

First Christian Reformed Church  
Lynden, Washington  
May 23, 2021  
*Pentecost Sunday*

**Call to Worship:** *Revelation 15:3b, 4*

*Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty!  
Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations!  
Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name?  
For you alone are holy.  
All nations will come and worship you,  
for your righteous acts have been revealed.*

**God's Greeting**

***This Is the Day***

This is the day, this is the day  
That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made;  
We will rejoice, we will rejoice  
And be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that the Lord has made,  
We will rejoice and be glad in it;  
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

This is the day, this is the day  
When the Spirit came, when the Spirit came;  
We will rejoice, we will rejoice  
And be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day when the Spirit came,  
We will rejoice and be glad in it;  
This is the day, this is the day when the Spirit came.

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***The Comforter Has Come***

O spread the tidings 'round wherever man is found,  
Wherever human hearts and human woes abound;  
Let every Christian tongue proclaim the joyful sound:  
The Comforter has come!

*Refrain:* The Comforter has come, the Comforter has come!  
The Holy Ghost from Heaven, the Father's promise given;  
O spread the tidings 'round wherever man is found,  
The Comforter has come!

Lo, the great King of kings, with healing in His wings,  
To every captive soul a full deliverance brings;  
And through the vacant cells the song of triumph rings:  
The Comforter has come! *Refrain*

O boundless love divine! How shall this tongue of mine  
To wondering mortals tell the matchless grace divine  
That I, a child of hell, should in His image shine?  
The Comforter has come! *Refrain*

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### **Call to Confession:** *Romans 8:9-11*

*You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.*

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Father in heaven,  
Fifty days have celebrated the fullness of the mystery  
of your revealed love.  
See your people gathered in prayer,  
Open to receive the Spirit's flame.  
May it come to rest in our hearts  
And disperse the divisions of word and tongue.  
With one voice and one song  
May we praise your name in joy and thanksgiving.  
Grant this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

### **Assurance:** *Acts 5:30-32*

*The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree.  
God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior,  
to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.  
And we are witnesses to these things,  
and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.*

### **Morning Prayer**

#### ***Spirit of the Living God***

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
  
Spirit of the living God, move among us all;  
Make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:  
Humble, caring, selfless, sharing.  
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love.

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### **Scripture:** *Romans 8:12-17 (NKJV)*

<sup>12</sup> *Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.*  
<sup>13</sup> *For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.* <sup>14</sup> *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.* <sup>15</sup> *For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."* <sup>16</sup> *The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,* <sup>17</sup> *and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.*

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Message:** *Jesus, Take the Wheel?*

## ***In Christ There Is No East or West***

In Christ there is no East or West,  
In Him no South or North;  
But one great fellowship of love  
Throughout the whole wide earth.

In Him shall true hearts everywhere  
Their high communion find;  
His service is the golden cord  
Close binding all mankind.

In Christ now meet both East and West;  
In Him meet South and North.  
All Christly souls are one in Him  
Throughout the whole wide earth.

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## **Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

### **God's Blessing**

#### ***Shine, Jesus, Shine***

Lord, the light of Your love is shining  
In the midst of the darkness shining;  
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,  
Set us free by the truth You now bring us;  
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Refrain:* Shine, Jesus, Shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.  
Send forth Your Word Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,  
From the shadows into Your radiance;  
By the blood I may enter Your brightness;  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness;  
Shine on me, shine on me. *Refrain*

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Offerings and tithes can be placed in the baskets in the narthex, mailed to the church office (1010 Front Street, Lynden, WA 98264), dropped off in the church mailbox, through a bill pay service, or electronically at [www.tithe.ly](http://www.tithe.ly). If you would like to give to the First CRC operating fund, please use a blue envelope or designate on memo line.

*This week the offering is for Tribe (High School Youth Group), a ministry to 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students.*

*A love offering for the A-H Bible Fund will be received by the deacons as you leave the sanctuary.*

Nursery is available with a paging system for children under 3 years during the 10:30 AM worship service in the Education Building.

Children's Church is available for children 3 years – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade during the 10:30 AM service. Children are dismissed to the Education Building during the worship service.

Worship services are also broadcast live in the church basement and streamed online for anyone unable to worship in the sanctuary.

An assistive listening system is available in the sanctuary; to use this system, switch hearing aids to "T".

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