LIFE Talk • November 18, 2026

"...THAT THEY MAY BE ONE." JOHN 17:21

LIFEU
LIVING IN FAITH EVERYDAY

THEME • Living Out Our Faith

LIFE TALK • Wise as Serpents, Innocent as Doves

Jesus calls his followers to be both wise and innocent as we navigate a complicated world. The Rev. Kathryn Tiede explores what this teaching means for Christians today, offering insight into how we can engage the world thoughtfully, faithfully, and courageously while remaining grounded in Christ's call to love our neighbors.

PRESENTER • Rev. Kathryn Tiede



Rev. Kathryn Tiede serves as Associate Vice President for Philanthropy at Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota, where she leads fundraising efforts, represents LSS through preaching and teaching, and serves on the executive leadership team. A former parish pastor, she brings decades of ministry experience, ecumenical leadership, and a passion for partnering with congregations to serve neighbors across Minnesota.

Watch replay videos or access online LIFEU brochure at saintandrews.org/lifeu

Email Sue Lennartson to learn about or join a LIFE Group at slennartson@saintandrews.org

LIFE Group Sheet

"...THAT THEY MAY BE ONE." JOHN 17:21

LIFE U
LIVING IN FAITH EVERYDAY

GETTING STARTED

Share in a spiritual practice, discuss an igniter question, and/or begin with prayer.

Creator God, thank you for the opportunity to gather with each person here, to grow in faith and knowledge together, and for the gift of your Holy Spirit. Bless our time, our conversation, and how we care for one another. Amen.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

Briefly share (in pairs or 3s) your initial reaction to what you heard in the LIFE Talk. What stood out to you? What is stirring inside of you? What are you thinking, feeling, or wondering about?

DIGGING DEEPER

- What words jumped out at you from this presentation? Does "innocence" or "purity" or "unknowing" seem unwise? What is "wisdom" or "shrewdness" when it comes to evil?
- Are there images here that are evocative for you?
- How does being a "learner" or "disciple" of this Jesus-way inform your daily life?

CLOSING PRAYER

Offer a prayer to draw your time to a close, using one of your own or the one below.

God of wisdom and beauty, thank you for this time together. Help us as we live out our faith this week and share what we have learned. Make us instruments of your peace and healing love, as we grow in grace and knowledge of Jesus. In Christ's holy name we pray, Amen.

900 Stillwater Road • Mahtomedi, MN 55115
saintandrews.org
651.426.3261

St. ANDREW'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH