

Trinity Reformed Church of Northwest Connecticut

Biblical, Traditional, Congregational

Lord's Day Worship for

October 19, 2025



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"Moses and Aaron went into the tent of meeting. When they came out and blessed the people, the glory of the Lord appeared to all the people. Then fire came out from before the Lord and consumed the burnt offering and the portions of fat on the altar; and when all the people saw it, they shouted and fell on their faces." – Leviticus 9:23-24

“✠” = Please stand if you are able.

Welcome, Greeting & Announcements

Call to Worship – Psalm 96:1-8

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song;

People: Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Leader: Sing to the Lord, bless His name;

People: Proclaim good tidings of His salvation from day to day.

Leader: Tell of His glory among the nations,

People: His wonderful deeds among all the peoples.

Leader: For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;

People: He is to be feared above all gods.

Leader: For all the gods of the peoples are idols,

People: But the Lord made the heavens.

Leader: Splendor and majesty are before Him,

People: Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,

People: Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of His name;

People: Bring an offering and come into His courts.

Prayer of Invocation and Confession

Gospel Absolution Text – Ephesians 1:5-6

“He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, to the praise of the glory (doxa) of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.”

***Hymn #4** – “All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above”

Scripture Reading – Psalm 24

Ancient Creedal Proclamation – 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 #29A** – “You Sons of the Gods”

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, 1-2.

Leader: *What is the chief end of man?*

1Cor 10:31

People: **Man’s chief end is to glorify God,
and to enjoy Him forever.**

Rom 11:36

Ps 73:25-28

Leader: *What rule has God given to direct us how we may
glorify and enjoy Him?*

People: **The Word of God,**

2Tim 3:16

Leader: *Which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old
and New Testaments,*

Eph 2:20

1John 1:3-4

People: **Is the only rule**

Leader: *To direct us how*

People: **We may glorify and enjoy Him.**

Ministry of the Word

Prayer of Illumination

***Sermon Text** – 1Samuel 4:19-22

***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 – “Ichabod”

A Sermon Series on 1Samuel 1-8

***Hymn #345** – “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

***Benediction**

Everyone is welcome to Coffee Hour Fellowship downstairs after church today

Announcements

- The church would like to thank all those who helped out and attended our Oktoberfest.
- The **Deacon Fund** (i.e. support for church members in need) is running low, any new donations will be greatly appreciated.

- **Operation Christmas Child** (OCC) gifts are due by Sunday, **Nov 16th**. Please return them to Mason, with a \$10 donation per shoebox, if able. OCC is a mission carried out by the Christian non-profit Samaritan's Purse. Through shoebox gifts, they give Christmas present and include a Gospel message to children in impoverished regions of the world. These shoeboxes can be packed with toys, school supplies, clothes, a personal letter, and more. If you are interested or have any question, please see Mason Goodell (goodellmas@gmail.com or 860-806-6437).
- Dave & Janelle Franceschetti have set up a gofundme page to help with the medical costs for **baby Caleb's** upcoming transplant surgery. You can go to: <https://gofund.me/95103c5b9> Or search for: "*Help Caleb and Family During Transplant*".

Upcoming Events

- For this month only, **YADG** will meet on Friday, **October 24th**, at c. 6:30 PM.
- The **Bolton Conference** is on **October 24th - 25th** (Fri-Sat) at the Pleasant Street Christian Reformed Church in Whitinsville, MA 01588. newenglandreformedfellowship.org/2025-conference
- **New Ladies Fellowship**: The Ladies of the Church are invited to the Aldrich home on Saturday, **November 1st**, from **12:00 – 2 PM** for a TULIP Party. It will be a casual time of fellowship with a short study. A lunch of soup and sandwiches will be provided.
(*Could you please sign-up so Verna can have a rough-count.*)
- **Caleb Goodell's** last Sunday, before he goes into the Army, is **November 2nd**.
- The **3rd Annual Calvinist-Christmas Party** is Friday, **December 5th**, at 6:30 PM, at the Grange.
- The **Annual Meeting** will be after church on **December 14th**.
- *Regular Studies & Gatherings*:
Sunday School for all ages (9:00 AM).
Tuesday Study (10:30 AM – noon) – Augustine's Sermons.
Wednesday Study (6:30 – 8:00 PM) – Book of Hebrews.
Gen-Alpha Club will return on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays.
Friday YADG (6:30 PM) still meets on 1st & 3rd Friday.
Saturday Morning Prayer Group at the Gabelmann's. (Please call Sheryl to confirm if the group is meeting that day, 860-309-7250.)

