



# CROSSlink

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### Catechetical Hymns: The Apostles' Creed

Pastor Zac Patterson

Being a Christian isn't just personally believing something and keeping it to yourself, but actively confessing that belief before God and those around you. One of the oldest ways of doing this is by confessing a creed. Of those creeds, the Apostles' creed is one of the oldest. It declares the faith that was passed on by the Apostles and is still confessed today. Luther, wanting to ground us in this creed, put it to music and wrote the hymn, "We All Believe in One True God." This is hymn 954 in our hymnal, though we often sing 953 instead, as it is much easier to sing. Let's look through Luther's original, 954, together.

As you can guess, this hymn has 3 stanzas, each one focusing on one person in the Trinity. Stanza 1 is all about God the Father:

*We all believe in one true God, / Who created earth and heaven, / The Father, who to us in love / Has the right of children given. / He in soul and body feeds us; / All we need His hand provides us; / Through all snares and perils leads us, / Watching that no harm betide us. / He cares for us by day and night; / All things are governed by His might.*

Here we see who the Father is, we hear of His character, and learn what all He does for us. The Father is true God who created earth and heaven. He is the Creator, forming everything in this existence. The Father is a loving God, not some far-off deity who cares nothing for His creation, but a God who loves His creation without any strings attached. It is in and through that great love that He works for us. He feeds our body and soul, provides all we need, protects and delivers us from evil, and always watches over us. He is over all.

Stanza 2 brings our focus to the second person of the Trinity:

*We all believe in Jesus Christ, / His own Son, our Lord, possessing / An equal God-head throne, and might, / Source of ev'ry grace and blessing; / Born of Mary, virgin mother, / By the power of the Spirit, / Word made flesh, our elder brother; / That the lost might life inherit, / Was crucified for all our sin / And raised by God to life again.*

Jesus is spoken of in terms of His two natures: divine and human. In His divine nature, He is not only the Son of God, but God Himself, who is completely equal to the Father, both in might and glory. In His human nature, He was born, miraculously, of the Virgin Mary, is considered our brother (in that He shared our humanity), was crucified, died, and was buried. Jesus, both God and Man, is our Savior, who has been raised to life everlasting, the very life that He won for us on the cross.

Stanza 3 ends with the third person of the Trinity:

*We all confess the Holy Ghost, / Who, in highest heaven dwelling / With God the Father and the Son, / Comforts us beyond all telling; / Who the Church, His own creation, / Keeps in unity of spirit. / Here forgiveness and salvation / Daily come through Jesus' merit. / All flesh shall rise, and we shall be / In bliss with God eternally. Amen, amen.*

Even though the Holy Spirit is listed as the third person of the Trinity, He is in no way lesser than the Father or the Son. He is the Comforter, the Helper, the Paraclete. The Holy Spirit is the one who forms, sustains, and cares for the Church. He does this by means of bringing unity (right teaching), forgiveness

(absolution), and salvation (Baptism, Communion, the Word). He is present with us, caring for us, and will raise us up on the Last Day to live with Him and all the saints in paradise for all eternity.

This Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, defies our logic and understanding. One God, yet three persons, all for us. Though we cannot comprehend, we believe, for, "faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." As we confess, by word and song, may we walk in that faith toward an eternity of bliss with that blessed Trinity.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SPRING FLING FAMILY DANCE**

We had so much fun at last year's Daddy Daughter Dance that this year, we decided to open it up to everyone! We are hosting a dance on **April 18th from 6-8pm**. Tickets are \$10/person (\$50 cap/family) paid by cash or check at the door on the night of the event, and all proceeds go to Holy Cross Lutheran Church and Microschool. There will be a photo backdrop and kids' craft, and popcorn and cookies will be available for a freewill donation. This is a community event open to everyone with music both old and new. Invite your friends, family, and neighbors for a great time and to raise money for our church!

### **EASTER VIGIL AND BONFIRE**

Kick off your Easter celebration with us at the Easter Vigil Service on Saturday evening. The service leads us through highlights of God's entire salvation story for mankind. Weather permitting, the service will be preceded by a bonfire and a time of fellowship with hot dogs and s'mores in front of the sanctuary.

### **FUN FRIDAYS HOMESCHOOL ENRICHMENT**

Enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year is open until April 30th! For more information, check our website: [HolyCrossCary.org/Fun-Fridays](http://HolyCrossCary.org/Fun-Fridays).

### **OFFICE HOURS CHANGE**

We now have new office hours. The office will be open at the following times:

- Tuesday 9:00am-12:00pm
- Wednesday 9:00am-12:00pm
- Thursday 9:00am-12:00pm

If you need to come to the office, but cannot make it during those times, please call or email us to set up an appointment.

### **OWLS HAPPENINGS**

April 2- Out to Lunch; Dinner out date & time TBD.

These events are open to anyone who would enjoy them. So, please, sign up on the OWLS bulletin board and call Diane if you need a ride.

### **HOLY CROSS BUSINESS AND SERVICE DIRECTORY**

We are collecting information from members to compile a business directory and service skills/talents. Submit your business and/or skill information and we will put together a directory for our members to use when a need arises. (IE: Tax Prep, Accountant, Lawyer, Plumber, Electrician, Hair Salon, Babysitter, Dog Walker, Baker, Seamstress, etc.) Fill out the form in the Narthex and bring it to the office. Share your gifts with the church!

**SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS** meets Sundays at 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** meets at 10:30am in the lower LOFT. Ages 4-9

**TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS** is held at 10-11am in the conference room.

**LWML** (Lutheran Women’s Missionary League) has monthly meetings on the second Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in the church library. April 13 is the next meeting to enjoy fellowship, a Bible study, coffee & tea.

**PRAYER SHAWL** meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month in the church library at 10 a.m. for Bible study and fellowship. If you enjoy knitting, crocheting or quilting, you can contribute to making prayer shawls for our church family and friends. However, needlework is not required to join our meetings.

# April 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7pm Choir	2 12pm OWLS 6:30pm Maundy Thursday Service	3 11am and 7pm Good Friday Tenebrae	4 5:30 Bonfire 6:30 Easter Vigil
5 Easter Sunday 9am Divine Service 10:30am Breakfast	6 Office Closed	7	8 5pm Finance	9 10am Prayer Shawl	10 9:25am Chapel 6pm Confirmation	11 2pm AHG/TL 6pm Taizé
12 9am Diving Service 10:30am Bible Class/Sun. School	13	14 10am Bible Class 3:30pm Schl Board 6:30pm Elders	15 7pm Choir	16 12pm OWLS	17 9:25am Chapel 6pm Confirmation	18 9am Men’s Breakfast 6pm Family Dance
19 9am Divine Service 10:30am Bible Class/Sun. School	20	21 10am Bible Class 6:30pm Gov. Board	22 7pm Choir	23 10am Prayer Shawl	24 9:25am Chapel 6pm Confirmation	25 2pm AHG/TL
26 9am Diving Service 10:30am Bible	27 Crosslink Deadline	28 10am Bible Class	29 7pm Choir	30		

## Holy Week Schedule

- 4/2 Maundy Thursday 6:30pm Divine Service
- 4/3 Good Friday 11am Tenebrae  
7pm Tenebrae
- 4/4 Easter Vigil 5:30 Bonfire  
6:30 Service
- 4/5 Easter Sunday 9am Divine Service  
10:30am Breakfast



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