Experiencing God: God's Will and the Church

John 8:31-36

sermon NOTES

"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."

3 Important Instructions Regarding What it Means to be Jesus' Church

1. The Church Discerns God's Will by _____ in His _____.

2. The Church Is United by the _____ of Christ, Not Merely by Shared _____.

3. The Church Lives in the _____ Christ Gives, Not the _____ the World Promises.

Freedom isn't simply the _____ of someone telling us what to do. True freedom is being _____ from what has enslaved us.

10:00am worship service

Reformation Sunday, October 25, 2026

Prelude		
Welcome & Announcements		
Opening Hymn	"Lift High the Cross" vs. 1, 2 & 5	LSB 837
Invocation		
Hymn	"The Church's One Foundation" vs. 1, 2 & 5	LSB 644
Confession & Absolution		
Hymn	"Holy Holy Holy Lord God Almighty" vs. 1, 2 & 4	LSB 507
Scripture	First Reading: Revelation 14:6-7	
Sanctuary Choir	"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"	
Scripture	Second Reading: Romans 3:21-28 Gospel: John 8:31-36	
Worship	"God So Loved"	
Welcome New Members		
Nicene Creed		
Offering		
Worship	"Trust in God"	
Sermon	*Experiencing God - God's Will and the Church - Pastor Drew Ross*	
Sanctuary Choir	"One Faith, One Hope, One Lord" - Graig Courtney	
School Choir	"Grace Alone"	
Prayers of the Church	Lead Elder: Brian Smith	
The Lord's Prayer		
Words of Institution		
Communion Distribution		
Sanctuary Choir	"Can You Drink the Cup" - Craig Courtney	
Words of Institution		
Communion Distribution		
Communion Blessing		
Benediction		
Hymn	"How Great Thou Art"	LSB 801
Worship	"How Great is Our God"	
Sending		
Postlude		

The flowers that grace our altar today are given to the glory of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by Bridget Gergens. Thank you Lord of all our blessings so we may bless others!