

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
July 11, 2021

Call to Worship:

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He has given us new life and hope. He has raised Jesus from the dead.

God has claimed us as his own.

He has brought us out of darkness. He has made us light to the world.

God's Greeting

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see.
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee;
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

The night is dark but I am not forsaken,
For by my side, the Savior He will stay.
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing,
For in my need, His power is displayed.
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me,
Through the deepest valley He will lead.
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

With every breath I long to follow Jesus,
For He has said that He will bring me home.
And day by day I know He will renew me,
Until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, all the glory evermore to Him!
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me! Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

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Call to Confession: *II Chronicles 7:14-15*

If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayer that is made in this place.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: *from John 14:21, 23*

He who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I too will love him and show Myself to him.
If anyone loves Me, he will obey My teaching
My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make Our home with him.

Am I a Soldier of the Cross

Am I a soldier of the cross, a follower of the Lamb?
And shall I fear to own His cause or blush to speak His name?

Are there no foes for me to face? Must I not stem the flood?
Is this vile world a friend to grace, to help me on to God?

Sure I must fight if I would reign: increase my courage Lord;
I'll bear the toil, endure the pain, supported by Thy word.

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Morning Prayer

Scripture: *Galatians 5:16-17*

¹⁶ *But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.*

Romans 7:18-19

¹⁸ *For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing.*

1 Peter 1:3-5

³ *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *A Fighting Faith Is the Only Faith*

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood.
Jesus, out of every nation, has redeemed us by His blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us; faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received Him when the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget His promise, "I am with you evermore"?"

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God's Blessing

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Alleluia! heavenly High Priest, here on earth our help, our stay;
Alleluia! hear the sinful cry to you from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, hear our plea,
Where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

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Music: Mike H, Sharon A

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 (or through the app).

If you would like to give to the First CRC operating fund, please use a blue envelope (on the Welcome Center) or designate on memo line.

This week the offering is for Al & Julie. Al & Julie are serving in Belgium with Operation Mobilization, a mission organization working in over 100 countries to bring God's word to people who haven't heard it before. For more information, go to www.om.org.

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 – 2nd 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".