

MORNING WORSHIP

April 27, 2025

Rev. Greg Lubbers

Prelude Organist, Jan De Zwart

Call to Worship Psalm 27:4-6

Prayer of Invocation

*Song of Praise TPH#152 “Safely through Another Week”

*God’s Greeting

Reading of the Law Exodus 20

Song of Confession TPH#176:1, 2, 5, 6 “O Thou That Hear’st When Sinners Cry”

Assurance of Pardon Isaiah 12

Congregational Prayer

*Song of Preparation TPH#377 “Join All the Glorious Names”

Scripture Reading: Page 772 Ecclesiastes 9:13-18

Sermon Text Ecclesiastes 9:13-18

Sermon “The Great Advantage of Wisdom”

Prayer of Application

*Song of Dedication TPH#25B:1-4 “LORD, to You I Lift My Soul”

Offering The offering is for the Christian Education Assistance Fund (C.E.A.F.)

*Doxology TPH#562:1, 2 “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

*Benediction

*Moment of Meditation

*Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

Morning Sermon Outline

The Great Advantage of Wisdom

Scripture Reading: Ecclesiastes 9:13-18, Page 772

Sermon Text: Ecclesiastes 9:13-18

I. The Description of this Wisdom

A. Described by the Grammar

B. Described by the Parable

II. The Evaluation of this Wisdom

A. A Biblical Evaluation

B. A Cultural Evaluation

III. The Application concerning this Wisdom

A. By Comparison

B. By Contrast

TPH 152 - “Safely through Another Week”

1. Safely through another week

God has brought us on our way;
let us now a blessing seek,
waiting in his courts today;
day of all the week the best,
emblem of eternal rest.

2. While we pray for pard'ning grace

through the dear Redeemer's name,
show thy reconciled face;
take away our sin and shame;
from our earthly cares set free,
may we rest this day in thee.

3. Here we come thy name to praise;

let us feel thy presence near;
may thy glory meet our eyes
while we in thy house appear;
here afford us, Lord, a taste
of our everlasting feast.

4. May thy gospel's joyful sound

conquer sinners, comfort saints;
may the fruits of grace abound,
bring relief for all complaints;
thus may all our Sabbaths prove,
'til we join the church above.

TPH 176 - “O Thou That Hear'st When Sinners Cry” (Stz. 1, 2, 5, 6)

1. O thou that hear'st when sinners cry,

though all my crimes before thee lie,
behold them not with angry look,
but blot their mem'ry from thy book.

2. Create my nature pure within,

and form my soul averse to sin;
let thy good Spirit ne'er depart,
nor hide thy presence from my heart.

5. My soul lies humbled in the dust,

and owns thy dreadful sentence just:
look down, O Lord, with pitying eye,
and save the soul condemned to die.

6. Then will I teach the world thy ways;

sinners shall learn thy sov'reign grace;
I'll lead them to my Savior's blood,
and they shall praise a pard'ning God.

TPH 377 - "Join All the Glorious Names"

1. Join all the glorious names
 of wisdom, love, and pow'r,
that ever mortals knew,
 that angels ever bore:
all are too poor to speak his worth,
 too poor to set my Savior forth.
2. Great Prophet of my God,
 my tongue would bless thy name:
by thee the joyful news
 of our salvation came,
the joyful news of sins forgiv'n,
 of hell subdued and peace with heav'n.
3. Jesus, my great High Priest,
 offered his blood and died;
my guilty conscience seeks
 no sacrifice beside:
his pow'rful blood did once atone
 and now it pleads before the throne.
4. Thou art my Counselor,
 my pattern, and my Guide,
and thou my Shepherd art;
 O keep me near thy side;
nor let my feet e'er turn astray
 to wander in the crooked way.
5. My Savior and my Lord,
 my Conqu'ror and my King,
thy scepter and thy sword,
 thy reigning grace, I sing:
thine is the pow'r; behold I sit
 in willing bonds beneath thy feet.

TPH 25B - "LORD, to You I Lift My Soul" (Stz. 1-4)

1. LORD, to you I lift my soul,
 O my God, I trust your name;
let my foes not o'er me gloat;
 let me not be put to shame.
Truly none who wait for you
 will be ever put to shame;
those who wantonly betray,
 they will ever be ashamed.
2. Make me know your ways, O LORD;
 in your path lead me in truth.
You are God, my Savior true,
 all the day I wait for you.
LORD, remember in your love
 all your mercies from of old.
But remember not my sin,
 for your goodness' sake, O LORD!
3. Good and upright is the LORD;
 he instructs all those who stray.
All the meek he leads aright,
 he will teach his holy way.
All his paths are steadfast love,
 he is faithful in his ways,
for all those who keep his word
 and his covenant obey.
4. For the sake of your own name,
 LORD, forgive my guilt, tho' great.
Who is he who fears the LORD?
 God will teach him all his ways.
In well-being he abides,
 and his seed receives the land.
Those who fear the LORD he loves,
 makes them know his covenant.

