

First Christian Reformed Church  
Lynden, Washington  
November 25, 2021  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
*Thanksgiving Day*

**Call to Worship:** *Psalm 105:1-4*

*Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples!*

***Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wondrous works!***

*Glory in his holy name;*

*let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!*

***Seek the LORD and his strength;  
seek his presence continually!***

**God's Greeting**

***Let All Things Now Living***

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
To God the Creator triumphantly raise,  
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
Who guides us and leads to the end of our days.  
His banners are o'er us, his light goes before us,  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,  
As forward we travel from light into light.

His law he enforces; the stars in their courses  
And sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.  
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;  
With glad adoration a song let us raise,  
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:  
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

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***Come, Ye Thankful People, Come***

Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home.  
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.  
God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.  
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

For the Lord our God shall come and shall take His harvest home;  
From His field shall in that day all offenses purge away,  
Give His angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,  
But the fruitful ears to store in His garner evermore.

Even so Lord, quickly come to Thy final harvest home;  
Gather Thou Thy people in free from sorrow free from sin;  
There forever purified, in Thy presence to abide.  
Come, with all Thine angels come; raise the glorious harvest home.

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### ***Sing to the Lord of Harvest***

Sing to the Lord of harvest, sing songs of love and praise;  
With joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise.  
By him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move;  
Sing to the Lord of harvest, a joyful song of love.

God makes the clouds drop fatness, the deserts bloom and spring;  
The hills leap up in gladness, the valleys laugh and sing.  
He fills from his great fullness all things with large increase;  
He crowns the year with goodness, with plenty, and with peace.

Heap on his sacred altar the gifts his goodness gave,  
The golden sheaves of harvest, the souls Christ died to save.  
Your hearts lay down before him when at his feet you fall,  
And with your lives adore him who gave his life for all.

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### **Thanksgiving Litany**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our rock, our fortress, and our deliverer.  
Let us remember his mercy, for he is gracious and compassionate.

**We thank you for calling us to faith in Christ,  
for putting your Spirit within us,  
for giving us the mind of Christ,  
for gathering us into your church.**

We thank you, Lord, for extending your grace to us,  
for calling us to a life of gratitude,  
for calling us to service in your kingdom.

**Thanks be to God!**

Let us give thanks to the Lord,  
for he satisfies the thirsty,  
he fills the hungry with good things, and he heals the afflicted.  
Let us celebrate his abundant goodness.

**We thank you, gracious Father,  
that you provide for all our needs,  
for the food on our tables,  
for the clothes on our bodies,  
for the beds we sleep in,  
and for the dwellings that shelter us.**

We praise you for all your gifts that go beyond our basic needs,  
for the things that make our work easier,  
for the conveniences of modern life,  
for the beauty and pleasure that you bring into our lives.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### ***In Thanksgiving, Let Us Praise Him***

From the first bright light of morning to the last warm glow of dusk;  
Every breath we take is sacred, for it is God's gift to us.

*Refrain:* In thanksgiving, let us praise Him;  
In thanksgiving, let us sing  
Songs of praise and adoration  
To our gracious Lord and King.

In the season of our plenty, in the season of our need;  
We will find His grace sufficient, we will find His love complete. *Refrain*

Safe within His hand that guides us, hidden in His healing wings;  
Day by day His love provides us every good and perfect thing. *Refrain*

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## Psalm 100

*Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!*

*Serve the LORD with gladness!*

*Come into his presence with singing!*

*Know that the LORD, he is God!*

*It is he who made us, and we are his;*

*we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.*

*Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise!*

*Give thanks to him; bless his name!*

*For the LORD is good;*

*his steadfast love endures forever,*

*and his faithfulness to all generations.*

## Thanksgiving Offering

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Scripture:** *Leviticus 23:1-2*

*The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup> “Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, These are the appointed feasts of the Lord that you shall proclaim as holy convocations; they are my appointed feasts.*

*Deuteronomy 16:13-15*

*“You shall keep the Feast of Booths seven days, when you have gathered in the produce from your threshing floor and your winepress. <sup>14</sup> You shall rejoice in your feast, you and your son and your daughter, your male servant and your female servant, the Levite, the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow who are within your towns. <sup>15</sup> For seven days you shall keep the feast to the Lord your God at the place that the Lord will choose, because the Lord your God will bless you in all your produce and in all the work of your hands, so that you will be altogether joyful.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *You Shall Rejoice Before Your God*

### *Now Thank We All Our God*

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done, in whom His world rejoices;  
Who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
To keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all ills of this world in the next.

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## God's Blessing

### *Now Thank We All Our God*

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,  
The Son and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven  
The one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;  
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

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

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