



*The Small Catechism of Doctor Martin Luther*  
*The Second Chief Part: The Gospel*  
**The Apostles' Creed**

**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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He shall 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.**

God's Spirit alone is called Holy, that is, He who has sanctified and still sanctifies us. As the Father is called **Creator** and the Son is called **Redeemer**, so on account of His work **the Holy Spirit must be called Sanctifier**, the One who makes us holy. How does this sanctifying take place? Answer: Just as the Son obtains dominion by purchasing us through His birth, death, and resurrection, etc., so the Holy Spirit effects our sanctification through the following: the communion of saints or Christian church, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. In other words, **He first leads us into His holy community, placing us upon the bosom of the church, where He preaches to us and brings us to Christ.** – Martin Luther, Large Catechism, II, 36-37.

**FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE**

**John 14:22-27**

"Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, 'Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?' Jesus answered and said to him, 'If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me. These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. But the Helper, the **Holy Spirit**, whom the Father will send in My name, **He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.** Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.'"

**A VERSE TO REMEMBER**

He (the Holy Spirit) will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you. – **John 16:14-15**

*The giving of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost*  
 Vecellio Tiziano ('Titian'), oil – c. 1545

