



St Timothy's
Lutheran
Church

"Sharing the Bread of Life"

Table Talk

November 2019

Something to Chew On:

The Apostles' Creed – Third Article

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. Amen.

This article might be one of the most difficult and most significant declarations of our time. Right now, there is a lot of anger directed against the church. Not all of it is undeserved. The coverup of abuse within the Catholic church has been alarming and appalling. The use of scripture by other churches to justify injustice is equally disturbing. Then, there are the churches that seem checked out of this life as they wait for the next one. One angry teacher took to Facebook ranting, "Remind me why the church is good?" Another angry mother posted on Facebook, "I wonder whether I should spend an hour at mass praying for victims of gun violence or spend an hour at home thinking about ways to stop gun violence." How can we say we trust in the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, and the forgiveness of sins when there is so much anger and hurt?

As I've wrestled with this article of faith I've been forced to wrestle with these questions. Maybe there's no good answer. Then again, maybe it would help to reframe the struggle. I've found the most helpful way of approaching this article is to remember that this article is first and foremost about the work of the Holy Spirit, God's own personal Spirit. God's Spirit gathers the church to forgive sins and distribute the gifts of eternal life. The church is not an institution even though it is organized as an institution. The church is the body of Christ in the world, broken by sin, and living in the hope of the resurrection. Being church doesn't change our status as sinners. Being church means that the life-giving Spirit which raised Jesus from the dead is breathing out life among us.

God's Spirit is the object of our trust. We proclaim Jesus to whom the Spirit bears witness; we do not proclaim ourselves. God's Spirit must work through the flesh and blood of this world. If we deny this, we deny that God wears our flesh in Jesus Christ. We deny the practical, concrete implications of our faith. In short, we deny the reality of salvation. Let us remember our calling to struggle against sin daily. Let us remember that the Spirit of Life is always reforming the church. Let us remember and give thanks to God who is our light and our salvation.

Upcoming Events

Sunday 11/3

12:00 AM Day Light Savings Time

10:30 AM All Saints Sunday

Saturday 11/09

7:00 PM St. Tim's Coffeehouse
with Anne Hills

Sunday 11/10

10:30 AM Worship/ Pledge
Sunday/ Acknowledge Vets/
Welcome Giavanna

Thursday 11/14

6:00 PM Bibles and Beer
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Sunday 11/17

10:30 AM Worship/Birthday
Sunday

Tuesday 11/19

6:30 PM Church Council

Friday 11/22

9:45 AM Sack Lunch Ministry

Sunday 11/24

10:30 AM Worship

Tuesday 11/26

7:30 PM Interfaith Thanksgiving
Service

Thursday 11/28

Thanksgiving Day
Office Closed

Friday 11/29

Office Closed

All Saints Sunday

Sanctuary

Sunday, November 3rd, 10:30am

Are you remembering someone special in your life who embodied God's love and grace for you? Come give thanks for their life and witness in a special celebration on, November 3.



Brunch With Jesus

Sanctuary

Sunday, November 3, 10:30am

Come satisfy your hunger at Jesus' invitation in this informal worship gathering. Jesus will meet us in our neighbor gathered around food and drink. He will meet us in the meal he gifted to his disciples. He will meet us in conversation around the ancient stories of our faith. Jesus is not dead but alive! So come, you who are hungry, and receive the bread of life.



ST. TIM'S COFFEEHOUSE

Sanctuary

Saturday, November 9th, 6:30pm

Our next concert of the season with Anne Hills is November 9th. Come out and hear this wonderful folk and country band.

Doors open at 6:30pm and music starts at 7pm. Tickets will be \$20.

For more information on this artist visit annehills.com



Pledge Sunday

Sanctuary

Sunday, November 10th, 10:30am

God has gifted us with all that we have and all that we are. Let us give thanks to the Lord by pledging the first fruits of our labor to God's mission for 2020! Bring your pledge card to worship for a special dedication this Sunday.

Bibles and Beer

St. Timothy's Basement

Thursdays 6-7pm

Bibles and Beer continues this fall with an eye to ancient Israel's history! Scandals, political intrigue, and amazing acts of faith fill the pages of First and Second Kings. As Martin Luther once said, "It is better to think of church in the alehouse than the alehouse in church!"

Non-alcoholic options provided.

Donations appreciated but not required for participation.



Interfaith

Thanksgiving Service

Muslim Community Center Academy

Tuesday, November 26th, 7:30pm

Come together with your neighbors of other faiths to acknowledge our common humanity and our shared dependence on the mystery of the Divine. Stay afterwards for a reception. Muslim Community Center Academy is located at 9301 Gross Point Rd.



SACK LUNCH FRIDAY

Fellowship Hall

Friday, November 22nd, 9:45am

Join us as we serve our North Shore Community. Lunch packing begins at 9:45am and we go to the community house at First Congregational Church in Evanston at 11:00am. Come out and see the work God is doing in our own community.

In October, 80 lunches were prepared and 58 people were served.

