

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
September 24, 2023 ~ 6:00 PM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 145:1-2*

*I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.
Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.*

Opening Prayer

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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Blessed Be the Name of the Lord

All praise to Him who reigns above in majesty supreme,
Who gave His Son for man to die, that He might man redeem!

Refrain: Blessed be the name! Blessed be the name! Blessed be the name of the Lord!
Blessed be the name! Blessed be the name! Blessed be the name of the Lord!

His name above all names shall stand, exalted more and more,
At God the Father's own right hand, where angel-hosts adore. *Refrain*

His name shall be the Counselor, the mighty Prince of Peace,
Of all earth's kingdoms conqueror, whose reign shall never cease. *Refrain*

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Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Savior, like a Shepherd lead us, much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us; for our use Thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

We are Thine; do Thou befriend us; be the guardian of our way;
Keep Thy flock; from sin defend us; seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear Thy children when they pray;
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Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 117

How does God want us to pray so that he will listen to us?

**First, we must pray from the heart
to no other than the one true God,
who has revealed himself in his Word,
asking for everything he has commanded us to ask for.**
**Second, we must acknowledge our need and misery, hiding nothing,
and humble ourselves in his majestic presence.**
**Third, we must rest on this unshakable foundation:
even though we do not deserve it,
God will surely listen to our prayer
because of Christ our Lord.
That is what he promised us in his Word.**

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Evening Prayer

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us power, send us grace!

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Scripture: *Matthew 6:7-8; 31-34*

⁷ "And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. ⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

³¹ Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'

³² For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. ³⁴ "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Why Pray?*

Jesus, I Come

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus, I come, Jesus I come;
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of my sickness into Thy health,
Out of my need and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross; Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress to jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
Into Thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,
Out of despair to raptures above,
Upward I rise on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to Thee.

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God's Blessing

Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the coming night;
Turn Thou for us its darkness into light:
From harm and danger keep Thy children free,
For dark and light are both alike to Thee.

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Pastor: Robert W

Music: Lisa Q

Offering will be received for the First CRC Benevolence Fund, used to help local people and families in times of need.
For more information on the benevolence fund talk to any deacon.

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