ONLINE RESOURCES

TRC's Webpage:	TrinityReformedCT.org
TRC's Facebook Page:	facebook.com/people/Trinity-Reformed-Church/61554974150922/
TRC's Youtube Channel:	youtube.com/@TrinityReformedCT
Pastor Doug's	youtube.com/simplyreformed
Youtube Channels:	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. (If you would like to join the Prayer Chain, also see Donna.)

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Sermon Notes

1Samuel 4:19-22

“Ichabod”

Sermon Series on 1Samuel 1-8

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Introduction – About Glory

- 1) Could you define the word “**glory**”?
- 2) The small words usually are the hardest to define, though are the most important.
 - a) “*Cardiograph*”, “*caramelize*”, or “*manual transmission*” are technical words and phrases but easy to learn and remember.
 - b) But words like “truth”, “good”, “beauty”, “justice”, “soul”, or even “God” can be very hard to define without using that word in the sentence.
(And impossible unless you start with God!)
- 3) The concept of “glory” is a major theme in the Bible.
 - a) The main OT/Hebrew word for glory is “כָּבוֹד” (kā·ḥôḏ/kabod, *kah-VOHD*).
 - i) Remember, the meaning of any word is determined by the context of its sentence.
 - ii) “*Kabod*” means “glory, splendor, honor, respect, the high status of a person, wealth, having what is valued, glorious presence, formally, glory, reward, vast wealth, riches, the inner self, etc.” depending on the context.
 - iii) It is where we get the word “Ichabod” from which Americans know from Washington Irving’s famous short story “The Legend of Sleepy Hollow” with its main character Ichabod Crane, the superstitious schoolmaster from Connecticut. (More about the original Ichabod in a bit.)
 - iv) The first reference to “*kabod*” is in Genesis 31:1 showing that glory can have an earthly meaning – “*Now Jacob heard the words of Laban’s sons, saying, ‘Jacob has taken away all that was our father’s, and from what belonged to our father he has made all this **wealth***” (kabod, literally “glory”).”
 - b) The main NT/Greek word for glory is “δόξα (dóxa/doxa)”.
 - i) The first reference to “glory” in the New Testament shows too the world can have fleshly glory; Matthew 4:8 – “*Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory* (doxa); and he said to Him, ‘All these things I will give You, if You fall down and worship me.’”
 - ii) Like kabod, doxa, has several meanings, depending on the context: splendor, glory, brightness, shining, radiance, amazing might, demonstration of power, praise, speak words of honor and glory, honor, give an assignment of status, greatness, the state of being wonderful, etc.
 - iii) It is where we get our word “doxology” from, literally “glory-speaking”, “words of glory”, or “a speaking (or saying) of glory.”

