

First Communion Class

Session #4: The Holy Spirit, the Church, and Divine Service

Your Name:

1. Read the Third Article of the Creed and it's meaning (pg. 195).

The Holy Spirit

“As Christians, we confess that the Holy Spirit has made us new creatures by bringing us to saving faith in Jesus Christ. Such faith “granted to our hearts by the Holy Spirit through the preaching of the Gospel.” (pg. 195)

2. Who is the Holy Spirit (question #193, pg. 200)?
3. Why can I not come to faith in Jesus by my own reason or strengths? (question #187, pg 196)? (hint: two reasons listed, A & B)
4. What does it mean to be sanctified by the Spirit (question #189, pg. 198)? (hint: two things listed, A & B)

The Church

“As Christians, we confess that the Holy Spirit has brought us into a community we call the Church - gathered “in one faith, one mind, and understanding with many different gifts.” (pg. 205)

5. What is the Church (question #202, pg. 206)?
6. How is the Church different from all other communities (question 203, pg 207)?
7. What is the mission of the Church on earth (question 214, pg 215)?
8. What are some of the privileges and responsibilities of members of the Church? (question 215, pg216-217)? (Hint: four are listed)