



Hastings Lake Bible Camp

CONFESSION OF FAITH

1. This Association confesses the Triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – as the one true God. It proclaims the Father as Creator and Preserver, His Son Jesus Christ as Redeemer and Lord, and the Holy Spirit as Regenerator and Sanctifier.
2. This Association confesses that the Gospel is the revelation of God's saving will and grace in Jesus Christ, which He imparts through Word and Sacrament. Through these means of grace the Holy Spirit creates believers and unites them with their Lord and with one another in the fellowship of the Holy Christian Church.
3. This Association confesses the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the inspired Word of God, through which God still speaks, and as the only source of the Church's doctrine and the authoritative standard for the faith and life of the Church.
4. This Association confesses the following symbols, comprising the Book of Concord of 1580, which it subscribes specifically as witnesses to the way in which the Holy Scriptures have been correctly understood and explained and confessed for the sake of the gospel, namely:
 - a. The Apostles', the Nicene, and the Athanasian Creeds, as the chief confessions of the Christian faith;
 - b. The Unaltered Augsburg Confession as its basic formulation of Christian doctrine;
 - c. Luther's Small Catechism as a clear summary of Christian doctrine;
 - d. The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, Luther's Large Catechism, the Smalcald Articles with the Treatise, and the Formula of Concord as further witnesses to the Unaltered Augsburg Confession.