

**First Christian Reformed Church**  
Lynden, Washington  
July 17, 2022 – 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

**Call to Worship:** *Psalm 63:3-4*

*Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.  
So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.*

**God's Greeting**

***I Will Extol You, O My God***

I will extol You, O my God, and praise You, O my King;  
Yes, every day and evermore Your praises I will sing.  
Great is the Lord, our mighty God,  
And greatly to be praised;  
His greatness is unsearchable, above all glory raised.

Each generation to the next shall testimony bear,  
And to Your praise, from age to age,  
Your wondrous acts declare.  
Upon Your glorious majesty and honor I will dwell,  
And all Your grand and glorious works  
And greatness I will tell.

Your mighty acts and glorious deeds  
We shall with awe confess  
And sing of Your great goodness and  
Your perfect righteousness.  
Most gracious and compassionate  
Is God, who reigns above;  
His wrath is ever slow to rise, unbounded is His love.

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***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 made blind by sin Thy glory may not see.  
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
Perfect in power, in love, in purity.

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***He Is Exalted***

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high; I will praise Him.  
He is exalted, forever exalted, and I will praise His name!  
He is the Lord; forever His truth shall reign.  
Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name.  
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

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**Call to Confession:** *I John 1:9*

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

**Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon:** *Psalm 73:24, 26*

**You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory.  
My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.**

### ***All the Way My Savior Leads Me***

All the way my Savior leads me,  
What have I to ask beside?  
Can I doubt His tender mercy,  
Who through life has been my guide.  
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort,  
Here by faith in Him to dwell!  
For I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well;  
For I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.

All the way my Savior leads me,  
Cheers each winding path I tread,  
Gives me grace for every trial,  
Feeds me with the living bread.  
Though my weary steps may falter  
And my soul a-thirst may be,  
Gushing from the Rock before me, Lo! A spring of joy I see;  
Gushing from the Rock before me, Lo! A spring of joy I see.

All the way my Savior leads me,  
O the fullness of His love!  
Perfect rest to me is promised in my Father's house above.  
When my spirit, clothed immortal,  
Wings its flight to realms of day,  
This my song through endless ages: Jesus led me all the way;  
This my song through endless ages: Jesus led me all the way.

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### **Offertory Prayer**

**Offering:** Mission and Outreach Fund

### **Morning Prayer**

#### ***Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness***

Lord, we hear your word with gladness, You have spoken—we rejoice:  
Words of love and life and freedom, help us make their truth our choice!  
Now in holy celebration for your Word we worship you;  
Spoken, written, known in Jesus, ours today to prove anew.

May we hear with understanding, by your Spirit taught and led.  
May the springs of all our being by your living Word be fed.  
May our hearts accept with meekness all the grace your light makes known.  
May obedience mark our footsteps till we make each word our own.

You have spoken; yours the fullness, ours the wealth of this your Word.  
Debtors, then, as living letters we must make your gospel heard!  
By your Spirit's power transform us; shed your saving light abroad  
Till our lives by love in action show our world the truth of God!

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#### **Scripture:** Acts 22:22–29 (ESV)

<sup>22</sup> Up to this word they listened to him. Then they raised their voices and said, "Away with such a fellow from the earth! For he should not be allowed to live." <sup>23</sup> And as they were shouting and throwing off their cloaks and flinging dust into the air, <sup>24</sup> the tribune ordered him to be brought into the barracks, saying that he should be examined by flogging, to find out why they were shouting against him like this. <sup>25</sup> But when they had stretched him out for the whips, Paul said to the centurion who was standing by, "Is it lawful for you to flog a man who is a Roman citizen and uncondemned?" <sup>26</sup> When the centurion heard this, he went to the tribune and said to him, "What are you about to do? For this man is a Roman citizen."

<sup>27</sup> So the tribune came and said to him, "Tell me, are you a Roman citizen?" And he said, "Yes." <sup>28</sup> The tribune answered, "I bought this citizenship for a large sum." Paul said, "But I am a citizen by birth." <sup>29</sup> So those who

were about to examine him withdrew from him immediately, and the tribune also was afraid, for he realized that Paul was a Roman citizen and that he had bound him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *Paul and the Roman Tribune*

***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!

Earth ever fertile, day by day  
Bring forth your blessings on our way; alleluia! alleluia!  
All flowers and fruits that in you grow,  
Let them His glory also show:  
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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**God's Blessing**

***All Creatures of Our God and King***

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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Pastors: Mike B, Robert W  
Prayer: Greg T  
Music: Mike H, Nancy Z

Offering will be received for the Missions and Outreach Fund.

The Missions and Outreach Fund is utilized by the Deacons to assist organizations that need a smaller level of support than a full offering. Often these are for one-time emergencies or capital projects. With the limited number of Sunday offerings available, this allows the Deacons flexibility to offer assistance quickly when needs arise in the community. It is also utilized to fully fund our obligations to our missionaries when the weekly offerings are less than what we have committed to them.

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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Children are dismissed to the Ed. Building 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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