

Welcome to  
**St. John's Reformed Church**



Lord's Day Sunday, May 24, 2026

**Hebrews 9:1-14**  
**The Last Obstruction**



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**Ongoing...**

\* Monday Night **Bible Study** - 6:30-8:00pm - Fellowship Hall.  
Current study: Romans

\* We have a **prayer time** before service at 8:40 downstairs in our prayer room to the right of the nursery. Please plan to come so that we can pray together.

\* Sunday Night Service - 6:00pm - Feb-June and Sept-Nov.  
(off for July-Aug and Dec-Jan)

\* Every 1st Sunday after service around 11:30 we have a potluck lunch in our fellowship hall.

\* Downstairs we have a **library** of books that you can check out. Plus free booklets and t-shirts to take.

\* There is a **mother and baby room** available downstairs next to the library/lounge area for those who need it during service.

\* Current Elder and Deacon meeting reports can be read on the bulletin board downstairs across from Pastor Matt's office.

\* If you are interested in becoming a member of St. John's please talk to Pastor Matt for more information on a **membership** class and more.

\* We always have a need for **bottled water and paper products**. If you would like to donate, it is much appreciated. They can go on any counter in the kitchen.

\* If members need a **Member Directory**, talk to Pastor Matt.

\* Offerings can be given during service, in the offering boxes located at the top of the stairs in the back of the sanctuary or in the foyer of our west entrance, or through our app.

\* Our **church app** is available through [allofchrist.org](http://allofchrist.org) or any app store

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Welcome and Announcements

\* Call to Worship \*  
Psalm 72

\* Songs of Praise \*  
Why Do the Nations Rage? (Psalm 2)  
O Praise the Name  
Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

Catechism  
Q&A #30 (page 58 in our 1689 book in the pews)

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon  
Hebrews 9:1-14 - The Last Obstruction

Offering and Song of Preparation  
Jesus Messiah

Offering Prayer

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

Lord's Supper

\* Song of Response \*  
O Church, Arise (black #353)

\* Benediction and Closing Doxology \*

[ \* If able, you are invited to stand \* ]

**Hebrews 9:1-14 - The Last Obstruction**

A third temple?

The last obstruction:

Verse 14:

**Sermons are usually uploaded by Monday and can be accessed thru our website at [www.allofchrist.org](http://www.allofchrist.org)**

**Announcements and News...**

We hope to see you at 6:00pm tonight for our Sunday night service. We are going through 1 John.

On June 20th we will be hosting a Future of Christendom one-day conference. The topic of the conference will be what being pro-Israel means according to the Bible. There are many important questions being asked about this today. Registration will be \$5 (with an optional lunch).  
*Go to [futureofchristendom.org](http://futureofchristendom.org) to register!*

Please be in prayer for the CEF soccer outreach on Aug 4th from 5:30-8:30pm at the Blue Mountain High School stadium. There will also be the following volunteer needs. We will need help. Let Pastor Matt know if you can volunteer.

- Team assistants to help with the groups of kids.
- Registration help.
- People who are willing to mingle with parents and family.

If you would be interested in having an arts/crafts booth area at the Schuylkill Haven Borough Day event on Sept. 26th please let Pastor Matt know asap. We may try to be a presence in our community by having multiple vendor spaces together there where you can sell your good and promote the church at the same time.

We will be having a membership class on May 31st for John and Tracy Lucarelli, Jack Smith, and Lisa Matz. We are thankful for their desire to become members of our church. If you have any questions about membership, please talk to Pastor Matt.

Today's flowers are placed in memory of Jonathan Smeltz by the Smeltz family.

**Questions for further study and to help parents continue the sermon with their children...**

Why would a physical temple not be rebuilt, why would animal sacrifices not be brought back, and why would there be no more priests according to this passage?

Why would the new covenant be made clearer so it's more clearly seen when the old sacrificial system went away? In other words, how did the old system obstruct the new covenant?

How does the work of the new covenant purify our conscience from dead works and cause us to serve the living God? What are some examples of what that looks like in our lives?

Old Covenant	vs	New Covenant
Priesthood of mortal men		Jesus' priesthood
Bodily descent		Indestructible life
Weakness & uselessness		Perfection
No oath made to priests		Oath made to Jesus "You are a priest forever."
Many priests		One priest - Jesus
Old priest prevented by death from continuing in office		Jesus' priesthood is permanent
Animal sacrifices		Jesus' sacrifice of Himself
Sacrifices offered repeatedly		Once-for-all sacrifice
earthly/physical promises		heavenly/spiritual promises
comes to an end as a covenant		exists forever
Moses the main mediator		Jesus the Mediator
God finds fault		faultless
tablets of stone		written on the heart
vanished away in first century		endures forever

salvation only found under the New Covenant