

**Apostle's Creed, Psalter Reading, and Scripture Reading
For August 16, 2026|**

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
and the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

* Refers to the congregational body of believers, not the Roman Catholic church.

PSALTER READING: Psalm 112

Praise the Lord.

Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who finds great delight in his commands.

His children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever.

Even in darkness light dawns for the upright, for the gracious and compassionate and righteous man.

Good will come to him who is generous and lends freely, who conducts his affairs with justice.

Surely he will never be shaken; a righteous man will be remembered forever.

He will have no fear of bad news; his heart is steadfast, trust in the Lord.

His heart is secure, he will have no fear; in the end he will look in triumph on his foes.

**He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor, his righteousness endures forever;
his horn will be lifted high in honor.**

The wicked man will see and be vexed, he will gnash his teeth and waste away;
the longings of the wicked will come to nothing.

SCRIPTURE READING:

Jonah 2 (NIV)

2 ¹From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the LORD his God. ²He said:

“In my distress I called to the LORD,
and he answered me.

From deep in the realm of the dead I called for help,
and you listened to my cry.

³You hurled me into the depths,
into the very heart of the seas,
and the currents swirled about me;

all your waves and breakers
swept over me.

⁴I said, ‘I have been banished
from your sight;

yet I will look again

toward your holy temple.’

⁵ The engulfing waters threatened me,^[b]

the deep surrounded me;

seaweed was wrapped around my head.

⁶ To the roots of the mountains I sank down;

the earth beneath barred me in forever.

But you, LORD my God,

brought my life up from the pit.

⁷ “When my life was ebbing away,

I remembered you, LORD,

and my prayer rose to you,

to your holy temple.

⁸ “Those who cling to worthless idols

turn away from God’s love for them.

⁹ But I, with shouts of grateful praise,

will sacrifice to you.

What I have vowed I will make good.

I will say, ‘Salvation comes from the LORD.’”

¹⁰ And the LORD commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.