#### LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

10:30 AM

Welcome and Announcements (Maroon Print: Trinity Psalter Hymnal)

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**Opening** (\* Please stand if able)

\*Call to Worship and Greeting

\*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

\*Glory Be to the Father

\*Apostles Creed (p.12)

"Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end." Amen

\*Hymn 145C

"I Will Extol You, O My God"

# **Confession and Prayer**

God's Revealed Will: N.T. **Ephesians 5:1-4,5** 

Pastoral Prayer

Responsive Reading: Lord's Day 47 (p. 47)

\*Hymn 162 "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

# **God's Word Read and Applied**

Scripture: Acts 7:17-50 Text: same

Sermon: GREAT GRACE SHOWN THROUGH STEPHEN #3

Points: I. The Accusation of His Defense
II. The Response to His Defense
III. The Validation of His Defense

# **Concluding Worship**

Tithes and Offerings for the Ministry of ORC

\*Hymn 193

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

\*Benediction

\*Doxology →

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, you heavenly host Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost."

WELCOME in the Name of the Lord Jesus! We are glad you are here and hope you are blessed worshiping with us. Please sign our guest book and fill out a visitor card to help us get to know you. In worship we enter into the presence of Almighty God through His Spirit and Word. We come to Him who is supremely worthy of praise: "And they sang a new song, saying:

"You are worthy...and have redeemed us to God by Your blood, out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us kings and priests to our God...." Rev. 5:9,10

## "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." Gal. 6:2

- > PRAY FOR OUR OUTREACH IN OMAHA that the Lord would help us reach the lost and hurting with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- > CONGREGATION: Also pray for our extended families and students: Melanie, Andrew, Stephen, & Maggie; and Abe Libby family and baby Brycen. Julie's sister, Cindy. The Lawsons' extended family. Sandra's husband Reinaldo asked us to pray. Those travelling.
- > DENOMINATION: The Churches and Mission Works in the RCUS. This week pray especially for Matthew Powell and his work in Casper, WY. Ministers with health concerns. RCUS World Missions as well as Westminster Biblical Missions (D. Voytek).
- > NATION: Pray for our country and remember those in civil and military service, judges, our leaders and those in elected office.
- > WORLD: Persecuted believers, those affected by political unrest and godless governments. The possibility of change in N. Korea. For the church planting labors of **Fikret Bocek** in Turkey.

# ON THE CALENDAR

WED EVE STUDY DUST TO GLORY NT INTERPR'ING PARABLES 7:00PM
DEC 4 PIANO CONCERT IN SUTTON CALVIN JONES (POSTER) 7:00 PM
DEC 13 MEET WITH CLASSIS HOME MISSIONS COMMITTEE 7:00 PM

## A CHRISTMAS PROGRAM IS BEING PLANNED

Our Christmas Program will be held on one of the evenings before Christmas (date suggestions welcome). Anyone wanting to participate should let Pastor Randy know (solos, ensembles, instrumentals, Scriptures readings, fitting poetry, song recordings, thoughts, etc.). If someone would like to help with organizing this year's program, let Pastor Randy know. =

# **INSTRUCTIVE QUOTATIONS**

"In this life, victory often looks like endurance." —Mark Dever

"None can know their election but by their conformity to Christ; for all who are chosen are chosen to sanctification." — **Matthew Henry** 

"The most offensive claim in Christianity is that God is the Creator, Owner and Judge of every person on the planet." —David Platt

"Worry: Glancing at God while gazing at circumstances. Trust: Glancing at circumstances while gazing at God."—Matt Smethurst

"Men treat God's sovereignty as a theme for controversy, but in Scripture it is a matter for worship." —J.I. Packer

#### **OUR HERITAGE**

Omaha Reformed Church is a mission work of the Reformed Church in the United States (founded in 1748). Our history goes back to the Protestant Reformation of the sixteenth-century. The Reformers summarized the teachings of Scripture in several historic confessions that came to be known as The Three Forms of Unity: the Heidelberg Catechism (1563), the Belgic Confession (1561) and the Canons of Dort (1619). We embrace these confessions, along with the Apostles, Nicene and Athanasian Creeds of the early church, as our own. We believe they continue to accurately summarize the teachings of God's unchanging word, the Holy Bible.

#### **OUR AUTHORITY**

With the church throughout history we believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the **only divinely inspired, infallible Word of God**. They are the final authority for all questions of doctrine and life. The Spirit of God creates faith in our hearts through the preaching of the Gospel. The Lord Jesus is the only Head of the Church and has appointed pastors, elders and deacons to oversee His people. As officers they affirm and vow to uphold our church confessions, make joint decisions and be accountable to their fellow officers in the Classis and Synod of the Reformed Church in the U.S.

#### OUR FAITH IN CHRIST

"There is no other name under heaven given among men, by whom we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). Jesus Christ is the only eternal Son of God and His life of perfect obedience and willing self-sacrifice for our sins is the basis of our salvation. To those who believe, He grants forgiveness of sins, true righteousness, and eternal life. These gifts, which we can neither earn nor deserve, are freely given to those who by true faith are engrafted into Him. In response to this salvation, we will be grateful and strive to live uprightly before Him. As we grow in grace, we will more and more love God, His Word and His Ways, and at the same time come to hate sin and flee from it. We trust in the grace of God to preserve us in this faith to the end. We believe that the Lord Jesus now possesses all authority in heaven and earth (Mt. 28:18) and will, on the appointed day, return to judge the living and the dead.

#### OUR PRAYER FOR YOU

If you're a visitor and share these convictions, we encourage you to continue worshipping with us. We have a responsibility to preserve and proclaim "the faith once for all delivered to the saints." We offer rest to the weary, comfort for the distressed and hope for all. Our members and pastor will gladly visit with you about these things.

#### OMAHA REFORMED CHURCH

is a mission work of the **Reformed Church in the United States (RCUS)** under the oversight of **St. John's Reformed Church of Lincoln, NE**.

**Pastor Randy Klynsma** is our pastor and has been serving Christ's Church for over 28 years, earnestly proclaiming "the faith once for all delivered to the saints" Jude 3. He can be reached at (402)281-3263.

# Omaha Reformed Church

# "Where the Truth Lives!"

"When they heard these things they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed at him with their teeth. But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, and said, "Look! I SEE THE HEAVENS OPENED AND THE SON OF MAN STANDING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD!""

Acts 7:38-39

# **November 25, 2018**

Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM 4905 N 96th Street Discipleship 9:00 AM Omaha, NE 68134 Phone (402) 281-3263

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