

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
February 19, 2023 ~ 6:00 PM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *I Chronicles 29:11-13*

*Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power
and the glory and the victory and the majesty,
for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours.
Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all.
Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all.
In your hand are power and might,
and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.
And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.*

Opening Prayer

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, crown Him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, crown Him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, crown Him Lord of all!

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O Day of Rest and Gladness

O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light.
O balm of care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright.
On Thee the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune.
Sing, "Holy, holy, holy," To the great God Triune.

New graces ever gaining from this our day of rest,
We reach the rest remaining to spirits of the blest.
To Holy Ghost be praises, to Father, and to Son;
The church her voice upraises, to Thee, blest Three on One.

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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.

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Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q & A #99, 100

What is God's will for us in the third commandment?

That we neither blaspheme nor misuse the name of God by cursing, perjury, or unnecessary oaths, nor share in such horrible sins by being silent bystanders.

In a word, it requires that we use the holy name of God only with reverence and awe, so that we may properly confess him, pray to him, and praise him in everything we do and say.

Is blasphemy of God's name by swearing and cursing really such a serious sin that God is angry also with those who do not do all they can to help prevent it and forbid it?

Yes, indeed.

**No sin is greater, no sin makes God more angry than blaspheming his name.
That is why he commanded the death penalty for it.**

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Evening Prayer

Wonderful Words of Life

Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life;
Let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life.
Words of life and beauty, teach me faith and duty:
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of Life.
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of Life.

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Scripture: *Exodus 20:7, 3:13-15 (ESV)*

⁷ *"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.*

¹³ *Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?"* ¹⁴ *God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"* ¹⁵ *God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Taking God's Name Seriously*

How I Love Thy Law, O Lord

How I love Thy law, O Lord daily joy its truths afford;
In its constant light I go, wise to conquer every foe.
Thy commandments in my heart truest wisdom can impart;
To mine eyes Thy precepts show wisdom more than sages know.

While my heart Thy word obeys, I am kept from evil ways;
From Thy law, with Thee to guide, I have never turned aside.

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God's Blessing

All Praise to Thee, My God

All praise to Thee, my God, this night, for all the blessings of the light!
Keep me, O keep me, King of kings, beneath Thine own almighty wings.

Praise, God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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