TPH 562 - “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” (Stz. 1, 2)

1. Lord, dismiss us with your blessing;
 fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, your love possessing,
 triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us,
 trav’ling through this wilderness.

2. Thanks we give and adoration
 for your gospel’s joyful sound:
may the fruits of your salvation
 in our hearts and lives abound:
ever faithful, ever faithful
 to the truth may we be found.

EVENING WORSHIP
April 27, 2025
Rev. Greg Lubbers

Prelude Organist, Laura Wielard
Pianist, Taylor Veenstra

Call to Worship Psalm 92:1-4

Prayer of Invocation

*Song of Praise TPH#92B “It Is Good to Sing Your Praises”

*God’s Greeting

*Apostles’ Creed - TPH, inside front cover

*Gloria Patri TPH#572 “Glory Be to the Father”
(unannounced)

Congregational Prayer

*Song of Preparation TPH#8A “O LORD, Our Lord, in All the Earth”

Scripture Reading: Page 651 Psalm 50

Sermon Text: Forms & Prayers, 244 Heidelberg Catechism,
Lord’s Day 36

Sermon “A Commandment concerning the Divine Name”

Prayer of Application

*Song of Dedication TPH#234:1-3, 6 “The God of Abraham Praise”

Offering The offering is for MINTS

*Doxology TPH#158:1, 2, 6 “All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night”

*Benediction

*Moment of Meditation

*Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

Evening Sermon Outline
A Commandment concerning the Divine Name
Scripture Reading: Psalm 50, Page 651
Sermon Text: Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 36, Forms & Prayers, 244

I. Addresses a Particular Person

A. A Person in God’s Image

B. A Person of Transformative Grace

II. Includes a Solemn Prohibition

A. Forbidding the Abuse of Divine Names

B. Given the Purpose of Divine Names

III. Gives a Unique Opportunity

A. For an Expression of Reverence

B. For a Life of Praise

TPH 92B - “It Is Good to Sing Your Praises”

1. It is good to sing your praises
and to thank you, O Most High,
showing forth your lovingkindness
when the morning lights the sky.
It is good, when night is falling,
of your faithfulness to tell,
while with sweet, melodious praises
songs of adoration swell.
2. You have filled my heart with gladness
through the works your hands have wrought;
you have made my life victorious,
great your works and deep your thought.
You, O Lord, on high exalted,
reign forevermore in might;
all your enemies shall perish,
sin be banished from your sight.
3. But the good shall live before you,
planted in your dwelling place,
fruitful trees and ever verdant,
nourished by your boundless grace.
In his goodness to the righteous
God his righteousness displays;
God my rock, my strength and refuge,
just and true are all his ways.

TPH 8A - “O LORD, Our Lord, in All the Earth”

1. O LORD, our Lord, in all the earth
how excellent your name!
For you have set above the heav'ns
your glory and your fame.
2. From infants' and from children's lips
you ordered praise to sound
to silence all your enemies,
the wicked to confound.
3. When I regard the heav'ns you made,
your fingers' work I trace;
I see the moon and shining stars
which you have set in place.
4. I ask myself, “What then is man
that you should give him thought—
the son of man, that you to him
such gracious care have brought?”
5. You made him little less than those
who dwell in heav'n above,
and you have crowned and honored him
with glory from above.
6. You made him ruler of the works
created by your hand;
you placed all things beneath his feet
to be in his command:
7. All sheep and oxen, birds and fish,
all beasts both wild and tame.
O LORD, our Lord, in all the earth
how excellent your name!

TPH 234 - "The God of Abraham Praise"
(Stz. 1-3, 6)

1. The God of Abraham praise,
 who reigns enthroned above,
Ancient of everlasting day
 and God of love.
Jehovah! Great I AM!
 by earth and heav'n confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name,
 forever blest.
2. The God of Abraham praise,
 at whose supreme command
from earth I rise and seek the joys
 at his right hand.
I all on earth forsake,
 its wisdom, fame, and pow'r,
and him my only portion make,
 my shield and tow'r.
3. He by himself hath sworn,
 I on his oath depend;
I shall, on eagles' wings upborne,
 to heav'n ascend.
I shall behold his face,
 I shall his pow'r adore,
and sing the wonders of his grace
 forevermore.
6. The whole triumphant host
 gives thanks to God on high;
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!"
 they ever cry.
Hail, Abraham's God and mine!
 I join the heav'nly lays;
all might and majesty are thine,
 and endless praise.

TPH 158 - "All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night"
(Stz. 1, 2, 6)

1. All praise to thee, my God, this night,
 for all the blessings of the light;
keep me, O keep me, King of kings,
 beneath thine own almighty wings.
2. Forgive me, Lord, for thy dear Son,
 the ills that I this day have done;
that with the world, myself, and thee,
 I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.
6. Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
 praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host:
 praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.