

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
July 31, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 99:1-3*

The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!

Opening Prayer

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne,
While heaven's eternal anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died to be
Your Savior and your matchless King through all eternity.

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

Crown him the Lord of peace; His kingdom is at hand.
From pole to pole let warfare cease and Christ rule every land!
All hail, Redeemer, hail, for you have died for me.
Your praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

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Now With Joyful Exultation

Now with joyful exultation let us sing to God our praise;
To the Rock of our salvation loud hosannas let us raise.
Thankful tribute gladly bringing, let us come before him now,
And, with psalms his praises singing, joyful in his presence bow.

To the Lord, such might revealing, let us come with reverence meet,
And, before our Maker kneeling, let us worship at his feet.
He is our own God who leads us, we the people of his care;
With a shepherd's hand he feeds us as his flock in pastures fair.

While he offers peace and pardon let us hear his voice today,
Lest, if we our hearts should harden, we should perish in the way,
Lest to us, so unbelieving, he in judgment should declare:
"You, so long my Spirit grieving, never in my rest will share."

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Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain: This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness lost in His love. *Refrain*

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Profession of Faith: HC Q&A 29-30

Why is the Son of God called "Jesus," meaning "Savior"?

Because he saves us from our sins.

**Salvation cannot be found in anyone else;
it is futile to look for any salvation elsewhere.**

Do those who look for their salvation and security in saints, in themselves,
or elsewhere really believe in the only savior Jesus?

**No. Although they boast of being his, by their deeds they deny the only savior and deliverer, Jesus.
Either Jesus is not a perfect savior, or those who in true faith accept this savior
have in him all they need for their salvation.**

Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Evening Prayer

Wholehearted Thanksgiving to You I Will Bring

Wholehearted thanksgiving to you I will bring;
In praise of your marvelous works I will sing.
For joy I will shout and exultingly cry
In praise of your name, LORD my God, O Most High.

My foes were turned backward in utter despair;
They stumbled and perished because you were there.
For you have defended my right and my cause;
You sat in just judgment, upholding your laws.

The LORD will eternally sit on his throne,
Establishing it for his judgment alone.
He righteously judges the world with his might;
All peoples will know that his judgment is right.

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Scripture: *Ecclesiastes 9:11-18 (ESV)*

¹¹ Again I saw that under the sun the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, nor bread to the wise, nor riches to the intelligent, nor favor to those with knowledge, but time and chance happen to them all. ¹² For man does not know his time. Like fish that are taken in an evil net, and like birds that are caught in a snare, so the children of man are snared at an evil time, when it suddenly falls upon them.

¹³ I have also seen this example of wisdom under the sun, and it seemed great to me. ¹⁴ There was a little city with few men in it, and a great king came against it and besieged it, building great siegeworks against it. ¹⁵ But there was found in it a poor, wise man, and he by his wisdom delivered the city. Yet no one remembered that poor man. ¹⁶ But I say that wisdom is better than might, though the poor man's wisdom is despised and his words are not heard.

¹⁷ The words of the wise heard in quiet are better than the shouting of a ruler among fools. ¹⁸ Wisdom is better than weapons of war, but one sinner destroys much good.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Solomon Against Self-Sufficiency*

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.

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God's Blessing

All the Way My Savior Leads Me

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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