

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
June 6, 2021

Recognition of High School Graduates:

Coleson Brink, Li Einfeld, Kirstyn Humphreys, Alana Kooi, Kenzie Madeira, Shannon Tolsma

Call to Worship: *Trisagion*

*Holy God,
Holy and mighty,
Holy immortal one
Have mercy,
Have mercy on us.*

God's Greeting

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia! alleluia!
O burning sun with golden beam,
And shining moon with silver gleam,
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia!

People and nations, take your part;
Sing praise to God with all your heart: Alleluia! alleluia!
Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in lowliness:
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia!

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Bless the Lord, O My Soul

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning.
It's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

Refrain: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul,
I worship your holy name.

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger.
Your name is great and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing,
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *Refrain*

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Call to Confession: *II Peter 1:3 (CSB)*

His divine power has given us everything required for life and godliness through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: *Lamentations 3:22-23*

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Ministry of Music: *Lord, I Need You*

Morning Prayer

Speak, O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You, to receive the food of Your holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today, in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.

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Scripture: *Acts 17:16-21 (ESV)*

¹⁶ Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷ So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸ Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbler wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"—because he was reaching Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹ And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?" ²⁰ For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." ²¹ Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Christian in a Non-Christian Culture*

Speak, O Lord

Teach us Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes, in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see, Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time, that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises, and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built, and the earth is filled with Your glory.

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God's Blessing

My Friends, May You Grow in Grace

My friends, may you grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior.
My friends, may you grow in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.
To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.
To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.

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Pastors: Mike B, Robert W
Prayer: Neil M
Music: Ken Q, Shelby B, Brian K, Jack P, Nathalie T

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This week the offering is for Christian School Tuition Assistance. Christian School Assistance is used to help cover tuition cost of First church families who send their children to Christian schools.

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