

Order of Worship

Lord's Day 31

10:30 a.m.

08.02.15

Morning Worship

Reverence is requested: Enter REVERENTLY, Meditate QUIETLY, Worship DEVOUTLY, Leave GRATEFULLY, and Serve Christ FAITHFULLY.

We believe God calls the whole covenant family to worship corporately; therefore, insofar as possible, children of all ages, including infants, are called to be in worship. (The Directory of Worship for the RCUS)

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer / **PRAYER RESPONSE**Hymn page *xiv*

Hear our prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord,
Incline thine ear to us, And grant us thy peace. AMEN

*Call to Worship and Salutation

*Communion Sunday Confession of Sin, Psalter Selection 26, Psalm 51page 626

***GLORIA PATRI** (second tune)Hymn page *xv*

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, AMEN.

*Invocation

* Hymn 192 **STRICKEN, SMITTEN, AND AFFLICTED**

The Heidelberg Catechism: *back of Trinity Hymnal, Lord's Day 31* p. 679-

Pastoral Prayer

Reception of Tithes and Offerings

Confession of *The Apostles' Creed* (next column)

*Hymn 188 **THERE IS A FOUNTAIN FILLED WITH BLOOD**

Scripture Reading Ephesians 2:1-7

Scripture Text Ephesians 2:6

Sermon Title **Sign and Seal**

Prayer of Application

Hymn 415 **GOD, BE MERCIFUL TO ME**

**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*Hymn 400 **COME, THOU FOUNT OF EV'RY BLESSING**

*Benediction

***DOXOLOGY** (second tune) Hymn page *xvi*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. AMEN.

(*) Indicates the Congregation Standing

WELCOME

Covenant Reformed Church extends a warm welcome in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ. We pray that you will join in the privilege of worshipping our sovereign God through expressions of adoration, exhortation, and consecration. Please join us for fellowship after worship.

****For Our Visitors:** This morning we are celebrating the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. If you desire to partake of the Lord's Supper, please approach an elder concerning the rite of admission. Christ Himself restricts this holy meal to those who meet His conditions. The elders hope you can appreciate that our desire in this aspect of worship is not to exclude anyone, but to please the Lord with a clear conscience.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. **Amen.**

Today

Lord's Supper: The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated this Lord's Day (See Welcome For Our Visitors).

Sunday School Hour: The Sunday School Hour presents the audio lecture on "Power from on High: *The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit*" from Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary's 2011 Spring Conference.

Post-Worship Servant: Deacon Chris Hekman is responsible servant for this Lord's Day.

Greeters: Deacon Chris and LaShawna Hekman are scheduled Greeters this Lord's Day.

New Announcements

Morning Prayer Meetings: Prayer meetings will resume on the second and fourth Wednesdays during Sept. 9 – Dec. 9. The Prayer Schedules are forthcoming.

Men's Bible Study: Thurs., **Aug. 20** at 7 p.m. at the home of Pastor Mancilas (2 Woodminster Ct., Chico; 345-2732.

Next Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper: Sunday, **Sept. 6.**

Greeters for Next Lord's Day: Elder Jim and Cruz Gochnauer.

Announcements for August

Confirmation Class Schedule: Aug. 4 at 8:45 a.m.; thereafter, Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m.

2015 Dues and Guideline Offerings: In accordance with working toward meeting the Classical and Synodical guidelines for giving for year 2015, in addition to your regular tithes and offerings, your Consistory encourages you to give toward supplementing our full financial obligation. Remaining scheduled Sundays are **Aug. 16** & Nov. 15.

Fellowship Meals: Aug. 16, Sept. 13, & Oct. 25. Devotion Schedule: Aug. 16, Chris Hekman.

Projected 2015 Elders' Visitation Schedule. The following is the Projected Elders' Visitation Scheduled. If your scheduled visit presents a conflict, please contact Pastor Mancilas at his study, (530) 345-2732, to reschedule. The visit is scheduled for 7 p.m., unless indicated differently.

Date	Member	Date	Member
Sun., August 9	McAfee, Scott & Melanie	Wed., Oct. 7	Gochnauer, Jim & Cruz
Wed., Sept. 23	Helseth, David & Teri	Sun., Dec. 6	Mancilas, Pastor Gary & Gloria

Announcements for Up-coming Months

RCUS Annual Day of Prayer for Missions: Sunday, **Sept. 13** following a Fellowship Meal.

Reformation Sunday: In celebration of *Reformation Sunday*, on **Oct. 25** a Fellowship Meal and Program are scheduled following the Worship Service.

Evangelism In God's Word

KKXX Life Radio Ministry: CRC advertises with KKXX on the AM 930 dial.

Audio Studies and Sermons: To obtain, for your review and distribution, audio Sunday school studies and pastor's sermons, you may pick up from the book table copies of the *Procedures for Requesting and Receiving Audio CDs of Sermons and Sunday School Studies* and the *Sermon and Sunday School Study Audio CD Request Forms*.

CRC/RCUS Invitations/News/Updates

Special Classis Meeting: Tuesday, **Oct. 27** at Trinity RCUS, Modesto, at 10:00 a.m.

31st Annual Meeting of the Western Classis: March 1, 2016, Grace RCUS, Willows.

270th Synod of the RCUS: The Synod session will be held at Grace Reformed Church in Bakersfield on May 16, 2016, at 7:00 pm.



