

Trinity Reformed Church of Northwest Connecticut

Biblical, Traditional, Conservative, Congregational

Lord's Day Worship for
September 20, 2026

*"The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: fear God and keep His commandments,
because this applies to every person." – Ecclesiastes 12:13*



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“*” = Please stand if you are able.

Welcome, Greeting & Announcements

Call to Worship – Isaiah 8:9-13

Leader: *Be broken, O peoples, and be shattered;*
People: **And give ear, all remote places of the earth.**
Leader: *Gird yourselves, yet be shattered;*
People: **Gird yourselves, yet be shattered.**
Leader: *Devise a plan, but it will be thwarted;*
People: **State a proposal, but it will not stand,**
Leader: *For God is with us. For thus the LORD spoke to me with mighty power*
People: **And instructed me not to walk in the way of this people,**
Leader: *Saying, You are not to say, It is a conspiracy!*
People: **In regard to all that this people call a conspiracy,**
Leader: *And you are not to fear what they fear or be in dread of it.*
People: **It is the LORD of hosts whom you should regard as holy.**
Leader: *And He shall be your fear,*
People: **And He shall be your dread.**

Prayer of Invocation and Confession

Gospel Absolution Text – 1Peter 1:17-19

***Hymn #717** – “Blest the Man That Fears (the LORD)”

Scripture Reading – Matthew 10:24-31

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 #34C** – “O Sons and Daughters, Come”

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, 104.

Leader:	<i>What are the duties required in the first commandment (which is “Thou shalt have no other gods before me”)?</i>	
People:	The knowing and acknowledging of God to be the only true God, and our God;	1Chr 28:9; Deut 26:7 Is 43:10; Jer 14:22
Leader:	<i>And to worship and glorify Him accordingly, by thinking, mediating,</i>	Ps 95:6-7; Matt 4:10; Ps 29:2 Mal 3:16; Ps 63:6
People:	Remembering, highly esteeming, honoring,	Eccl 12:1; Ps. 71:19; Mal 1:6
Leader:	<i>Adoring, choosing, loving, desiring,</i>	Is 45:23; Josh 24:15,22; Deut 6:5; Ps 73:25
People:	<u>Fearing</u> of Him	Is 8:13
Leader:	<i>Believing Him; trusting hoping, delighting, rejoicing in Him; being zealous for Him;</i>	Ex 14:31; Is 26:4; Ps 130:7; 37:4 Ps 32:11; Rom 12:11; Num 25:11
People:	Calling upon Him, giving all praise and thanks,	Phil 4:6
Leader:	<i>And yielding all obedience and submission to Him with the whole man;</i>	Jer 7:23 James 4:7
People:	Being careful in all things to please Him,	1John 3:22
Leader:	<i>And sorrowful when in any thing He is offended;</i>	Jer 31:18; Ps 119:136
People:	And walking humbly with Him.	Micah 6:8

Ministry of the Word

Prayer of Illumination

***Sermon Text** – Proverbs 1:7

***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 Fear of the LORD”

(A Sermon Series on Proverbs 1-9)

Ministry of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation & Warning

TRC practices guarded open communion. All who profess faith in Christ, have been baptized, have a basic understanding of this sacrament, and are in good standing with a biblical local church are welcome to the Lord's Table. If you are uncertain whether you should partake, it is wise to abstain and speak with the pastor afterward.

Prayer

Words of Institution – Matthew 26:26-28 + Luke 22:19-20; 1Corinthians 10:16-17; 11:26

“While they were eating, Jesus took some bread, and after a blessing, He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, ‘Take, eat; this is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.’ And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, ‘Drink from it, all of you; for this is My blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins.’ . . . Is not the cup of blessing which we bless a sharing in the blood of Christ? Is not the bread which we break a sharing in the body of Christ? Since there is one bread, we who are many are one body; for we all partake of the one bread. For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.”

