

# Trinity Reformed Church of Northwest Connecticut

Biblical, Traditional, Congregational

Lord's Day Worship for  
January 26, 2025



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*"For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth," – Philippians 2:9-10*

“\*” = Please stand if you are able.

## Welcome, Greeting & Announcements

### Call to Worship – Isaiah 58:13-14

*Leader: If because of the sabbath, you turn your foot*

**People: From doing your own pleasure on My holy day,**

*Leader: And call the sabbath a delight, the holy day of the Lord honorable,*

**People: And honor it, desisting from your own ways,**

*Leader: From seeking your own pleasure*

**People: And speaking your own word,**

*Leader: Then you will take delight in the Lord,*

**People: And I will make you ride on the heights of the earth;**

*Leader: And I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father,*

**People: For the mouth of the Lord has spoken**

## Prayer of Invocation and Confession

### Gospel Absolution Texts – Psalm 118:21-24

**\*Hymn #316** (red hymnal) – “The Mighty God, the Lord”

### Scripture Reading – Joel 2:1-17

**Ancient Creedal Reading** – Apostles Creed (pg#845 in the red hymnal)

## Offerings Presented

[Please put your tithe/offering in the plates before or after the service – Thank you!]

[Gifts labeled “Deacon’s Fund go to aid those in need in the congregation.]

**\*Doxology #731** (red hymnal)

*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.*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Sung Psalm#110D** – “The LORD Said to My Lord”

## Prayers of the Church & Lord's Prayer (sins)

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

## Reformation Creedal Reading – Westminster Larger Catechism, 53

*Leader: How was Christ exalted in His ascension?*

**People: In that having after His resurrection**

*Leader: Often appeared unto and conversed with His apostles, speaking to them*

**People: Of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God,**

Acts 1:2-3

*Leader: And giving them commission to preach the gospel to all nations, forty days after His resurrection,*

Matt 28:19-20

**People: He, in our nature, and as our head,**

Heb 6:20

*Leader: Triumphant over enemies, visibly went up into the highest heavens,*

Eph 4:8;

Acts 1:9-11

**People: There to receive gifts for men,**

Eph 4:10; Ps 68:18

*Leader: To raise up our affections thither,*

Col 3:1-2

**People: And to prepare a place for us,**

John 14:3

*Leader: Where He Himself is, and shall continue*

**People: Till His second coming at the end of the world.**

Acts 3:21

## Ministry of the Word

### Prayer of Illumination

**\*Sermon Text** – Revelation 6:12-17

**\*Gloria Patri #735** (red hymnal)

*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.*

**Sermon** – “The Sixth Seal – The Day of the Lord”

(A Sermon Series on Revelation 4-7)

**\*Hymn #320** (red hymnal) – “Rejoice, All Ye Believers”

**\*Benediction** – Jude 24-25

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*All are welcome for Fellowship & Food downstairs after Worship*

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## Announcements

- *Snow Cancellation Policy:* Though TRC is loathed to cancel **Sunday worship**, because of the rural location of the Grange, and that Rt 263 seems to be of low snow-plowing priority we are going to take a moderate approach to cancellation. If we cancel, everyone will be emailed, and it will be posted on Channel #3 and the church's facebook & webpage.

When it comes to **week-day studies**, Pastor Doug is very liberal about canceling (he lives on rural hill). He will email and call everyone, however, if in doubt, study is probably canceled.

- TRC would like to thank the Mattson's for hosting the game night.

- Starting on Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, and meeting every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday Night, Vika will be leading the **Gen Alpha Trinity Club**, a study group for kids born between 2010 to 2024. The group will meet at Pastor Doug's house during the time of Wednesday Study (7:00 to 8:30 PM).

## Upcoming Events

- Sledding in February?
- There will be a **Ladies Bingo & Pot-Luck Supper Night** on Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM (with a snow date of Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>) at the Gabelmanns' pool-house. All adult ladies are welcome!
- Easter is on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

## Regular Weekly Events

<i>Sunday</i>	9:00 – c.10:00 AM	<b>Sunday School</b> Children's curriculum: KVB Publications Women's Study: Baucham's <u>Expository Apologetics</u> Adult Study: Westminster Larger Catechism
	10:30 – c.11:40 AM c.11:40 AM	<b>Worship</b> (Lord's Supper on the 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month) <b>Coffee Hour Fellowship</b>
<i>Tuesday</i>	10:30 AM – Noon	<b>Tuesday Study</b> (Evangelism in Acts) at Pastor Doug's house
<i>Wednesday</i>	6:30 – 8:00 PM	<b>Wednesday Study</b> (on Exodus) at Pastor Doug's house
<i>Friday</i>	6:30 - ??? PM	<b>Young Adult Discussion Group</b> at Pastor Doug's house (1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fridays)
<i>Saturday</i>	morning	<b>Prayer Group</b> at the Gabelmann's. (Please call Sheryl to confirm if the group is meeting that day, 860-309-7250.)

