

Didache Divine Service
Session 5
6:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 19, 2022
The Apostles' Creed: The First Article

1. Invocation and Prayer
2. Hymn: 953 "We All Believe in One True God"
3. **The Ten Commandments preach repentance: They show us our sin and how much we need a Savior.**

The Creed preaches the faith that saves us from our sin: The creed shows us that God loves us and has done everything to save us from sin through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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.

The Explanation to the First Article—LSB p. 322

4. **Bible Reading:** Man and the Fall—Genesis 2:7-9, 15-25; 3:1-19

And the LORD God formed man *of the dust of the ground*, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

⁸The LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed. ⁹And out of the ground the LORD God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. **The tree of life** was also in the midst of the garden, and **the tree of the knowledge of good and evil**.

¹⁵Then the LORD God took ^[a]the man and put him in the garden of Eden to ^[e]tend and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, **"Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you ^[f]shall surely die."**

¹⁸And the LORD God said, **"It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."** ¹⁹Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air,

and brought *them* to ^[e]Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name. ²⁰So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him.

²¹And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. ²²Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He ^[b]made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.

²³And Adam said: **"This is now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of ^[i]Man."**

²⁴Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be ^[k]joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. ²⁵And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

3 Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?"

2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; 3 but of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.' "

4 Then the serpent said to the woman, "**You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.**"

6 So when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, that it *was* ^[a]pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make *one* wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves ^[b]coverings.

8 And they heard the ^[c]sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the ^[d]cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

9 Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "**Where *are* you?**"

10 So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself."

11 And He said, "Who told you that you *were* naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?"

12 Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave to *be* with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate."

13 And the LORD God said to the woman, "**What *is* this you have done?**"

The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

14 So the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, You *are* cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life.

15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed;

He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."

16 To the woman He said: "I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire shall be ^[e]for your husband, And he shall rule over you."

17 Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': 'Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life. 18 Both thorns and thistles it shall ^[f]bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field.

19 In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you *are*, And to dust you shall return."

- The order of creation: Adam was formed from the dust; Eve was formed out of Adam's side
- There was work before the fall into sin.
- It was not good that the man should be alone. He could not reflect the image of God in isolation. He needed one to love for the procreation of children and for dominion over the creation.
- To eat of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil was to turn away from God's Word that gave them life (This is why death is the result).
- The Serpent accused God of being a liar and of withholding good gifts from Adam and Eve.
- Adam and Eve became sinful when they turned away from God's Word and ate of the tree.
- The curse of the fall was God's curse of the creation to show us our fallenness and our need for Christ.
- The pain of childbirth and the toil of work touches man at the heart of what it is to be male and female made in the image of God.
- The Son of God is the Seed of the Woman who bruises (or crushes) the Serpent's authority.
- Satan's power is connected to God's Word: The day you eat of it, you will surely die.
- The Son of God becomes man and receives the punishment of death that mankind deserved.

5. Hymn: 954 "We All Believe in One True God" Stanzas 1

6. Holy Communion Liturgy

7. Hymn to Depart: 882 "O Christ, Who Art the Light and Day"