

Sermon October 30, 2016 - Reformation Day

## HEALING WORSHIP

# Confessing our Faith

Various Texts

### Introduction

- 2 Corinthians 13:14
- Worship begins with God
- Through the Creeds we do confess, we do teach, and we also worship our Lord, as we say the words that summaries the content of what we believe.
  - o Apostles Creed = the work of Triune God
  - o Nicene Creed = explains the Nature of Christ
  - o Athanasian Creed which emphasizes the nature of the Trinity.

### I. First, The Creed teaches us that faith is individual.

- Creed = Latin word “credo” = “I believe.”
- The word “believe” is not dependent upon our own conception or interpretation of the reality but upon that reality.
- Confession of our faith is also an act of worship, an act of praising God.

### II. Second, The Creed teaches us the mystery of the Trinity.

- That God has revealed himself in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- It is imperative that we declare clearly and loudly and unequivocally that God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; he is one and only and ours!

### III. Third, the Creed points us to a Trinitarian benediction.

- 2 Cor. 13:14
- “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ”
  - John 8:36
  - Praise be to God for his grace that comes through His Son Jesus!
- “The love of God [the Father]” be with you all!
  - John 3:16
  - Revelation 14:7
- “And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”
  - When we are full of doubts and confusion, the Holy Spirit will bring us to the truth and back to the path of life and salvation.
  - that same power that has created us, will recreated us again.

### CONCLUSION

- Let us keep confessing His name through the Apostles Creed, the Nicene and Athanasian creeds.
- Your spiritual life will get strengthened,
- We rejoice that, by God’s grace, Martin Luther recovered “the truth”—Christ’s Word, the Gospel which we confess in our Creeds, for we are indeed free!