



**Covenant Reformed
CHURCH**

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Sunday, September 15th, 2024

Call to Worship (preaching elder)

Psalm 8:1-2

“O Yahweh, our Lord, How majestic is Your name in all the earth, Who displays Your splendor above the heavens! From the mouth of infants and nursing babies You have established strength Because of Your adversaries, To make the enemy and the revengeful cease.”

Elder: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you!

Congregation: And also with you!

Song of Praise (stand)

[LORD, Our Lord, in All the Earth – Psalm 8 \(#16\)](#)

Congregation: AMEN

Collect Prayer (assisting elder)

Elder:

- An address to God;
- An acknowledgment of some aspect of God’s nature or character;
- The petition itself;
- The aspiration;
- The memorial pleading.

Cleansing from Sin

[Oh, Praise the Lord! Oh, Thank the Lord! – Psalm 106:1-16 \(#200a\)](#)

Congregation: AMEN

Confession of sin

Q. 82. Is any man able perfectly to keep the commandments of God?

A. No mere man since the fall is able in this life perfectly to keep the commandments of God, but doth daily break them in thought, word, and deed.

Q. 84. What doth every sin deserve?

A. Every sin deserveth God's wrath and curse, both in this life, and that which is to come.

Q. 85. What doth God require of us, that we may escape His wrath and curse, due to us for sin?

A. To escape the wrath and curse of God, due to us for sin, God requireth of us faith in Jesus Christ, repentance unto life, with the diligent use of all the outward means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of redemption.

[Agnus Dei - #727](#)

Elder: We will now take a few moments to individually confess our sins to God. You may sit or kneel.
moment of silence Let us now confess our sins together:

Congregation:

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own heart. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and apart from Your grace, there is no health in us.

O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare all those who confess their faults. Restore all those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may now live godly, righteous, and sober lives, to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen

Cleansing of the Gospel

Elder: Arise and hear good news! **(rise)** To all who rest upon Jesus Christ alone for their salvation I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the son, and of the Holy Ghost!

Congregation: AMEN

Elder: Our sins are forgiven through Christ!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

[Gloria Patri - #736](#)

Consecration

Ascent to God's Throne

Elder: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Elder: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

Congregation: It is proper and right so to do.

Come, Thou Almighty King – (#331)

Congregation: AMEN

Reading of the Law of God (sit)

Elder: **You may be seated.** Hear the Law of God (congregation to respond with the answer).

Q. 39. What is the duty which God requireth of man?

A. The duty which God requireth of man, is obedience to His revealed will.

Q. 49. Which is the second commandment?

A. The second commandment is, Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them; for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me: and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

Q. 50. What is required in the second commandment?

A. The second commandment requireth the receiving, observing, and keeping pure and entire, all such religious worship and ordinances as God hath appointed in his Word.

Q. 51. What is forbidden in the second commandment?

A. The second commandment forbiddeth the worshipping of God by images, or any other way not appointed in his Word.

Q. 52. What are the reasons annexed to the second commandment?

A. The reasons annexed to the second commandment are, God's sovereignty over us, his propriety in us, and the zeal he hath to his own worship.

Congregation: AMEN

Statement of Faith

Elder: Let us now affirm what we believe.

The Athanasian Creed - Part 1 (pg. 820, the first four paragraphs)

Congregation:

That we worship one God in trinity and the trinity in unity, neither blending their persons nor dividing their essence. For the person of the Father is a distinct person, the person of the Son is another, and that of the Holy Spirit still another. But the divinity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, their glory equal, their majesty coeternal.

What quality the Father has, the Son has, and the Holy Spirit has. The Father is uncreated, the Son is uncreated, the Holy Spirit is uncreated. The Father is immeasurable, the Son is immeasurable, the Holy Spirit is immeasurable. The Father is eternal, the Son is eternal, the Holy Spirit is eternal. And yet there are not three eternal beings; there is but one eternal being.

So too there are not three uncreated or immeasurable beings; there is but one uncreated and immeasurable being. Similarly, the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, the Holy Spirit is almighty. Yet there are not three almighty beings; there is but one almighty being. Thus the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God. Yet there are not three gods; there is but one God.

Thus the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord. Yet there are not three lords; there is but one Lord. Just as Christian truth compels us to confess each person individually as both God and Lord, so catholic religion forbids us to say that there are three gods or lords.

Congregation: AMEN

Reading of the Scripture

Elder: Hear the Word of the Lord.

Luke 18:18-30 (Legacy Standard Bible)

"And a ruler questioned Him, saying, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good except God alone. You know the commandments, 'DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, DO NOT MURDER, DO NOT STEAL, DO NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS, HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER.'" And he said, "All these things I have kept from my youth." And when Jesus heard this, He said to him, "One thing you still lack: sell all that you possess and distribute it to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven. And come, follow Me." But when he heard these things, he became very sad, for he was extremely rich. And Jesus looked at him and said, "How hard it is for those who are wealthy to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." And those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But He said, "The things that are impossible with people are possible with God." And Peter said, "Behold, we have left all that is our own and followed You." And He said to them, "Truly I say to you,

there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, who will not receive many times more at this time and in the age to come, eternal life.”

Congregation: AMEN

Preaching of the Word (preaching elder)

Acts 4:32-5:11 - Of One Heart and Soul

Prayer of Response

Elder: Pastoral prayer (colloquy prayer)

Song of Response (stand)

Please stand as we sing the doxology.

[Doxology - #702 - Verse 4](#)

Congregation: AMEN

Thanksgiving

Elder: Let us give thanks to God together.

Congregation:

Almighty God. Father of all mercies, We your unworthy servants, do give you our most humble and hearty thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all people. We bless you for our creation and preservation and for all the blessings of this life. But above all, we thank you for your inestimable love and the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ. We also thank you for the means of grace and for the hope of glory.

We beseech you now to give us that due sense of all your mercies, that our hearts may be truly thankful, and that we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all, honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Offerings

Elder: We will now bring our offerings as we sing.

[The Lord's My Shepherd – Psalm 23 \(#45\)](#)

Congregation: AMEN

Communion (assisting elder)

Elder: **You may be seated.** The words of institution & prayer

Elders to serve the table

[And Can It Be That I Should Gain? – \(#447\)](#)

Elder: Let us pray to God together

Congregation:

“Our Father who is in heaven, ‘Hallowed be Your name. ‘Your kingdom come. ‘Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. ‘Give us this day our daily bread. ‘And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ‘And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. ‘For Yours is the kingdom, power, and glory forever. Amen.” (Matthew 6:9-13)

Elder:

“For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions.” (Matthew 6:14-15)

Commissioning (preaching elder)

Elder: **Rise**

“And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to keep all that I commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:18-20)

Congregation: AMEN

[St. Patrick’s Breastplate – \(#518\) - Verse 1 & 9](#)

Congregation: AMEN

Elder: Go now with God’s blessing

“Yahweh bless you, and keep you; Yahweh make His face shine on you, And be gracious to you; Yahweh lift up His face on you, And give you peace.” (Numbers 6:24-26)

Congregation: AMEN, AMEN, AMEN!