

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 62** "Sing to the Lord, Sing His Praise"

"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: **Colossians 3**
- Pastoral Prayer
- Responsive Reading: **Lord's Day 4** (p.20-21)
- ***Hymn 551** "How Blessed Is He Whose Trespass"

God's Word Read and Applied

- Scripture: **Mark 4:1-12** Text: **Mark 4:1-9**
- Sermon: **THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER INTRODUCED**
- Points: **I. The Context of the Parable**
- II. The Purpose of the Parable**
- III. The Preparation for the Lord's Supper**
- ***Hymn 480** "Come for the Feast Is Spread"
- SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Concluding Worship

- Tithes and Offerings for the Ministry of ORC
- ***Hymn 476** "The Light of the World Is Jesus"
- *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 worshipping 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. Remember to pray for God's blessing.
- **HEALTH CONCERNS:** the **Boucher's Grandmother** and **Mary and Sienna Lincoln**. Thanks for **Sienna's** continued recovery. **Monte Bernhagen's** health concerns.
- **EVENTS/TRAVELS:** Remember our college students who have returned to school 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 **Mission Works in the RCUS**. This week pray especially for **Rev. Matthew Powell** and his labors in **Casper, WY**.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WED WEDNESDAY EVENING STUDY: ATTRIBUTES OF GOD 7:00 PM
JAN 15 NEXT SUNDAY LORD'S SUPPER AND FELLOWSHIP MEAL
JAN 22 ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER TODAY

This morning we are planning to celebrate the **Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**. Those who have professed their faith in Christ in Bible-believing Christian Churches and continued in it are welcome to partake with us. After the Communion service, we will share a Fellowship Meal together. This fellowship meal is a "Soup Supper" of sorts. Guests and visitors are more than welcome to stay and enjoy this meal with us!

INSTRUCTIVE QUOTATIONS

"Money can be an expression of love but never a substitute for love."
—**John MacArthur**

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

"Sometimes we need to stop praying for opportunities to evangelize, but for boldness to use the opportunities God is giving." —**Dhati Lewis**

"There is no greater delusion than the common idea that it is possible to live wickedly, and yet rise again gloriously." —**J.C. Ryle**

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!"

**"Listen! Behold, a
sower went out to
SOW....."**

Mark 4:3

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**Sunday Worship at
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Omaha, NE 68134**

**10:30 AM
Discipleship 9:00 AM
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