Partaking of the Bread and then the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn #460 – “Amazing Grace”

*Benediction

Everyone is welcome to Coffee Hour Fellowship downstairs after church today

Announcements

- If everyone could stay upstairs after the service so we could take a **picture** of the whole church.
- Pastor Doug's **Tuesday & Wednesday Studies** are currently on pause, they will return soon.
- The **Gen Alpha Club** will meet from 2:00 to 4:00 on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month.
Except for September, which will be this Sunday, Sept 20th. Practice for the Christmas Play will start this Sunday, 15 minutes after coffee hour, upstairs, every Sunday till the Christmas Play.
The practice will run for 30 minutes, maximum.
- The next in-person **Elder & Deacon Meeting** is on **October 3rd at 9:00 AM.**
(Location to be determined.)
- Tentatively, on **October 10th**, Saturday, there will our annual **Oktoberfest.** (Rain Date: October 17th)
Does anyone have any suggestions about a location?
- The **4th Annual Christmas Party** will be on Friday, **December 4th.**
- TRC's **Annual Meeting** is after church, on Sunday, **December 13th.** The snow-day is December 20th.
- **Saturday Morning Prayer Group** at the Gabelmann's. (Please call Sheryl to confirm if the group is meeting that day, 860-309-7250.)
- Pastor Doug is trying to organize a **Zoom call** to discuss how **TRC can support home-schoolers,** if you are interested please see him.

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

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

Proverbs 1:7

"The Fear of the LORD"

A Sermon Series on Proverbs 1-9

September 20, 2026

Introduction

- 1) On January 6, 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt gave his famous "Four Freedoms" speech as his State of the Union address.
 - a) In it he outlined four (supposed) fundamental freedoms: Freedom of Speech & Expression; Freedom of Worship; Freedom from Want; Freedom from Fear
 - b) In 1943 the great artist Norman Rockwell created a series of four famous oil paintings representing each of these four freedoms.
- 2) Rockwell's take on the "freedom from fear" is two parents tucking in their two sleeping children into bed as the father holds a newspaper announcing the horrors of a bombing at home.
 - a) In one sense, having freedom from fear is a very good thing: Having no fear about strife, invaders, assault, persecution, starvation, etc. is a blessing from God. Lev 26:6; 1Kgs 4:25
Ps 4:8; 27:1-3; Is 32:18
Luke 1:74-75; Heb 13:5-6
 - b) Psalm 4:8 - *"In peace I will both lie down and sleep, for You alone, O LORD, make me to dwell in safety."*
- 3) Roosevelt's "Four Freedoms" sound nice, and have some truth to them; however, they are all deeply flawed.
 - a) Including having freedom from fear.
 - b) "Fear" is required for life.
 - c) Rockwell shows a traditional, wholesome family, from a time when America was a Christian culture. Thus:
 - i) The children fear their parents.
 - ii) The wife fears her husband.
 - iii) The family fears the magistrate and church leaders.
 - iv) And above all they all feared God.
- 4) You believe the fear of God is important, right?
 - a) We are going through Proverbs 1-9 to learn wisdom.
 - b) And now we are at the most important verse in the Book of Proverbs, its thesis statement:
 - c) Proverbs 1:7 - *"The fear [yir'ā(h) / phobos] of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; Fools despise wisdom and instruction."*
- 5) One of the greatest difficulties facing the church, and modern culture, is that we no longer understand that fear is not only a good thing but it is required.
- 6) Lest we become fools and despise wisdom and instruction.

Fear in the Bible

- 1) "Fear" in the Bible means "dread", "afraid", "frightened", "scared", "alarm", "terror", along with "reverence", "awe" and "respect", depending on the context.
 - a) "Reverence", "awe", and "respect" are part of the biblical terms for "fear" but so are "being afraid of" and "terror".