- 4) As we have heard, “glory” can have an earthly, worldly, meaning.
 - a) Something that men value and praise.
 - b) To give a few biblical examples:
 - i) Man has inherent glory over all created things. Ps 8:5
 - ii) To receive the approval from men is the basis of earthly glory. John 5:44
 - iii) So, to have power & influence brings earthly glory. Gen 45:13; Prov 25:2; 1Chr 29:28
 - iv) So too can wealth and even fine clothing. Gen 31:1; Is 10:3; Matt 6:29
 - v) Or the strength in young men. Prov 20:29
 - vi) Human organizations, such as nations, can have glory based on power and prestige. Is 16:14; 21:16
Matt 4:8-9
 - c) There is a “weight to glory”, and power by itself, because it can bring awe and/or fear.
 - i) The Hebrew word kabod (glory) literally comes from the word “kō·bēd/kobed” meaning “heaviness.”
 - ii) If you stood next to some who was much more beautiful, rich, powerful and successful then you would you not feel that heaviness?
- 5) It is true, all earthly blessings are from God and are good. Gen 1:31; Ps 24:1; Matt 5:45
Acts 14:17; 1Tim 4:4; James 1:17
 - a) And we are called to work hard in this life. Gen 2:15; Prov 6:6-11; Eccl 9:10
Eph 4:28; Col 3:23; 2Thes 3:10-12
 - b) And we should be thankful for the blessings God has given us, whether in personal abilities, or worldly goods. Deut 8:10-18; Ps 103:1-5
1Thes 5:18; Col 3:17
1Tim 6:6-8; James 1:17
- 6) However, there are numerous warnings about pursuing worldly glory in Scripture.¹
 - a) As we heard in Matthew 4:8, Satan takes a keen interest in worldly glory, and that should concern us.
 - b) As the Lord Jesus warned: “for they loved the approval (literally “glory”, doxa) of men rather than the approval (doxa) of God.” – John 12:43
 - c) Or Psalm 49:16-20 – “Do not be afraid when a man becomes rich, when the glory (kabod) of his house is increased; For when he dies he will carry nothing away; His glory (kabod) will not descend after him. Though while he lives he congratulates himself—And though men praise you when you do well for yourself—He shall go to the generation of his fathers; They will never see the light. Man in his pomp, yet without understanding, is like the beasts that perish.”
- 7) Where do the faithful go to understand true glory?
- 8) Let’s turn to our sermon text.

¹ Deut 6:10-12; 8:11-20; Ps 49:6-20; Prov 11:28; Eccl 5:10-15; Is 5:8; Jer 9:23-24; Matt 6:19-21,24; 13:22; 19:21-24; Mark 4:19; 8:36-37; Luke 8:14; 12:15-21,33-34; 14:33; 16:13-15,19-31; John 6:27; Rom 8:5-8; 1Cor 7:29-31; Gal 6:14; Eph 5:5; Phil 3:18-19; Col 3:1-2,5; 1Tim 6:6-11,17-19; 2Tim 4:10; Heb 11:24-26; James 1:10-11; 4:4; 5:1-5; 1Pet 1:14; 2Pet 2:15; 1John 2:15-17; Rev 3:17-18.

1Samuel 4:19-22

- 1) We are in the time of Judges – A time of moral decline in Israel. Judg 2:10-19; 17:6; 21:25
 - a) Israel fought the Philistines at Ebenezer, 1Sam 4:2ff
and Israel is routed.
 - b) The corrupt priests, Hophni & Phinehas, the sons of 1Sam 2:12-17,22-25,27-36
the High Priest Eli, are killed in battle. 1Sam 4:4,10-11
 - c) Eli dies of shock. 1Sam 4:12-18
 - d) Thus, God’s judgment, as per prophecy, comes 1Sam 2:27-36; 3:11-14
against Eli and his house. 1Sam 4:10-18
 - e) Even worse, the Ark of the Covenant, God’s 1Sam 4:3-11,17,21-22
throne on earth, is captured. Ex 25:21-22; Num 7:89
- 2) Eli’s daughter-in-law (Phinehas’ wife) was very pregnant when the Ark was captured. 1Sam 4:19
 - a) She is about to give birth when she hears the Ark has been captured,
and that her father-in-law, and her husband, are dead.
 - b) She gives birth at this moment.
- 3) She is going to die from the pain and the anguish. 1Sam 4:20
 - a) The women around her say to her, *“Do not be afraid, for you have given birth to a son.”*
– 1Samuel 4:20b
 - i) On a tangent: It is incredible how few in our deranged secular culture would
find this comment either inconceivable or offensive.
 - ii) How many modern secularists believe that there is Gen 1:28; 3:16; Ps 127:3-5
a glory for women to have children even a son? 1Tim 2:15; 5:10,14; Titus 2:4-5
 - iii) Or that the purpose of life is something beyond Gen 1:28; Deut 6:6-7; Ps 127:3-5
your own life, such as the importance of family. Matt 6:33; Rom 11:36; Eph 6:1-4
 - b) But Phinehas’ wife gives this comment no attention.
- 4) Phinehas’ wife names the child *“Ichabod.”* (i-chabod) 1Sam 4:21
 - a) Ichabod literally means *“no glory”* or *“glory is gone”*.
 - b) As she explains, *“The glory has departed from Israel”*. – 1Samuel 4:21b
 - c) Why has the glory departed from Israel?
 - i) The author tells us: *“because the ark of God was taken and because
of her father-in-law and her husband.”* – 1Samuel 4:21b
 - ii) To reinforce the point, Phinehas’ wife declares: *“She said, ‘The glory has
departed from Israel, for the ark of God was taken.’”* – 1Samuel 4:22

