

Reformation Sunday, October 26th, 2025
Sermon Series: “I Believe.” The Nicene Creed.
(Pentecost, 2025)
“God the Holy Spirit.”

The Power and Work of the Holy Spirit

“I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life...”

*John 1.32-34 And John bore witness: “I saw the **Spirit** descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³ I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴ And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”*

πνεῦμα (*pneuma*): “Spirit” “Wind” (“Breath”)

Isaiah 11.1-2 There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. ² And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

Why God Sent the Holy Spirit...To...

_____ and _____.

*John 14.25-27 “These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the **Helper**, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.*

παράκλητος (*paraklētos*): Lit, “To call to the side” (Helper, Counselor, Advocate)

“I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith...(Martin Luther, *Luther’s Small Catechism*)

John 6.63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.

Ephesians 4.30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

(Answers: Reveal. Heal.)