- b) Reverence, awe, and respect, along with dread and terror of giving an offense, fundamentally go together.
 - c) The Greek word for “fear” in Scripture is where we get the word “phobia”, a “fear of something.”
- 2) The Bible is very clear we should have fear of God and terror about His holiness, justice and vengeance.¹
- a) Isaiah 8:13 – “*It is the LORD of hosts whom you should regard as holy. And He shall be your fear* [mô·rāʿ] / phobos], *and He shall be your dread* [ʿā·rās].”
 - b) Psalm 119:120 – “*My flesh trembles* [to bristle, have goosebumps, sā·mār] *for fear* [pā·hād / phobos] *of You, and I am afraid* [yr / phobeō] *of Your judgments.*”
 - c) Exodus 22:21-24 - “*You shall not wrong a stranger or oppress him, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall not afflict any widow or orphan. If you afflict him at all, and if he does cry out to Me, I will surely hear his cry; and My anger will be kindled, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall become widows and your children fatherless.*”
 - d) And today’s Sermon text: Proverbs 1:7 – “*The fear* [yir·ʾā(h) / phobos] *of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; Fools despise wisdom and instruction.*”
- 3) Some might complain: But that is from the meanie Old Testament (OT), the New Testament is all about love and acceptance!
- a) As if there are two different gods in the Bible. Also, have you read the NT?
 - b) The Lord Jesus taught: “*Do not fear* [phobeō] *those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him* [phobeō] (God the Father) *who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.*” – Matthew 10:28
 - c) Or after the cross we are commanded to: “*For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a terrifying expectation of judgment and the fury of a fire which will consume the adversaries. Anyone who has set aside the Law of Moses dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled under foot the Son of God, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace? For we know Him who said, 'Vengeance is Mine, I will repay.' And again, 'The Lord will judge His people.' It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.*” - Hebrews 10:26-31.
- 4) Some might further complain: But that is the Father, Jesus loves everyone!
- a) As if the Father and the Son are different gods.
 - b) Ephesians 5:21- “*and be subject to one another in the fear* [phobos] *of Christ.*”
- 5) *Fear of God Defined:*
- The fear of God is reverence and real trembling before His holy majesty, power, and judgment, joined with faith, hope and love that move us to obey Him and dread offending Him.**
- Deut 10:12-13,20; Ps 2:11
Ps 119:120; Is 8:13
Heb 12:28-29; 1Pet 1:17

¹ Gen 3:10; 28:17; Ex 3:6; 15:11; 20:18-20; 22:21-24; Deut 4:10,24; 5:22-29; 6:13; 7:21; 10:12-13,17,20; 32:35-43; Ps 2:11-12; 33:8; 34:9; 76:7; 90:11; 96:4-9; 99:1-5; 119:120; 130:4; Prov 1:7; 9:10; Eccl 12:13; Is 6:1-5; 8:12-13; 33:14; 66:2; Jer 5:22; Nah 1:2-6; Matt 10:28; Luke 12:4-5; Acts 5:5,10-11; 9:31; Rom 2:5-9; 11:20-22; 2Cor 5:10-11; 7:1; Eph 5:21; Phil 2:12; Heb 4:1,12-13; 10:26-31; 12:18-21,28-29; 1Pet 1:15-17; Rev 6:15-17; 14:7,9-11; 15:4; 19:1-3.

The Problem With Respect

- 1) One of the main problems we moderns have with the concept of the fear of God is that we have twisted fear to mean only “respect.”
- 2) Again, the biblical words for “fear” do include “reverence”, “awe” and “respect” but we so twist them to remove all the terror part and then twist the respect part.
 - a) “Fear” is something that is imposed on us by a holy God because His justice and vengeance are terrifying and we don’t like that because we love ourselves and our sins.
 - b) But we, foolishly, think that respect is something we have control over, thus that wicked godless phrase: *“I will respect you if you earn my respect”*.
 - c) Notice the rejection of God’s authority and control, being replaced by the foolish idolatrous belief in the final authority of the autonomous self-entitled individual.
- 3) Christians are commanded to respect all authority. Rom 13:1-7; Eph 6:1-3; 1Thes 5:12-13
Heb 13:17; 1Pet 2:13-18; 5:5
 - a) Why? Because all authority is from God, He has ordained it.
 - b) To think you are the final judge and authority, even over yourself, is demonic & delusional.
- 4) That is why children are to fear their parents, wives their husbands, students their teachers, employees their bosses, soldiers their officers, citizens their magistrates, parishioners their church leaders, with everyone fearing the Creator and Judge of the Universe.²
 - a) But foolish, sinful man, does not like that, so he removes the godly fear part by making it only about respect.
 - b) And then twists the definition of respect.
- 5) By the way, it is impossible to remove fear in hierarchical relationships, which are most relationships. (Friendship being the exception.)
 - a) You see this in the twisted world the godless secularists have tried to create.
 - b) Trying to remove fear has only created a world where the wrong group fears the other.
 - c) Parents are afraid of children. Husbands are afraid of their wives.
Teachers are afraid of students. Employers are afraid of their employees.
Church leaders are afraid of parishioners. Even police are afraid of criminals.
 - d) This is madness.
 - e) Why? Because we no longer fear God and thus we are stupid and despise wisdom and instruction.
- 6) Of course, the Creator of the Universe is not afraid of fallen foolish man. Ps 2:3-5
 - a) Proverbs 1:24-29 – *“Because I (Wisdom speaking with divine authority) called and you refused, I stretched out my hand and no one paid attention; And you neglected all my counsel and did not want my reproof; I will also laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your dread comes, when your dread comes like a storm and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call on me, but I will not answer; They will seek me diligently but they will not find me, because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD.”*
 - b) To be on the wrong side of God’s holiness, justice and power is not a good place to be.
 - c) This should give us a great fear of God, lest He become angry with us.

