

Third Article

I believe in the Holy Spirit, one holy Christian church, the community of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Read Matthew 4:18-22, John 20:19-23, Titus 3:4-7, Romans 8:9-30

1. Talk about what role people think they play in their faith lives. Now look at the way Luther starts his explanation to this Article: "I believe that I cannot, by my own understanding or effort, believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him..." Does Luther's explanation surprise you? Does he leave any wiggle room or options for us to have a role?
2. Who makes you a Christian?
3. What is it that makes you holy? Have you ever thought of yourself as a holy student, parent, child, friend?
4. Think about a time when you've been worried about something. Did you have peace then? How does having faith in God give you peace, according to the video? Can you think of any examples of this in your own life?
5. What role does the Holy Spirit play in your life? (see Romans 8:9-30) What are the first fruits of the Spirit?
6. What does the Holy Spirit contribute to your life? In other words, what happens to you when the Spirit makes you holy and how does this relate to being the person God created you to be?