

Didache Divine Service

Session 7

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 9, 2022

The Apostles' Creed: The Second Article—The Crucifixion

1. Invocation and Prayer
2. Hymn: 555 "Salvation unto Us Has Come" – Stanzas 1-5
3. **The Ten Commandments preach repentance: They show us our sin and how much we need a Savior.**

You shall have no other gods.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant,
his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

He says, "I the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments

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 Second Article from the Catechism — (LSB p. 322)

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity,
and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord,
who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins,
from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver,

but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,
That I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom
and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,
Just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.
This is most certainly true.

4. Bible Readings: The Atonement (payment) of Christ

The Prophetic Witness to the Atonement of Christ for Mankind: Isaiah 53:4-12

The Witness to the Crucifixion of the Son of God in John 18:28—19:37

- The Son of God became man to suffer and die in our place under the judgment of God.
- Jesus is crucified for us as the innocent Lamb of God who bears the sins of the whole world.
- Pontius Pilate, the Roman Governor, in God's stead proclaims that Jesus is the Christ and the unblemished sacrifice for all sin.
- By His sacrifice upon the cross, the "Seed of the Woman" crushes "the Serpent's head" (Satan's authority to condemn us under God's Law) by suffering the punishment and death that we by our sins deserved.
- Jesus' sacrifice upon the cross is the fulfillment of the Law's call to love God with all one's heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love the neighbor in place of oneself.
- The bride of Christ is formed from the blood and water of atonement that flowed forth from Jesus' side.
- "God made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become **the righteousness of God in Him.**" – 2 Corinthians 5:21

5. Hymn: 555 "Salvation unto Us Has Come" – Stanzas 6-10

6. Holy Communion Liturgy

7. Hymn to Depart: 954 "We All Believe in One True God" (Stanzas 2)