First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington June 4, 2023 ~ 6:00 PM Worship Service

Call to Worship: from Psalm 100

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!

For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever,

and his faithfulness to all generations.

Opening Prayer

Come, Thou Almighty King

Come, Thou Almighty King, help us Thy name to sing; help us to praise.

Father all glorious, o'er all victorious,

Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, Thou Incarnate Word, gird on Thy mighty sword, our prayer attend:

Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart,

Never from us depart, Spirit of power.

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Wholehearted Thanksgiving

Wholehearted thanksgiving to Thee I will bring,

In praise of Thy marvelous deeds I will sing;

In Thee I will joy and exultingly cry,

Thy name I will praise, O Jehovah Most High.

Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!

Prayer the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

O come to Jehovah, declare ye His fame, And give Him all honor, for just is His name.

Give praise to Jehovah, the mighty deeds tell

Of Him who has chosen in Zion to dwell,

Of Him to whom justice and vengeance belong,

Who visits the lowly and overthrows wrong. Refrain

All People That on Earth Do Dwell (Psalm 100)

All people that on earth do dwell,

Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;

Serve him with joy, his praises tell,

Come now before him and rejoice!

Know that the Lord is God indeed;

He formed us all without our aid.

We are the flock he comes to feed,

The sheep who by his hand were made.

O enter then His gates with joy,

Within his courts his praise proclaim.

Let thankful songs your tongues employ,

O bless and magnify his name.

Because the LORD our God is good,

His mercy is forever sure.

His faithfulness at all times stood

And shall from age to age endure.

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Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 110

What does God forbid in the eighth commandment?

He forbids not only outright theft and robbery, punishable by law.

But in God's sight theft also includes

cheating and swindling our neighbor

by schemes made to appear legitimate,

such as: inaccurate measurements of weight, size, or volume;

fraudulent merchandising; counterfeit money;

excessive interest;

or any other means forbidden by God.

In addition he forbids all greed and pointless squandering of his gifts.

Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Evening Prayer

Your Word is Everlasting Truth

Your Word is everlasting truth. How pure is every page! That holy book shall guide my youth and well support my age. It's like the sun, a heavenly light that guides us all the day, And through the dangers of the night a lamp to lead the way.

When nature sinks and spirits droop, Your promises of grace Are pillars that support my hope and keep me in Your ways. Now I am Yours, forever Yours. O save your servant, Lord! You are my shield, my hiding place. My hope is in Your Word.

Scripture: Exodus 20:15 (ESV)

13 "You shall not steal."

Leviticus 19:11-13 (ESV)

¹¹ "You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. ¹² You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD. ¹³ "You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired worker shall not remain with you all night until the morning.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: You Shall Not Steal

God of Grace and God of Glory

God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power;

Crown your ancient church's story, bring its bud to glorious flower.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail his ways!

From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;

Let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore, serving you whom we adore.

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God's Blessing

Come, Thou Almighty King

Come, Holy Comforter,

Thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour.

Thou who almighty art, rule now in every heart,

And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

To Thee, great One in Three,

Eternal praises be hence evermore!

Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see,

And to eternity love and adore.

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Pastors: Robert W Music: Nancy Z

Offering will be received for Christian School Tuition Assistance, a fund used to help cover tuition cost of First church families who send their children to Christian schools. This offering will go towards the purchase of that equipment.

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