² Ex 20:12; Lev 19:3,32; 9:24; Deut 6:13; 10:12,20; 1Sam 24:6-10; Prov 24:21; Eccl 12:13; Matt 8:8-9; 10:28; 22:21; Luke 6:40; Rom 13:1-7; 1Cor 16:15-16; 2Cor 7:15; Eph 5:21-33; 6:1-9; Col 3:18-4:1; 1Thes 5:12-13; 1Tim 5:17; 6:1-2; Titus 3:1; Heb 13:7,17; 1Pet 2:13-18; 3:1-7; 5:5; Rev 14:7.

Why Fear God

- 1) Solomon tells us: “*The fear [yir·’ā(h) / phobos] of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge [dā·‘āt]; Fools despise wisdom [hāk·mā(h)] and instruction [mû·sār].*” – Proverbs 1:7
- 2) Why fear God?
 - a) There are many good reasons, including:
 - i) It's commanded; that should be enough if we fear God and have any idea who He is.
 - ii) It's good to live in reality.
 - b) The reason Solomon gives is that it is the beginning of not just wisdom but knowledge itself.
- 3) Remember from last week that knowledge, wisdom and instruction all go together.
 - a) **Knowledge** (dā·‘āt) is concerned with knowing and understanding what is true and right.
 - b) **Wisdom** (hāk·mā(h)) is to rightly use that knowledge to judge, choose, to make sound judgments, and to have the skill to live correctly.
 - c) **Instruction** (mû·sār) is to learn discipline, correction, and the willingness to take rebuke, which are the means by which we acquire knowledge and grow in wisdom.
- 4) How is correct knowledge, wisdom and instruction even possible unless one fears God?
 - a) If your starting point is wrong, everything else will crumble, like building on the sand instead of a rock-solid foundation.
 - b) You will get things wrong, not just in a factual sense, but also more importantly morally.
 - i) Justifying idolatry, murder, sexual perversion, stealing, lying, coveting, etc.
 - ii) Just look at our godless society.
 - iii) Remember, the biblical word “to know” and “knowledge” is not just about information but to grasp, understand, and possess knowledge that affects your being, that shapes your judgment and conduct.

Moronic

- 1) Solomon warns that those who do not fear the Lord are “fools” who “*despise wisdom and instruction.*”
- 2) I love the Greek word for “fool” (mōros); it is where we get our word “*moron*” and “*moronic*” from.³
 - a) The Bible calls those who reject God are fools. Ps 14:1; 53:1; Prov 1:7; 9:10
Rom 1:21-22; 1Cor 1:18-25
 - b) This isn't mere name-calling.
 - c) It describes a condition: Of being a fool, which combines stupidity and immorality.
 - d) Again, always remember, the end of knowledge is correct action, not just gathering mere facts.

³ The Greek Old Testament, called the LXX, uses ἀσεβής (asebeis)—“the ungodly” or “the impious”—rather than a Greek word meaning “fools” in Proverbs 1:7. The Hebrew דִּילְפִּים (‘ēwīlīm) means fools, but here their folly consists in despising wisdom and instruction. The Greek makes their ungodliness explicit: their failure is moral and religious, not merely intellectual.

