



**Covenant Reformed
CHURCH**

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Sunday, October 27th, 2024

Call to Worship (preaching elder)

Psalm 98:4-9

"Make a loud shout to Yahweh, all the earth; Break forth and sing for joy and sing praises. Sing praises to Yahweh with the lyre, With the lyre and the sound of singing. With trumpets and the sound of the horn Make a loud shout before King Yahweh. Let the sea roar, as well as its fullness, The world and those who dwell in it. Let the rivers clap their hands, Let the mountains sing together for joy Before Yahweh, for He is coming to judge the earth; He will judge the world with righteousness And the peoples with equity."

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)

[Oh, Sing a New Song to the Lord - Psalm 98 \(#181b\)](#)

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

[Hear, O Hear Me When I Cry Out - Psalm 4 \(#7\)](#)

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.

[Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing \(#323\)](#)

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. 73. Which is the eighth commandment?

Congregation: The eighth commandment is, Thou shalt not steal.

Q. 74. What is required in the eighth commandment?

Congregation: The eighth commandment requireth the lawful procuring and furthering the wealth and outward estate of ourselves and others.

Q. 75. What is forbidden in the eighth commandment?

Congregation: The eighth commandment forbiddeth whatsoever doth, or may, unjustly hinder our own, or our neighbor's, wealth, or outward estate.

Congregation: AMEN

Statement of Faith

Elder: Let us now affirm what we believe.

The Athanasian Creed - Part 1 (pg. 820, the first half--the trinity)

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.

The Father was neither made nor created nor begotten from anyone. The Son was neither made nor created; He was begotten from the Father alone. The Holy Spirit was neither made nor created nor begotten; He proceeds from the Father and the Son.

Accordingly there is one Father, not three fathers; there is one Son, not three sons; there is one Holy Spirit, not three holy spirits. Nothing in this trinity is before or after, nothing is greater or smaller; in their entirety the three persons are coeternal and coequal with each other. So in everything, as was said earlier, we must worship their trinity in their unity and their unity in their trinity.

Anyone then who desires to be saved should think thus about the trinity.

Congregation: AMEN

Reading of the Scripture

Elder: Hear the Word of the Lord.

Matthew 20 (Legacy Standard Bible)

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. “Now when he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. “And he went out about the third hour and saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and to those he said, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.’ And so they went. “Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour, and did the same thing. “And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why have you been standing here idle all day long?’ “They said to him, ‘Because no one hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ “Now when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last group to the first.’ “And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each one received a denarius. “And when those hired first came, they supposed that they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. “Now when they received it, they were grumbling at the landowner, saying, ‘These last men have worked only one hour,

and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’

“But he answered and said to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? ‘Take what is yours and go, but I wish to give to this last man the same as to you. ‘Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with what is my own? Or is your eye envious because I am generous?’

“So the last shall be first, and the first last.” And as Jesus was about to go up to Jerusalem, He took the twelve disciples aside by themselves, and on the way He said to them, “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn Him to death, and will deliver Him over to the Gentiles to mock and flog and crucify Him, and on the third day He will be raised up.” Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to Him with her sons, bowing down and making a request of Him. And He said to her, “What do you wish?” She said to Him, “Command that in Your kingdom these two sons of mine may sit one on Your right and one on Your left.”

But Jesus answered and said, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?” They said to Him, “We are able.” He said to them, “My cup you shall drink; but to sit on My right and on My left, this is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by My Father.” And hearing this, the ten became indignant with the two brothers. But Jesus called them to Himself and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. **“It is not this way among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave; just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”** And as they were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed Him. And behold, two blind men sitting by the road, hearing that Jesus was passing by, cried out, saying, “Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!” But the crowd sternly told them to be quiet, but they cried out all the more, saying, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!” And Jesus stopped and called them, and said, “What do you want Me to do for you?” They said to Him, “Lord, that our eyes be opened.” And moved with compassion, Jesus touched their eyes; and immediately they regained their sight and followed Him.”

Congregation: AMEN

Preaching of the Word (preaching elder)

Acts 6:1-7 - To Serve Tables

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.

[Come, Ye Thankful People, Come \(#676\)](#)

Congregation: AMEN

Communion

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

Elders to serve the table

[Like a River Glorious \(#440\)](#)

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

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

[When the Enemy Comes In \(#527\)](#)

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!