

Gathering Music

Welcome/Announcements

**Opening Songs** 

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

Songs

Apostles' Creed and Prayers of the Church

Offering

Offertory Response

Readings ...... Deuteronomy 6:4-9 and Philippians 2:5-11

Sermon: ... "A Simple Way: What Do You Believe?" .....

Pastor Dave Wollan

**Holy Communion** 

Benediction

**Closing Song** 

Nursery: The main floor nursery is now staffed Sunday mornings from 9-11:30 a.m. to make it easier for parents of very young children to attend Digging Deeper and to have fewer distractions during worship.

Sprouts Note: Sprouts may not be offered every week. To continue to offer Sprouts we do need adult volunteers to lead this group. Please contact Laura at lauras@faithlc.com to learn how you can help.

# A Simple Way: The Apostles' Creed

Week 3 Devotional Questions for Discussion at Home

#### **Monday**

*Adults:* Luther's meaning of the First Article of the Apostles' Creed ends, "Therefore I *ought* to thank, praise, serve, and obey Him." Why does the basic fact that God created the world obligate us to follow His will? Isn't that an act of faith?

Question for families with older children: Who is God? Question for families with younger children: What does "praise" mean? What can we praise God for?

#### **Tuesday**

**Adults:** Read the meaning of the Second Article along with I Peter 1:18-21. What do these texts declare about the cost of our salvation? What does that, in turn, testify about God's love for humanity? **Question for families with older children:** How does the birth of Jesus point to Him being God?

**Question for families with younger children:** How was Jesus born? How did Jesus die?

#### Wednesday

Adults: The meaning of the Second Article declares that Christ "has done all this in order that I *might* be his own…" How does that "might" address the demand of the "ought" in the meaning of the First Article?

**Question for families with older children:** Why did Jesus have to die on the cross?

**Question for families with younger children:** Do you know why Jesus died for us?

#### **Thursday**

Adults: The meaning to the Third Article begins with a paradox. "I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him." Why would we confess belief in our unbelief? What does that confession reveal about our sinful condition? Question for families with older children: What do you think the communion of saints means?

**Question for families with younger children:** What happened on Easter?

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#### **Friday**

*Adults:* The meaning of the Third Article says, "The Holy Spirit *has* called me through the Gospel..." How does "has" complete and resolve the sequence of "ought" in the First Article and "might" in the Second Article?

**Question for families with older children:** Who is the Holy Spirit? **Question for families with younger children:** Have you heard of the Holy Spirit? Where have you heard it?

### What Does This Mean?

- 1. What is the "cure" described in the Apostle's Creed and Luther's explanation?
- 2. How do you resonate with the father's cry, "I believe, help my unbelief"?
- 3. What does Luther mean when he says, "I believe that I cannot...believe"?

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