46, Acts 17:31	
the living and the dead.	both the living and the dead,	Acts 10:42, 1 Pet. 4:5	

	Whose kingdom	John 18:36, 2 Tim. 4:1, 4:18	The Clouds of Judgment Gather (LSB 513)
	will have no end.	Luke 1:33, Rev. 11:15, Ps. 145:13	

Article III: God the Holy Spirit, Sanctification

Apostles' Creed	Nicene Creed	Scripture	Hymn
I believe in the Holy Spirit,	And I believe in the Holy Spirit,	Mt. 28:19, Acts 13:2	Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord (LSB 497)
	the Lord	2 Cor. 3:17	O Day Full of Grace (LSB 503)
	and giver of life,	John 6:63, Rom. 7:6, 8:2, 2 Cor. 3:6	
	Who proceeds from the Father	John 14:16-17	Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest (LSB 498/499)
	and the Son,	John 15:26, Rom 8:9, Gal. 4:6	
	Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped	Luke 4:8, John 4:24	The Lord, My God, Be Praised (LSB 794)
	and glorified,	John 4:24, 1 Tim. 1:17	
	Who spoke by the prophets.	1 Pet. 1:10-11, 2 Pet. 1:21	God Has Spoken by His Prophets (LSB 583)

	And I believe in one	1 Cor. 10:16-17, 12:12-13	The Church's One Foundation
the holy	holy	Eph. 3:16-17, 5:27, 1 Pet. 2:9	(LSB 644)
catholic	catholic	1 Cor. 1:2	
	and apostolic	Eph. 2:20, Rev. 21:14	
Church,	Church,	Acts 20:28, Eph. 1:22-23, Col. 1:24, Heb. 12:23, 1 Pet. 2:9	
the communion of saints,		1 Cor. 1:2, 10:16-17, Eph. 2:19, 6:18, Rev. 7:9, 7:14	For All the Saints (LSB 677)
	I acknowledge one Baptism	John 3:5, Rom. 6:3, Eph. 4:5	God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It
the forgiveness of sins,	for the remission of sins,	Acts 2:38, 1 Pet. 3:21, Tit. 3:5	(LSB 594)
the resurrection of the body,	and I look for the resurrection of the dead	1 Thes. 4:16, 1 Cor. 15:12-13, 15:16, 15:52	Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart (LSB 708)
and the life everlasting.	and the life of the world to come.	1 Cor. 15:54-57, Rev. 22:5	Jerusalem the Golden (LSB 672)
Amen.	Amen.	Ps. 41:13, 2 Cor. 1:20	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (LSB 805)