




**THE HOLY SPIRIT:
THE ADVOCATE**

Paraclete
(Greek: Παράκλητος)

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JOHN 14:15-17

▶ [Jesus said to his disciples] ¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and the Father will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because the world neither sees the Spirit nor knows the Spirit. You know the Spirit, because the Spirit abides with you and will be in you."



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- ▶ LOVE ➡
- ▶ ACTIVE! ➡
- ▶ KEEP COMMANDMENTS ➡
- ▶ (Wow, that's hard, though)
- ▶ WITH THE SPIRIT'S HELP ➡
- ▶ YAY!!! THANK YOU, GOD!!

THE PRACTICE OF LOVE



ADVOCACY CONNECTIONS


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ADVOCACY: LOVE IN ACTION

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GREATEST COMMANDMENT:
LOVE GOD
LOVE NEIGHBOR




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**THE HOLY SPIRIT – "SEEING QUIETLY LIKE WATER
AND BLOWING IN SILENCE LIKE THE WIND!"**
KYUNG-MI PARK (KOREAN THEOLOGIAN)

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BEING MADE HOLY – WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



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BAPTISM

- ▶ Baptismal invitation from Matthew:
- ▶ "let your light so shine before others
- ▶ that they may see your good works
- ▶ and glorify your Father in heaven."



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AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

- ▶ You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:
- ▶ to live among God's faithful people,
- ▶ to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
- ▶ to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
- ▶ to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
- ▶ and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?



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**THE CHRISTIAN LIFE:
LIVE IN CHRIST
LIVE FOR NEIGHBOR**




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“ 2 "WILL YOU LEAVE YOURSELF BEHIND
IF I BUT CALL YOUR NAME?
WILL YOU CARE FOR CRUEL AND KIND
AND NEVER BE THE SAME?
WILL YOU RISK THE HOSTILE STARE,
SHOULD YOUR LIFE ATTRACT OR SCARE?
WILL YOU LET ME ANSWER PRAY'R
IN YOU AND YOU IN ME?"

Will You Come and Follow Me
The Summons
ELW #798

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21 JESUS SAID TO [THE DISCIPLES] AGAIN, "PEACE BE WITH YOU, AS THE FATHER HAS SENT ME, SO I SEND YOU." 22 WHEN HE HAD SAID THIS, HE BREATHED ON THEM AND SAID TO THEM, "RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT. " (JOHN 20:21-22)

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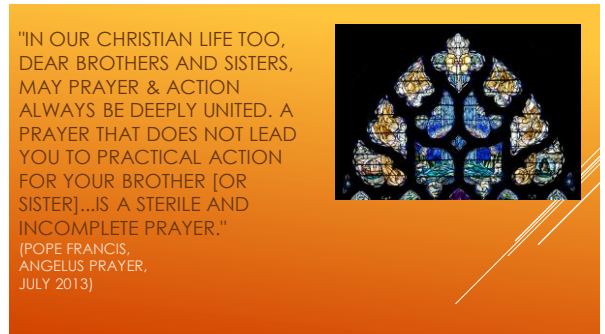
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Amanda Silcox



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**LEARN.
PRAY.
ACT.**





ADVOCACY IS FAITH IN ACTION

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"An important way that Christians carry out their citizenship is through participation in voluntary associations and movements, both religious and secular. At times, these groups may serve a prophetic function as they protest particular evils, question unexamined assumptions, challenge unjust or immoral practices, and organize for structural changes in the workplace, local community, and wider world."

THE CHURCH IN SOCIETY: A LUTHERAN PERSPECTIVE



WHAT IS ADVOCACY?

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What does the ELCA teach about the nature and function of government in relation to God's purposes?

What is a faithful Lutheran response regarding citizenship and civic engagement?

A social message is being prepared to help guide our church, and your feedback on the draft is invited.

A Draft Social Message on Government and Civic Engagement: Discipleship in a Democracy

ADVOCACY



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ELCAvotes!





**ADVOCACY:
VOTING**

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THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2020
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ADVOCACY TOOLS FOR LOVING YOUR NEIGHBOR

OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS
INFORM OUR ACTIONS.
EQUIP YOURS.



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