

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

Call to Worship: *Psalm 100:1-4*

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!

God's Greeting

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!

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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To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice.
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. *Refrain*

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Call to Confession: *Eph. 2:8-10; 1 Cor. 1:30; 2 Cor. 5:21*

For by grace you have been saved through faith.
And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,
not a result of works, so that no one may boast.
For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works,
which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.
And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God,
righteousness and sanctification and redemption.
For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin,
so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: *We Are God's People*

We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,
Born of His Spirit, established by His Word.
Our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in Him we stand;
O let us live transparently and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,
Called to obey Him, now risen from the dead.
He wills us be a family diverse, yet truly one;
O let us give our gifts to God and so shall His work on earth be done.

We are a Temple, the Spirit's dwelling place,
Formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace.
We die alone, for on its own each ember loses fire;
Yet joined in one the flame burns on to give warmth and light and to inspire.

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Offertory Prayer

Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Morning Prayer

The Church's One Foundation

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord
She is His new creation by water and the word;
From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder the world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

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Scripture: Acts 27:27-44

²⁷ When the fourteenth night had come, as we were being driven across the Adriatic Sea, about midnight the sailors suspected that they were nearing land. ²⁸ So they took a sounding and found twenty fathoms. A little farther on they took a sounding again and found fifteen fathoms. ²⁹ And fearing that we might run on the rocks, they let down four anchors from the stern and prayed for day to come. ³⁰ And as the sailors were seeking to escape from the ship, and had lowered the ship's boat into the sea under pretense of laying out anchors from the bow, ³¹ Paul said to the centurion and the soldiers, "Unless these men stay in the ship, you cannot be saved." ³² Then the soldiers cut away the ropes of the ship's boat and let it go.

³³ As day was about to dawn, Paul urged them all to take some food, saying, "Today is the fourteenth day that you have continued in suspense and without food, having taken nothing. ³⁴ Therefore I urge you to take some food. For it will give you strength, for not a hair is to perish from the head of any of you." ³⁵ And when he had said these things, he took bread, and giving thanks to God in the presence of all he broke it and began to eat. ³⁶ Then they all were encouraged and ate some food themselves. ³⁷ (We were in all 276 persons in the ship.) ³⁸ And when they had eaten enough, they lightened the ship, throwing out the wheat into the sea.

³⁹ Now when it was day, they did not recognize the land, but they noticed a bay with a beach, on which they planned if possible to run the ship ashore. ⁴⁰ So they cast off the anchors and left them in the sea, at the same time loosening the ropes that tied the rudders. Then hoisting the foresail to the wind they made for the beach. ⁴¹ But striking a reef, they ran the vessel aground. The bow stuck and remained immovable, and the stern was being broken up by the surf.

⁴² The soldiers' plan was to kill the prisoners, lest any should swim away and escape. ⁴³ But the centurion, wishing to save Paul, kept them from carrying out their plan. He ordered those who could swim to jump overboard first and make for the land, ⁴⁴ and the rest on planks or on pieces of the ship. And so it was that all were brought safely to land.

This is the Word of Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Paul Shipwrecked on Malta*

Reformation Hymn

We will trust God's Word alone, where His perfect will is known;
Our traditions shift like sand while His Truth forever stands.
We will live by faith alone, clothed in merit not our own;
All we claim is Jesus Christ and His finished sacrifice.

Refrain: Glory be, glory be to God alone,
Through the church He redeemed and made His own.
He has freed us, He will keep us till we're safely home
Glory be, glory be to God alone!

We are saved by grace alone, undeserved, yet freely shown;
No accomplishment on earth can achieve the second birth.
We will stand on Christ alone, the unyielding Cornerstone;
Nations rage and devils roar, still He reigns forevermore! *Refrain*

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God's Blessing

How Vast the Benefits Divine

How vast the benefits divine which we in Christ possess!
We are redeemed from sin and shame, and called to holiness.
'Tis not for works that we have done these all to him we owe;
But he of his electing love salvation does bestow.

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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.

An assistive listening system is available in the sanctuary; to use this system, switch hearing aids to "T".

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