

Building Faith on a Solid Rock

Memory Work – Year 2

THE APOSTLES' CREED

The Third Article: On Being Made Holy

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

MARTIN LUTHER'S EXPLANATION TO THE THIRD ARTICLE

What does this mean?

I believe that by my own understanding or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord of come to him, but instead the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, made me holy and kept me in the true faith, just as he calls, gathers, enlightens, and makes holy the whole Christian church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one common, true faith. Daily in this Christian church the Holy Spirit abundantly forgives all sins - mine and those of all believers. On the last day the Holy Spirit will raise me and all the dead and will give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.