

### Third Article

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.

*What does this mean?*

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified, and kept me in true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all sins to me and all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead and give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life.

This is most certainly true.

<sup>NKJ</sup> **John 3:5** Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

<sup>NKJ</sup> **Matthew 7:15** " Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.

<sup>NKJ</sup> **Matthew 18:20** "For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."

**Acts 2:38** - Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins . . ."

**Isaiah 53:6** - All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

## 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Only

<sup>NKJ</sup> **Philippians 2:13** for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for *His* good pleasure.

<sup>NKJ</sup> **1 John 4:1** Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

**Romans 3:23,24** - . . . for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus . . .