

## LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

10:30 AM

### Welcome and Announcements

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

- \*Call to Worship and Greeting
- \*Invocation and Lord's Prayer
- \***Glory Be to the Father** →
- \***Apostolic Creed** (p.13)
- \***Hymn 76** "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

"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."

### Confession and Prayer

- The Reading of God's Revealed Will: **Exodus 19, 20**
- Pastoral Prayer
- Responsive Reading: **Lord's Day 6** (p.22)
- \***Hymn 705** "I Know Whom I Have Believed"

### God's Word Read and Applied

Scripture: Mark 4:21-34 Text: same

Sermon: **THE PARABLES TEACH GOSPEL TRUTH**

- Points: **I. The Kingdom Shines**
- II. The Kingdom Refines**
- III. The Kingdom Produces**
- IV. The Kingdom Grows**

### Concluding Worship

- Tithes and Offerings for the Ministry of ORC
- \***Hymn 368** "The Ends of All the Earth Shall Hear"
- \*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. As we worship we enter into the presence of Almighty God through His Spirit and Word. We come to Him who is worthy of praise for he has redeemed us to God by His blood:

**"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. 4:9,10

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

- **PRAY FOR OUR OUTREACH TO OMAHA** that the Lord would bless our efforts to plant and grow a congregation here. We can plant and water the seed, but only God can make it grow.
- **DENOMINATION:** As mentioned last week, we are taking up a love offering for **Lori Kingswood and Family today**. If you would like to give to this cause, please designate the amount and give it along with your regular offering.
- **HEALTH CONCERNS:** the **Boucher's Grandmother** and **Mary and Sienna Lincoln**. **Monte Bernhagen** will be having surgery in later this month.
- **EVENTS/TRAVELS:** Remember our college students and those traveling throughout the week.
- **CULTURAL CONCERNS:** Pray for our country, especially those in civil and military service and serving in elected office.
- **MISSIONS:** Pray for the **Churches** and **Mission Works in the RCUS**. This week pray especially for **Rev. Valentin Alpuche** and his labors in **Shafter, CA**.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

WED	WEDNESDAY EVENING STUDY: ATTRIBUTES OF GOD	7:00 PM
FEB 25	CLASSIS HOME MISSIONS TO MEET WITH US	6:00 PM

### CLASSIS HOME MISSIONS TO MEET WITH US

I was asked this week if we as a mission work would be able to meet with the Classis Home Missions Committee on Sunday evening, February 26. I don't have an exact time, but I would guess around 6 PM. I thought we might plan a meal to share with them. More information to follow.

### INSTRUCTIVE QUOTATIONS

*"I grant you that true repentance is never too late, but I warn you at the same time, late repentance is seldom true."* —**J.C. Ryle**

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

*Real spiritual growth is always growth downward so to speak, into profounder humility.* —**J.I. Packer**

*"Whenever God means to use a man for big things, he breaks him into little pieces first."* —**C.H. Spurgeon**

### 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 25 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!"*

**"And with many such parables He spoke the word to them as they were able to hear *it*. But without a parable He did not speak to them. And when they were alone, He explained all things to His disciples."**

**Mark 4:33**

**February 5, 2017**

**Sunday Worship at  
4905 N 96th Street  
Omaha, NE 68134**

**10:30 AM  
Discipleship 9:00 AM  
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