### **Trinity Reformed Church of Northwest Connecticut**

*Worship Starts At:* 10:30 AM (9:30 AM in the summer)

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<i>TRC's Youtube Channel:</i>	youtube.com/@TrinityReformedCT
<i>Pastor Doug's</i>	youtube.com/simplyreformed
<i>Youtube Channels:</i>	youtube.com/@PilgrimsofPlunder

## INTERNET PRAYER CHAIN

If you have any prayer requests for our prayer chain, please email them to Donna Ensminger at: [trcnwprayer@gmail.com](mailto:trcnwprayer@gmail.com). (If you would like to join the Prayer Chain, also see Donna.)

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# Sermon Notes

Revelation 6:12-17

“The Sixth Seal – The Day of the Lord”

A Sermon Series on Revelation 4-7

January 26, 2025

## Introduction

- 1) When you think about the “end times” (i.e. eschatology – the study of the end times/last things) what phrases first come to mind?
  - a) Great Tribulation? Armageddon? Antichrist? Millennium? Rapture?
  - b) It is understandable to ponder these terms, which requires study, though some are more important than others.
  - c) Revelation encourages us to give another answer.
- 2) Revelation is a very challenging book.
  - a) It is challenging because almost everything about it is debatable.  
(e.g. authorship, date of composition, original manuscripts, how to translate it, how to interpret it, etc.)
  - b) Yet, Revelation itself, commands be preached and promises a blessing to those who hear it. Rev 1:3
  - c) It is also challenging, and glorious, because it gives us a glimpse of reality not for our myopic worldly fallen perspective but the godly heavenly one.
- 3) We have been going through Revelation 4-7.
  - a) In particular, the 7 Sealed Scroll which is God’s plan which can only be revealed and executed by the resurrected and reigning Christ. Rev 6:1ff
  - b) I have argued seals 1-5 are about this “present age”.
    - i) Seal #1 – Christ, and His Gospel, going out conquering and to conquer, because He is the 1st Horseman of the Apocalypse, the one on the white horse. Rev 6:1-2
    - ii) Seals #2-4 – Because of Christ, and His Gospel, the church will endure persecution by the world as represented by the 2<sup>nd</sup> (red), 3<sup>rd</sup> (black) & 4<sup>th</sup> (ashen) Horsemen of the Apocalypse. Rev 6:3-8
    - iii) Seal #5 – We see the saints in heaven, especially those martyred, who cry out to God, are clothed in white and are at rest. Rev 6:9-11
  - c) We are now on the 6<sup>th</sup> Seal, which I believe, is about the “very end of the age.”
- 4) As we talked about last week, with this “present age” is also the “end of the age.” 1Cor 10:11
  - a) This is the time between Christ’s two Advents.
    - i) The 1<sup>st</sup> Advent was Christ’s earthly ministry (i.e. birth, death, resurrection, ascension, sending His Spirit on Pentecost) 2,000 years ago.
    - ii) The 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent is Christ’s return in power and glory in the future to end this age and begin the final new heavens and new earth.
  - b) It has been the end of the age for 2,000+ years because we have the final revelation of God in Jesus Christ. The Son is now at the right hand of the Father, ruling and reigning in glory as His Gospel goes forth to conquering and to conquer, putting His enemies under His feet and getting all the elect throughout this age. Ps 110  
Eph 1:19-23  
Heb 1:1-3; 2:14  
2Pet 3:8-9  
Rev 6:1-2

- c) Yes, there is persecution and travail in this age (Seals #2-4) but the saints in heaven cry out to God and know perfect rest (Seal #5), which is all part of God's plan.
- 5) The 6<sup>th</sup> Seal, today's sermon text, describes the very end of this age.
- a) This the first time the very end of the age is described in Revelation.
- b) It doesn't focus on the things that capture our imagination.
- i) Such as the Great Tribulation - a time of great degeneracy, both spiritual and temporal.
- ii) Which are taught in other parts of the Bible, including Revelation.  
Matthew 24; Mark 13; Luke 21  
Revelation 8:13-11:14; 14:1-13; 16:12-16
- c) Unsurprisingly, when first described, in Rev 6; it focuses on the heavenly perspective.
- 6) It focuses on that phrase we should first think of when it comes to eschatology:  
"The Day of the Lord."