About Men & Women

- 1) As we go through Proverbs I do want to constantly remind ourselves of Solomon's main target audience: Young men.⁴
 - a) Of course, wisdom is for all ages and all genders. (There are only two genders, the fact I have to say that shows how foolish this world has become.)
 - b) A strong church, or family, or nation, needs wise
godly courageous men, which requires training. Ex 18:21; Deut 1:13; Josh 1:6-9
Prov 29:2; 1Cor 16:13; 1Tim 3:1-13
 - i) It is important for all ages, and genders, to know this wisdom.
 - ii) Whether it is elders guiding the young men
or mothers instructing young children. Prov 1:8; 6:20; 31:1
Titus 2:2,6-8; 2Tim 1:5; 3:14-15
- 2) Let me ask a dangerous question: Why does God
call men to leadership and not women? Gen 2:18-24; 1Cor 11:3; Eph 5:22-33
1Tim 2:11-15; 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9
 - a) Nowhere in Scripture does it say women are less intelligent than men.
 - b) Clearly there are numerous godly, faithful, intelligent, capable women in the Bible.
(e.g. Miriam, Deborah, Ruth, Hannah, Mary, Lydia, Phoebe, etc.)
 - c) The Bible is clear, however, that men and women are different, and women are
"weaker" than men.⁵
- 3) Peter writes: *"just as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, and you (wives, women) have become her children if you do what is right without being frightened by any fear. You husbands in the same way, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered."* – 1Peter 3:6-7
 - a) Women are physically weaker than men, there is no doubt about that.
 - b) Therefore, they are more prone to try to avoid fear.
 - i) Which is understandable, it is how we are made.
 - ii) You disagree?
 - Why do women avoid dangerous jobs while men are drawn to them?
 - Why do men seek out leaders they want to be afraid of (such as joining elite military units) and women do not?
 - Why does it not bother a woman to be called "a coward" but it is one of the worst insults you can give a man?
 - Why, once we put women in the workforce, did it become necessary to have HR departments? Staffed mostly by women?
 - c) Jeremiah 51:30 – *"The mighty men of Babylon have ceased fighting, they stay in the strongholds; Their strength is exhausted, they are becoming like women; Their dwelling places are set on fire, the bars of her gates are broken."*
- 4) In liberal churches, which are led by women, or Evangelical churches that try to appeal to women, how often will you hear sermons on the fear of God?

⁴ Prov 1:4,8-10; 2:1; 3:1,11,21; 4:1,10,20; 5:1,7,20; 6:1,3,20; 7:1,7; 19:27; 23:15,19,22,26; 24:13,21; 27:11.

⁵ Gen 2:19-24; 3:16,20; Num 26:2; Deut 22:5; 1Sam 4:9; 2Sam 10:12; Ps 48:6; Is 3:8,12; 6:24; 13:7-8; 19:16; 21:3; 26:16-18; Jer 4:31; 30:6; 48:41; 51:30,37; Mic 4:9-10; Nah 3:13; John 16:21-22; 1Cor 11:5,13; 14:34; Eph 5:22-24; Col 3:18; 1Thes 5:3; 1Tim 2:9-15; 4:7; Titus 2:3-5; 1Pet 3:1-7

- 5) This desire to understandably try to avoid fear can lead to a misunderstanding of the necessity of fear.
 - a) I have met many a man who loves talking about the fear of the Lord;
I have met few women.
 - b) I remember talking to an elderly, very godly and wise woman who would speak glowingly of her earthly father and how much they loved each other.
 - i) When I asked her if she “feared her father” she was almost appalled and said “of course not, he loved me greatly.”
 - ii) When asked, “And if you did something wrong as a child then what?” Her eyes got big and she said with dread, “We never did anything wrong, I can’t even imagine what would happen to us if we rebelled.”
 - iii) Notice, she perfectly defined godly fear but had trouble calling it fear.
- 6) By the way, I am not trying to disparage women.
 - a) Obviously women can have great faith and truly fear the Lord.
 - b) Each gender is different, with different roles, that need each other for the two to become one.
 - c) Besides, God’s ways are gracious.
 - i) God calls men to combat and conflict, not women.
 - ii) And one of the purposes of family and marriage is to provide for and to protect women, as we read from 1Peter.
 - iii) So too in the church.

Conclusion

- 1) Some might ask: But pastor, because of Christ’s death should we not have fear?
 - a) To quote the Lord Jesus, *“Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear; you are more valuable than many sparrows.”* – Luke 12:7
 - b) Yes, amen and amen.
 - i) In Christ we are freed from the wrath brought upon to us by the Law. Rom 4:15; 5:9; 8:1-4
Gal 3:10-13; Eph 2:3-5; 1Thes 1:10
 - ii) In Christ we are freed from the fears of this world. Ps 27:1-3; 56:3-4; Matt 10:28-31
John 14:27; Rom 8:35-39; Heb 13:5-6
- 2) However, remember Luke 12:8-9 – *“And I say to you, everyone who confesses Me before men, the Son of Man will confess him also before the angels of God; but he who denies Me before men will be denied before the angels of God.”*
 - a) We are called to remain faithful.
 - b) If not, He will deny us, and that should give us great fear of the Lord.
 - c) That fear will keep us faithful.
 - d) Because from that fear comes all our fears relieved.
- 3) This grace is proclaimed to us in the King’s Royal Table.