

# Lutheran FAQ:

## What Do Lutherans believe about God and Creation?

The First Article of the Apostle's Creed: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

What does this mean?

I believe that God has created me together with all that exists. God has given me and still preserves my body and soul: eyes, ears, and all limbs and senses; reason and all mental faculties.

In addition, God daily and abundantly provides shoes and clothing, food and drink, house and farm, spouse and children, livestock, and all property—along with all the necessities and nourishment for this body and life. God protects me against all danger and shields and preserves me from all evil. And all this is done out of pure, fatherly, and divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness of mine at all! For all of this I owe it to God to thank and praise, serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.

What parts of God's creation are you thankful for today?

How does it feel to know that the Creator of the Universe cares about your particular life?

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God provides what we need, not because we are worthy of any gifts, but because God is good. What does this mean about the things we own? Are they truly ours? \_\_\_\_\_

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What are some ways we can "thank and praise, serve and obey" God? \_\_\_\_\_

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Look through a worship bulletin or a Bible (Psalms, especially). What names do you see for God? Why do you think God has so many titles? \_\_\_\_\_

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We often think about what we have as something we've earned, especially if we bought it with money from our paychecks. How does Luther look at what we have? How do those views work together? \_\_\_\_\_

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How does someone "thank, praise, serve, and obey" God? \_\_\_\_\_

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Deeper Dive:

- The Apostles' and Nicene Creeds can be found in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*. The Athanasian Creed is in the *Lutheran Book of Worship*, or you can look it up online.
- The Book of Concord is available at your local Lutheran church, at [augsbuurgfortress.org](http://augsbuurgfortress.org), or at [bookofconcord.org](http://bookofconcord.org) (from an LCMS source).
- The Small Catechism is available in the Book of Concord, in your *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, or as an app from Augsburg Fortress.

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