

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
July 2, 2023 ~ 6:00 PM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *II Corinthians 3:16-17*

But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed.

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

Opening Prayer

All Creature of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness. O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One!
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Living for Jesus

Living for Jesus, a life that is true.
Striving to please Him in all that I do.
Yielding allegiance glad hearted and free.
This is the pathway of blessing for me.

Refrain: O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to Thee.
For Thou in Thy atonement, didst give Thyself for me;
I own no other master, my heart shall be Thy throne;
My life I give henceforth to live, O Christ, for Thee alone.

Living for Jesus who died in my place,
Bearing on Calvary my sin and disgrace;
Such love constrains me to answer His call,
Follow His leading and give Him my all. *Refrain*

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God, Be Merciful to Me

God, be merciful to me; on your grace I rest my plea.
My transgressions I confess; grief and guilt my soul oppress.
Wash me, make me pure within; cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

I have sinned against your grace and provoked you to your face.
I confess your judgment just; speechless, I your mercy trust.
Let my contrite heart rejoice and in gladness hear your voice.

Contrite spirit, pleading cries, You, O God, will not despise.
Sinful ways I will reprove, and my tongue shall sing your love.
Let my righteous sacrifice then delight your holy eyes.

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Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism #112

What is God's will for you in the ninth commandment?

**God's will is that I never give false testimony against anyone,
twist no one's words, not gossip or slander, nor join in condemning anyone
without a hearing or without a just cause.**

**Rather, in court and everywhere else, I should avoid lying and deceit of every kind;
these are devices the devil himself uses, and they would call down on me God's intense anger.**

I should love the truth, speak it candidly, and openly acknowledge it.

And I should do what I can to guard and advance my neighbor's good name.

Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Evening Prayer

How Shall the Young Direct Their Way

How shall the young direct their way? What light shall be their perfect guide?

Your Word, O Lord, will safely lead if in its wisdom they confide.

Sincerely I have sought you, Lord, O let me not from you depart;

To know your will and keep from sin, Your Word I cherish in my heart.

O blessed Lord, teach me your law, Your righteous judgments I declare;

Your testimonies make me glad, for they are wealth beyond compare.

Upon your precepts and your ways my heart will meditate with awe;

Your Word shall be my chief delight, and I will not forget your law.

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Scripture: *Exodus 20:16; 23:1-3*

¹⁶ "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹ "You shall not spread a false report. You shall not join hands with a wicked man to be a malicious witness.

² You shall not fall in with the many to do evil, nor shall you bear witness in a lawsuit, siding with the many, so as to pervert justice, ³ nor shall you be partial to a poor man in his lawsuit.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *The Truth, the Whole Truth, and Nothing But the Truth, II*

Teach Me, O Lord, Thy Way of Truth

Teach me, O Lord, Thy way of truth, and from it I will not depart;

That I may steadfastly obey, give me an understanding heart.

In Thy commandments make me walk, for in Thy law my joy shall be;

Give me a heart that loves Thy will, from discontent and envy free.

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God's Blessing

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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Pastors: Mike B, Robert W

Music: Nancy Z

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