## **The Day of the Lord**

- 1) The "*Day of the Lord*", or the "*Lord's Day*", or simply "*that Day*", is probably the most common eschatological phrase in the Bible.
- a) Simply put it is the day that focuses on the Lord.
- b) It is both clear, direct, forceful, and yet deep and mysterious.  
Just like God's name: "I Am." Ex 3:13ff
- c) It is less about chronology and more about Christ.
- 2) Like prophecy in the Bible, the Day of the Lord frequently has multiple layers of meaning when it comes to time.<sup>1</sup>
- a) For example, Christ's 1<sup>st</sup> Advent and 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent are frequently seen as one event because they are both about the "end of the age."
- i) Go read the prophecies in Joel 2:28-32.
- ii) Some sound like the 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent.
- Joel 2:30-31 – "*I will display wonders in the sky and on the earth, blood, fire and columns of smoke. The sun will be turned into darkness and the moon into blood before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes.*"
  - Sounds like today's sermon text – Revelation 6:12-14, which is about the 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent.
- iii) However, the authoritative apostolic interpretation, given by Peter in Acts 2:14ff makes it about the 1<sup>st</sup> Advent.
- b) Or the prophecies in Matthew 24, which clearly speak about our Lord's 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent at the very end of the age, yet also has allusions to the destruction of the Temple by the Romans in 70 AD.

<sup>1</sup> To give a few examples:

- 2Samuel 7:8-17 is both about King Solomon & Jesus Christ.
- Isaiah 7:14-16 is about a baby born during the reign of Ahaz & Jesus Christ.
- Ezekiel 28:11-19 is about the fall of Satan at the beginning and the king of Tyre.
- Daniel 9:27; 11:31; 12:11 is about the destruction of the Temple in c. 167 BC, the destruction of the Temple 70 AD and the near destruction of the church in the end times during the Great Tribulation. (Matt 24:15; Mark 13:14; Luke 21:20)
- Zechariah 14:6-9 is both 1st & 2nd Advent of Christ.
- Haggai 2:6-9 is both about Zerubbabel's Temple, Herrod's Temple & Christ. (Heb 12:26)

3) Like prophecy, the “Day of the Lord” is more the Lord than chronology.

- a) That is why the Sabbath, and OT holidays, are called a “day of the Lord”. 2Chr 30:21  
Is 58:13
- i) The Apostle John, received the vision to write Revelation when he was “*in the Spirit on the Lord’s Day*”, which has historically been seen as Sunday, the Christian Sabbath, when the Lord Jesus resurrected. Rev 1:10  
Acts 20:7  
Mark 16:1-2
- ii) Thus we begin the new week with worship and to hear from the Lord.
- c) The Lord’s Day is when the Lord act’s decisively, revealing His will and proclaiming judgment.
- i) The day appointed for us to hear God’s word and worship is again Sunday. Ex 20:8; Heb 4:9-11  
1Cor 16:2
- ii) And God’s Word is a two edge sword that cuts deeply, bringing salvation and judgment. Heb 4:12
- d) There are also unique days, that is a “Day of the Lord.”
- i) A time, or *the* time, when God’s judgment and wrath is poured out, especially on the nations. Ezek 30:3; 38:10,14,18-19;  
Is 13:6,9; Lam 2:22; Joel 1:15; Obad 8,15;  
Micah 2:4; Zeph 1:9-10; 2:2-3; Mal 4:5
- ii) With imagery of warfare and battle being used. Jer 25:33; Ezek 13:5; 39:11;  
Hos 1:5; Joel 2:11; Zeph 1:8,14,18
- iii) Where false believers will be exposed. Matt 7:22
- iv) Even the creation turns against the wicked. Ezek 30:3; 38:19; Joel 2:1,31;  
Amos 5:18,20; Luke 17:31; Acts 2:20
- v) Yet it is also a time of salvation. Is 11:11; 12:1; 29:18; Jer 30:8; 39:16-17;  
Ezek 20:6; 24:26-27; 29:21; Hag 2:23; 2Thes 1:10; 2Tim 4:8
- e) The Day of the Lord is about Christ.
- i) That is why Elijah/John the Baptist is a harbinger of the Day of the Lord back at Christ’s 1<sup>st</sup> Advent. Mal 4:5
- ii) Yet our Lord’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent, at the very end of this age, is certainly, *the* Day of the Lord. Luke 17:24,30; 1Cor 1:8; 5:5;  
2Cor 1:14; Phil 1:6,10; 2:16;  
2Thes 2:2
- 4) No one knows when our Lord will return. Matt 24:36; Acts 1:7
- a) In one sense it is “near” whether for us as individuals (when ever the Gospel is preached or when on death we will be called to stand before the Lord) or collectively (when we are called to make a faithful choice or the day when our Lord returns). Joel 1:15; 2:1; 3:14;  
Ezek 7:7; 30:3; Obad 15;  
Zeph 1:7,14; Rom 13:12
- b) He will return like a thief in the night. 1Thes 5:2; 2Pet 3:10ff
- c) It is easy to be mislead about the end times. 2Thes 2:2f
- 5) So, let us ponder the very end of the age, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent of our Lord, carefully as we see the 6<sup>th</sup> Seal opened.

