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OCTOBER 26, 2025 • 11 AM • CELEBRATION OF REFORMATION DAY
A CONFESSED TRUTH AND JOY

Welcome! We're excited you're here. In our service, we gather before Almighty God to offer Him our worship and praise. We come together to be strengthened through the study of God's Word and empowered to live as His witnesses.

Families, if you brought your children with you today, we want you to know that the spiritual well-being of your child is very important to us. Many families wish to teach and encourage their younger child(ren) to be in church and get what they can out of it. If you feel that you need to take your child out for whatever reason; a small area is set up in the atrium for children with "wiggles"; and a restroom with a baby changing station is located by the rear parking lot entrance to your left as you exit the atrium doors of the Multi-Ministry Center (MMC). Guests, we welcome you. If you will, please help us to get to know you by filling out the Guest side of the Welcome Card found in the pews/chair backs and place it in the offering baskets.

As We Gather: Big Idea of *The Creed* Series: This four-week series examines the Nicene Creed and its development from the Council of Nicaea (AD 325). We are blessed with many freedoms in this country. While these national freedoms are great blessings, in the Holy Gospel, Jesus points out that for true freedom, one must be free from slavery to sin. Only in Christ is anyone truly free. We will confess the truth, freedom, and joy of Jesus!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Opening Worship

May the Peoples Praise You (Psalm 67)

We Believe

Call to Worship

Confession and Absolution

Children's Message

God's Word (see opposite or screens)

Revelation 14:6-7 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 John 8:31–36

(Children excused for Children's Church.)

Offering (Thanks for your support of God's mission here.)

Today's Message

(Children return from Children's Church.)

What We Believe

Nicene Creed

Prayers & Lord's Prayer

Words of Our Lord/ Reception/Song

Jesus Messiah

Blessing / Song

You are Holy (Prince of Peace)

Dismissal

Taking the cross of grace and peace to form a community of uncommon servants.

FIRST READING

Revelation 14:6–7 (Fear God and worship Him.)

⁶Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water"

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (The Resurrection of Jesus Christ.)

15 Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ² and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. ³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to apostles. 8 Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. 11 Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

- L This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 8:31-36

(It is only through Jesus that we become free.)

³¹ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³ They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?" ³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

A HUGE "Thank you" to those that served to make worship happen today...

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