

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022 – 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Luke 24:5-6; I Cor. 15:54-57; John 11:25-26*

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; the Lord has risen!

He has risen indeed!

Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

Death has been swallowed up in victory!

Christ has risen indeed!

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die.

Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord has risen!

He has risen indeed! Alleluia!

God's Greeting

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia!

Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!

Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply: Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!

Dying once, He all doth save, Alleluia!

Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!

Fought the fight, the battle won; Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids him rise; Alleluia!

Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!

Praise to you by both be given; Alleluia!

Risen Christ, triumphant now; Alleluia!

Every knee to you shall bow. Alleluia!

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He Lives

I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today;

I know that He is living, whatever men may say;

I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,

And just the time I need Him He's always near.

Refrain: He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!

He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.

He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!

You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian lift up your voice and sing

Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!

The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find,

None other is so loving, so good and kind. *Refrain.*

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Easter Reading: *Matthew 28:1-20*

Assurance: based on 1 Corinthians 15:3-7; Colossians 1:15-20

This is the good news that we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

**Christ died for our sins, was buried, was raised on the third day,
and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.**

**We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God,
the firstborn of all creation, the firstborn from the dead,
in whom all things hold together,
in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell by the power of the Spirit.
Christ is the head of the body, the church,
and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God. Amen.**

Christ Arose

Low in the grave He lay, Jesus, my Savior!
Waiting the coming day, Jesus, my Lord!

Refrain: Up from the grave He arose with a mighty triumph o'er His foes;
He arose a victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever with His saints to reign;
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Vainly they watched His bed, Jesus, my Savior!
Vainly they sealed the dead, Jesus, my Lord! *Refrain*

Death could not keep his prey, Jesus, my Savior!
He tore the bars away, Jesus, my Lord! *Refrain*

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Offertory Prayer and Offering: Northwest Seafarers Ministry

Offertory Ministry of Music: *Easter Song*

Morning Prayer

See What a Morning

See, what a morning, gloriously bright, with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
Folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light, as the angels announce, "Christ is risen!"
See God's salvation plan, wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
Fulfilled in Christ, the Man, for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead.

See Mary weeping, "Where is He laid?" As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb.
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name; it's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!
The voice that spans the years, speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,
Will sound till He appears, for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead.

One with the Father, Ancient of Days, through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty.
Honor and blessing, glory and praise to the King crowned with pow'r and authority.
And we are raised with Him; death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered.
And we shall reign with Him, for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead.

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Scripture: Revelation 12:9-11 (ESV)

⁹And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.¹⁰ I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.¹¹ And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.

Romans 8:31-34

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

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

Message: *Silencing the Accuser*

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise.
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise.
He who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory, now is risen from the dead.

Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat.
See the ancient powers of evil in confusion and retreat.
Once he died and once was buried; now he lives forevermore,
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer, whom we worship and adore.

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia! to the Savior, who has won the victory;
Alleluia! to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity:
Alleluia, alleluia! To the triune Majesty.

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God's Blessing

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown Him the Lord of life: who triumphed o'er the grave,
Who rose victorious to the strife for those He came to save;
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

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Pastors: Mike B, Robert W
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Peggy B, Shelby B, Kara T, Nathalie T, Sara T

Offering will be received for Northwest Seafarers Ministry. Doug and others from the area visit crew members on ships coming to Cherry Point and supply them with Bibles, New Testaments and APP cards (enabling them to receive the Bible in the native tongue via their smart phones).

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

Children's Church is available for children 3 years – 3rd grade. Children are dismissed during the service.

Worship services are also broadcast live in the 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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