True Glory

- 1) True glory is found only in God. Ex 33:18-19; John 1:14; 2Cor 4:6
 - a) Earthly glory only exists because God is Ps 19:1; Is 42:5,8; John 1:3
the Creator and Sustainer of all things. Rom 11:36; Col 1:16-17; Heb 1:3
 - b) Earthly glory is poor fading reflection Is 40:6-8; Rom 1:23; 1Cor 1:27-29
of His glory. 2Cor 3:7-11; 4:6-7; 1Pet 1:24-25
 - c) Why is there glory? Because Ex 33:18-19; Ps 104:1; Is 6:1-3
God’s very nature is glorious. John 1:14; Heb 1:3; Rev 4:11

2) True glory in this world is godliness.

- a) A humble spirit will bring true glory. Prov 15:33; 22:4; 29:23
- b) Righteousness and loyalty will bring glory. Prov 21:21; 28:12
- c) The fear of the Lord brings glory. Prov 22:4

3) Whatever earthly glories you have, be thankful to God who has so blessed you.

- a) If you really think about it, you have more blessings than you realize.
 - i) A poor ugly man forgets that he has good health.
 - ii) While the rich, powerful, famous, ill man would trade all that to be healthy.
- b) Do you have wealth, health, food, shelter, clothing, comfort, beauty, youth, strength, skill, knowledge, achievement, power, reputation, influence, fame, family, friends, honor, social status, national pride, and natural or artistic splendor?
 - i) Praise God!
 - ii) Those are gracious gifts from God.
 - iii) Be thankful and praise God.
- c) Some of those things are more important than others.
 - i) Family is more important Deut 6:6-7; Ps 127:3-5; Prov 17:6
than worldly fame. Matt 15:4-6; 1Tim 3:4-5; 1Tim 5:8
 - ii) We must always rightly order our loves correctly. Matt 22:36-40

4) Eli, and his household, sought after worldly glory, and that brought God's wrath down on them.

- a) And because they were supposed to lead Israel in worship, that brought God's wrath down on all of Israel.
- b) That should give us great godly fear about ourselves, our families that we lead, and especially the church we gather in.
- c) May we always seek to glorify God, and rest Ps 115:1; Matt 6:19-21,33
in His glory, and never desire and rest John 5:44; 1Cor 10:31
in the glories of this world. Gal 6:14; Col 3:1-4
- d) Remember the 7 churches from Revelation 2-3.

- i) The two churches that receive the most praise, Smyrna Rev 2:8-11
& Philadelphia, are by worldly standards not glorious. Rev 3:7-13
 - They are poor, suffering, and have little worldly power or influence.
 - Yet they are rich in God's sight, because they are faithful.
- ii) The most worldly, successful church, Laodicea, receives no praise. Rev 3:12-22
 - They are rich and wealthy and claim no need for anything.
 - Yet because they are lukewarm in their faith, Christ warns them that He might spit them out.
 - Thus, He commands: "*therefore be zealous and repent.*" – Revelation 3:19b

5) Because of our fallen nature we find it difficult to remember God is first.

