

Building Faith on a Solid Rock

Memory Work – Year 2

THE APOSTLES' CREED

The First Article: On Creation

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

MARTIN LUTHER'S EXPLANATION TO THE FIRST ARTICLE

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, fields, 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.