### **Revelation 6:12-17**

- 1) The focus of Rev 6:12-7:8 is not on the start of the “very end of the age” with the Great Tribulation but at the final end, the Day of the Lord in Christ.

- 2) During the Great Tribulation the true church (i.e. the invisible church) will shrink to a tiny number, maybe as small as only two people. (Yes, the church goes through the Tribulation.) Luke 18:8  
Rev 11:3
- a) There will be people who claim to be Christians, however, they are false Christians.  
(Just think of some woke feminist pretending to be a bishop celebrating the worse forms of perversion and lawlessness.)
  - b) To quote our Lord, *"Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name. At that time many will fall away and will betray one another and hate one another. Many false prophets will arise and will mislead many. Because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold."* – Matthew 24:9-12
  - c) Those on earth probably will not realize the beginning of the Great Tribulation, because of their wickedness.
    - i) The focus of the Great Tribulation is not, at first, on cosmic supernatural events in nature, but on the lawlessness of man, and an increased hatred of what is good and a love for what is evil.
    - ii) As the prophet Isaiah warns, *"Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness; Who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter! Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and clever in their own sight!"* – Isaiah 5:20-21
- 3) At the end of the Great Tribulation, however, there will be no doubt that the great day of the wrath of the Lamb has come. Rev 6:17
- a) Because in the end, everyone and everything, whether out of joy or hateful fear, will acknowledge Christ as Lord. Is 45:23; Ezek 21:7  
Rom 14:11; Phil 2:10ff
  - b) The events in Revelation 6:12-17 describe this final revelation.
- 4) All of creation comes undone, bringing judgment, leaving none with any excuse, when Christ, the Lamb who was slain, breaks the 6<sup>th</sup> Seal, as per prophecies<sup>2</sup>:
- a) Great earthquake (v.12) Ezek 38:19; Joel 2:10; Amos 8:8;  
Matt 24:7,29; Rev 8:5; 11:13; 16:18
  - b) Sun became black as sackcloth made of hair (v.12) Is 13:10; 50:3; Joel 2:10, 31; 3:15;  
Matt 11:21; 24:29; Mark 13:24; Rev 8:12
  - c) Whole moon became like blood (v.12) Matt 24:29; Joel 2:31; Acts 2:20
  - d) Stars of the sky fell to earth (v.13) Is 34:4; Matt 24:29; Mark 13:25;  
Rev 8:10-12; 9:1
  - e) Fig tree casts its unripe figs when shaken by a great wind. (v.13) (see below)
  - f) Sky was split apart like a scroll when it is rolled up. (v.14) Is 34:4; 2 Pet 3:10;  
Rev 20:11; 21:1
  - g) Every mountain and island were moved out of their place. (v.14) Is 54:10; Jer 4:24;  
Ezek 38:20; Nah 1:5; Rev 16:20
- 5) These are fierce and terrifying things! Clearly, the Day of the Lord.
- 6) Some of you might be wondering about the fig-tree, which seems a bit out of place when compared to such cosmic events. Good question!

