

A Resolution for St. Paul's Episcopal Church in the Episcopal Diocese of Eau Claire to affirm the Uniqueness and Lordship of Jesus Christ

Explanation:

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, as a part of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, believes unreservedly the Biblical witness and revelation of Holy Scripture, as well as the Nicene Creed. The very witness of Holy Scripture testifies that Jesus is the Son of God who gave his life as a ransom for sinners to reconcile man to God, and that Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth and the Life, and that no one comes to the Father except through him. We fully embrace the words in St. John's 1st Epistle that says,

“This is the testimony: God has given us eternal life and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life, he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.” (I John 5:11);

As Anglicans, we hold the Articles of Religion, found in the Historical Documents in the BCP, to be an instrument of doctrine and discipline for the Episcopal Church. In this formulary, Article 18 states:

“For Holy Scripture doth set out unto us only the Name of Jesus Christ, whereby men must be saved.” (see Acts 4:12)

BE IT RESOLVED that we, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, in the Episcopal Diocese of Eau Claire, affirm the uniqueness and Lordship of Jesus Christ as the Son of God, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures, and articulated in the Nicene Creed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we repudiate all false expressions of our Christian Faith that would seek to dilute or avoid Jesus' clear words, “I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” (John 14:6); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any interpretation or teaching that is contrary to the received Apostolic Teaching and Faith that has been handed down from generation to generation to the Church regarding the uniqueness and Lordship of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and Second Person of the Trinity, and the only way of salvation, be refuted as counterfeit and a false teaching.