



**Covenant Reformed  
CHURCH**

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Sunday, September 1, 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*

[Why do the Heathen Nations Vainly Rage? - Psalm 2 \(#3\)](#)

**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.**

### [I Sing the Mighty Power of God - #347](#)

**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. 79.** Which is the tenth commandment?

**A. The tenth commandment is, Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's.**

**Q. 80.** What is required in the tenth commandment?

**A. The tenth commandment requireth full contentment with our own condition, with a right and charitable frame of spirit toward our neighbor, and all that is his.**

**Q. 81.** What is forbidden in the tenth commandment?

**A. The tenth commandment forbiddeth all discontentment with our own estate, envying or grieving at the good of our neighbor, and all inordinate motions and affections to anything that is his.**

**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.

#### ***Psalm 118 (Legacy Standard Bible)***

"Give thanks to Yahweh, for He is good; For His lovingkindness endures forever. Oh let Israel say, "His lovingkindness endures forever." Oh let the house of Aaron say, "His lovingkindness endures forever." Oh let those who fear Yahweh say, "His lovingkindness endures forever." From my distress I called upon Yah; Yah answered me and set me in a large place. Yahweh is for me; I will not fear; What can man do to me? Yahweh is for me among those who help me; Therefore I will look in triumph on those who hate me. It is better to take refuge in Yahweh Than to trust in man. It is better to take refuge in Yahweh Than to trust in nobles. All nations surrounded me; In the name of Yahweh I will surely cut them off. They surrounded me, indeed, they surrounded me; In the name of Yahweh I will surely cut them off. They surrounded me like bees; They were extinguished as a fire of thorns; In the name of Yahweh I will surely cut them off. You pushed me down violently to make me fall, But Yahweh helped me. Yah is my strength and song, And He has become my salvation. The sound of joyful shouting and salvation is in the tents of the righteous; The right hand of Yahweh does valiantly. The right hand of Yahweh is exalted; The right hand of Yahweh does valiantly. I will not die; indeed I will live, And recount the works of Yah. Yah has disciplined me severely, But He has not given me over to death. Open to me the gates of righteousness; I shall enter through them, I shall give thanks to Yah. This is the gate of Yahweh; The righteous will enter through it. I shall give thanks to You, for You have answered me, And You have become my salvation. **The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief corner stone.** This is from Yahweh; It is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day which Yahweh has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it. O Yahweh, save! O Yahweh, succeed! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of Yahweh; We have blessed you from the house of Yahweh. Yahweh is God, and He has given us light; Bind the festival sacrifice with cords to the

horns of the altar. You are my God, and I give thanks to You; You are my God, I exalt You. Give thanks to Yahweh, for He is good; For His lovingkindness endures forever."

**Congregation: AMEN**

*Preaching of the Word (preaching elder)*

**Acts 4:1-31 - Against the Lord and Against His Christ**

*Prayer of Response*

Elder: Pastoral prayer (colloquy prayer)

*Song of Response (stand)*

**Please stand as we sing the doxology.**

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

*Thanksgiving (assisting elder)*

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**

[Lead On, O King Eternal – \(#521\)](#)

**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!**