<sup>2</sup> In particular see: Is 13:10-13; 24:1-6,19,23; 34:4; Ezek 32:6-8; Joel 2:10,30-31; 3:15-16; Hab 3:6-11.  
Also see: Amos 8:8-9; Jer 4:23-28; Ps 68:7-8; Matt 24:29; Mark 13:24-25; Acts 2:19-20.

- a) First, to have the winds blow so hard that even fig trees cast off their unripened figs shows how forceful the wind is blowing, which is no small thing.
- b) Second, it is a fierce fulfillment of OT prophecy, like every event described in Revelation 6:12-14.

Isaiah 34:4 - *“And all the host of heaven will wear away, and the sky will be rolled up like a scroll; All their hosts will also wither away as a leaf withers from the vine, or as one withers from the fig tree.”*

- c) Finally, remember the Lord Jesus used a fig tree to illustrate the necessity to have faith and that judgment is coming. Matt 21:19-22; 24:32ff;  
Mark 11:13-14,20ff; 13:28ff;  
Luke 13:6-9; 21:29ff

7) The outcome of this is that mankind is terrified.

- a) Why? There is no escape, all of creation is undone and collapses on everyone wicked.
- b) Revelation 6:15ff focuses on all types of men with regards to worldly power.
  - i) Whether kings, great men, commanders, the rich, the strong (whether physically or those with influence), slaves or free man.
  - ii) One’s worldly power and influence is meaningless. Matt 6:19-20
  - iii) God’s wrath, as revealed through His creation, has turned against all the wicked, because the Day of the Lord has come.
- c) Though they try to hide, it is futile, there is no escape, and thus they vainly call out to creation, instead of the Creator, to hid themselves. Rev 6:15-16
- d) Notice that the natural calamities, and the classes of men are both “seven” in number: A biblically symbolic number of perfection and being from God.

8) Please note, Who they are afraid of. Now at the very end they finally understand, though without faith, and thus to their damnation.

- a) *“Hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb;”*  
- Revelation 6:16b
- b) Note the Trinitarian language: the “Him” is God the Father and the Lamb is the Son.
  - i) They are different but equal, yet there is only one God.
  - ii) Note the use of “their” in verse 17.
- c) Also appreciate the beautiful and terrifying image of the Son.
  - i) He is both Savior and Judge.
  - ii) Revelation frequently refers to the Lord Jesus as the Lamb. Rev 5:6,8,12-13; 6:1,7,9,16  
He meekly went to the cross to save His people. Is 5:7  
Yet now is risen and reigns in heaven. Rev 4:1ff  
Going forth, like on a white horse, conquering and to conquer. Rev 6:1-2
  - iii) This is why Revelation is so important to read.
    - The meek baby in the manger is not the Jesus we deal with now.
    - It is the victorious Lamb, who like a Lion, is reigning in heaven Rev 5:5  
now, putting His enemies under His feet. Ps 110
    - And He will return and there will be “hell to pay.”  
(I mean that literally.)
- d) Why? Revelation 6:17 – *“for the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?”*



## Conclusion

- 1) Are you ready for the Day of the Lord?
- 2) In one sense, every day is the Day of the Lord, after all God created the days and time itself.
  - a) In this age, how many opportunities does one have to hear the Gospel.
    - i) When the Gospel is proclaimed, there is the Day of the Lord.
    - ii) Remember what our Lord said to Zaccheus - "*Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.*" – Luke 19:9b-10
  - b) Thus the importance of the Christian Sabbath, the Lord's Day, Sunday, where we gather to worship and to hear and taste the Gospel.
    - i) Because the Day of the Lord has come, the Messiah has arrived with His 1<sup>st</sup> Advent. Luke 4:21
    - ii) Luke 2:11 – "*for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.*"
  - c) Also, we do not know when our time on this earth will end and we will stand before God enthroned and the Lamb.
    - i) May God give us grace to be like the repented thief on the cross.
    - ii) Who hears: "*Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise.*" – Luke 23:43
- 3) But know this, there will be a final Day of the Lord, where every knee will bow, either out of hateful fear or godly fearful love. Eph 5:21
  - a) Our Lord, who now reigns in heaven, will return, and His wrath will be great – there will be justice.
  - b) We have been warned.
- 4) So, what should we do?
  - a) "*Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*" – Matthew 6:19-21
  - b) What does that exactly look like?
  - c) 1Peter 4:7-11 – "*The end of all things is near; therefore, be of sound judgment and sober spirit for the purpose of prayer. Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another (i.e. the church), because love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another (i.e. the church) without complaint. As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another (i.e. the church) as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.*"