- a) How many modern Christians after hearing today's sermon text first think the following:
 - i) Why wasn't Phinehas's wife named?
Is this because of the patriarchy?

- ii) Why did Phinehas's wife have to die?
 - iii) My, that was a terrible name to give a child.
 - iv) It's not fair that God is judging a household, or even the whole nation, we are all entitled to our individualism.
- b) True, Christians should be charitable, kind and think well of everyone. Matt 5:16,44; Rom 12:10-18; Gal 6:10
Eph 4:32; Phil 2:3-4; 1Thes 5:15
- c) However, that few first react with shock and dread that God's presence has been removed from His people, shows how deep the problem is.
- 6) We foolishly feel consumed when standing next to a famous person.
 - a) The mature Christian, one who is humble, should be unfazed by this.
 - b) Don't you realize that feeling of unease is actually pride?
 - c) We should be thankful that God has so blessed our neighbor, lest we fall into that most dangerous of sins – coveting. Ex 20:17; Rom 12:15
Gal 5:26; Phil 2:3-4
1Thes 5:18; Heb 13:5
 - d) And there is a great glory in such humility.
Proverbs 15:33 – *“The fear of the LORD is the instruction for wisdom, and before honor (literally glory, kabod) comes humility.”*
- 7) Imagine what it is like to stand before God and all His glory.
 - a) That is why Scripture describes God as a consuming fire, not just because of His holiness but also the sheer epic weight of His glory. Ex 24:17; Deut 4:24
Is 6:1-4; Ezek 1:26-28
Heb 12:28-29; Rev 1:14-16
 - b) Yet to dwell in that perfect glory is what we are designed for, because of Christ. John 17:22-24; Rom 8:29-30; 2Cor 3:18
Eph 1:4-6,11-14; Col 1:27-28; 1John 3:2
Isaiah 43:7 – *“Everyone who is called by My name, and whom I have created for My glory (kabod), whom I have formed, even whom I have made.”*
 - c) The glory we, Christians, have is far greater than anything the world can imagine.
 - d) It is through Christ we have been put into that glory. John 17:22; Rom 8:17,30; 2Cor 3:18
Eph 1:11-14; Col 1:27; Heb 2:10
Hebrews 2:10 – *“For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory (doxa), to perfect the author of their salvation through sufferings.”*
 - d) And we have much glory now: We have Christ, we have the Spirit, we have God's Word – Law & Gospel, and we are in Christ's church, what else do you really need? Ps 73:25-26; John 14:16-17
Rom 8:9-10; 2Tim 3:16-17
Eph 1:3; Col 2:9-10
 - e) Yet, we Christians, are but pilgrims and strangers, in this fallen world. Ps 39:12; John 17:14-16; Heb 11:13
1Pet 1:1; 2:11; Phil 3:20
 - f) However, *“we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe; for our God is a consuming fire.”* – Hebrews 12:28b-29
 - i) That is why the final step of the order of salvation (e.g. justification, sanctification, etc.) is called **Glorification**.
 - ii) Where we are transformed into perfect glory to live directly with God in all His glory. Rom 8:17,30; 1Cor 15:42-43,49,52-54
2Cor 3:18; Phil 3:20-21; 1John 3:2

- 8) Remember that great High Priestly prayer of our Lord in John 17.
- a) In John 17:1-5 He prays that the Triune God be glorified.
(That should teach us a lot on how to pray, think and view this life!)
 - b) In John 17:6-19 He prays for His apostles, the foundation of the church.
 - c) Finally, in John 17:20-26 He prays for all Christians, including us here today.
- 9) Here is Christ's prayer for us:

John 17:22-26

- 22 *The glory (doxa) which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one;*
- 23 *I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me.*
- 24 *Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory (doxa) which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.*
- 25 *O righteous Father, although the world has not known You, yet I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me;*
- 26 *and I have made Your name known to them, and will make it known, so that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.*