Prayer

Prayer of the Week: Rehoboth Reformed Church, La Habra, CA:

- Rev. Michael Voytek, pastor.
- “All the work of the church, including home and foreign missions.”
- “That the Lord would raise up faithful men to pursue the gospel ministry....”
- “For the approved seminaries of Synod” and vacant pulpits within the RCUS.
- Congo Development project.
- Westminster Biblical Missions, Inc. (WBM). www.wbminc.org
- The health of Richard Lopez and Melanie McAfee.

The Five Sola's of the Reformation:

Sola Scriptura: (Scripture Alone) This principle asserts the supreme sufficiency of God's written Word. No other words are adequate and no other words are divine. Popes, creeds, councils and tradition of men have no authority when they contradict the Holy Scriptures. The Bible is complete and the canon is closed. No further revelation is given. "In these last days He has spoken to us in His Son" (Hebrews 1:2). Jesus Christ has spoken all that is necessary through His apostles in the Bible. The Bible alone is sufficient: 2 Tim. 3:17; Ps. 119:1; Deut. 4:2; 12:30; 29:29; Ps. 30:5-6; Rev. 22:18-19.

Sola Gratia: (Grace Alone) Salvation is *by* grace alone. The definition of "grace" is unmerited favor. God is never under any obligation to grant salvation. If God's justice required that He give grace to all men, then salvation would not be a gift but an act of justice. If men could earn the grace of God, grace would by definition no longer be grace- it would be merit. "But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace is no longer grace" (Romans 11:6). God bestows His grace freely and sovereignly upon those whom He chooses to save. The elect are saved by grace alone: Eph. 1:3-11; 2:8-9; Rom. 9:10-16; 2 Tim. 1:9; 2 Thes. 2:13.

Sola Fide: (Faith Alone) Salvation is *through* faith alone. In Romans 3:26 the Apostle Paul tells us that God sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice, "to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies the man who has faith in Jesus." Rather than being declared righteous on the basis of our faith plus our deeds, we are declared righteous solely on the basis of our faith in the righteousness of Christ. (Romans 3:20-28). Christ's righteousness is imputed to the sinner not infused or imparted. Without the imputation of Christ's righteousness to us, all the infused grace we have will not save us because we as Christians do sin and fall short of God's own perfect standard! We are justified by faith alone but not by faith that is alone. Genuine faith is accompanied by the fruit of good works (James 2:14-18). We are not declared righteous on the basis of any work, but only on the basis of our faith in Jesus: Rom. 3:20, 26, 28; 4:2-13; Gal. 2:16; 3:24-25.

Solus Christus: (Christ Alone) Salvation is because of Christ alone. Jesus Christ alone paid the full penalty for the sins of His people and presents them as righteous before the Father, restoring their fellowship with Him. His death was substitutionary in that He offered Himself as a sacrifice to satisfy Divine justice as the sins of His people were imputed to Him on the cross. We are saved solely on the basis of the merit of Christ, none of our own: Gal. 3:13; 2 Cor. 5:21; Rom. 3:25; 4:25; 8:3; Rom. 1:17; 3:21; 1 Cor. 1:30.

Soli Deo Gloria: (To God Alone be the Glory) In salvation, God alone receives credit and glory. We are saved for His glory, not for our own. His purpose in saving us and in all He does is to magnify the glory of His own great name, to have a people that would sing His praises, live in a way that reflects His character. God alone gets the credit for our salvation, because we did not contribute one thing to it. God alone, therefore, receives glory: Is. 42:8; 43:7; 48:11; Ps. 115:1; Rom. 11:36; 16:27; Eph. 3:21; Phil. 4:20; 1 Tim. 1:17; 2 Tim. 4:18.

OUR HERITAGE

Covenant Reformed Church is an organic member of the Reformed Church in the United States, which traces its history through the sixteenth century Protestant Reformation. We are indebted to Almighty God for raising up such men as Luther, Zwingli, Knox and Calvin to direct His people back to the teachings of Scripture. Our German Reformed ancestors, following in the footsteps of these men, came to the United States in the early 1700s and established Reformed congregations in the new world.

OUR AUTHORITY

We believe that the Bible, comprising the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments, is the divinely inspired, infallible and inerrant Word of God. As such, it is our final authority. The Spirit of God opens the hearts of God's chosen, covenant people to the truth revealed therein.

The Head of our church is Jesus Christ, who has appointed officers for the care and service of His people. Our Consistory (pastor, elders and deacons) guards the temporal conditions of the church, and our Spiritual Council (pastor and elders) watches over its spiritual interests.

By mutual consent, we have adopted the Heidelberg Catechism (1563), the Belgic Confession (1561) and the Canons of Dort (1619) as our confessional standard. We believe that these "Three Forms of Unity" accurately summarize the doctrines of historic, orthodox Christianity.

OUR SAVIOR AND LORD

There is only one name under heaven, given among men, whereby we are saved--Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God. By His life of perfect obedience, His death on the cross as our substitute, and His resurrection from the dead, He has merited for us the forgiveness of sins, everlasting righteousness, and eternal life. These gifts, which we can neither earn nor deserve because of our inherited depravity, are given by God through grace only to true believers. And in appreciation for His love to us in Christ, the Lord expects His people to live righteous and holy lives.

We trust in the power and grace of God to cause us to persevere in true faith until the glorious appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will come again to judge the living and the dead and make our mortal bodies like unto His glorified body. From thenceforth we will reign with Him forever.



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Adult Sunday School: 9:30 am
Sunday Worship: 10:30 am