

We believe in the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit.
This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church,
the communion of saints called from the entire human family.

We believe

**that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the
community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one
another**

that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ;
a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of
God must continually be built up to attain

**that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that
separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ
has already conquered...;**

that this unity of the people of God must be seen and lived like this:

that we love one another;

that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another;

that we give ourselves willingly and joyfully to benefit and bless one another;

that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind;

have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit,

are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup,

confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause,

and share one hope.

Together we come to know the height and the breadth and the depth
of the love of Christ;

together are built up to the stature of Christ, to the new humanity;

together know and bear one another's burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ

**We need one another and build one another up, admonishing and comforting
one another;**

that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness;

together we pray;

together we serve God in this world.

*(Phil. 2:1-5; 1 Cor. 12:4-31; John 13:1-17; 1 Cor. 1:10-13; Eph. 4:1-6; Eph. 3:14-20; 1 Cor. 10:16-17; 1 Cor. 11:17-34;
Gal. 6:2; 2 Cor. 1:3-4)*