

**First Christian Reformed Church**  
Lynden, Washington  
November 5, 2023 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

**Call to Worship:** *based on Psalm 27 and John 4:23*

Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

**The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.**

We desire to live in God's house and to seek God in His holy temple.

**We have come with shouts of joy, to sing and to make music to the Lord.**

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**Teach us your ways and make straight our paths.**

**God's Greeting**

***We Have Come Into His House***

We have come into His house and gathered in His name to worship Him.

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We have come into His house and gathered in His name to worship Christ the Lord.

Worship Him, Christ the Lord.

Let's forget about ourselves and magnify His name and worship Him.

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***Now With Joyful Exultation***

Now with joyful exultation let us sing to God our praise;

To the Rock of our salvation loud hosannas let us raise.

Thankful tribute gladly bringing, let us come before him now,

And, with psalms his praises singing, joyful in his presence bow.

For how great a God, and glorious, is the Lord of whom we sing;

Over idol gods victorious, great is he, our God and King.

In his hand are earth's deep places, also his are all the hills;

His the sea whose bounds he traces, his the land his bounty fills.

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***With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring***

With grateful heart my thanks I bring, before the great your praise I sing.

I worship in your holy place and praise you for your truth and grace;

For truth and grace together shine in your most holy Word divine,

In your most holy Word divine.

I cried to you, and you did save; Your word of grace new courage gave.

The kings of earth shall thank you, Lord, for they have heard your wondrous word;

Yes, they shall come with songs of praise, for great and glorious are your ways,

For great and glorious are your ways.

You will stretch forth your mighty arm to save me when my foes alarm.

The work you have for me begun shall by your grace be fully done.

Your love forever will endure: Your mercy, Lord, is ever sure;

Your mercy, Lord, is ever sure.

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**Call to Confession:** *Galatians 6:7-8*

*Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.*

**Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance:** *II Corinthians 9:10-11*

*He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.*

## ***All Things Are Yours***

All things are yours! We make that true when we return our gifts to you.  
And so we give, and so we share, in Christ's strong name expressing care.

"Give out of love," your Word commands, we are your head, your heart, your hands.  
Your Word you underscore with deeds by using us to answer needs.

O what a joy to give and then, out of compassion, give again.  
You have no needs. Though that be true, the gifts we share are given to you.

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## **Offertory Prayer**

**Offering:** Christian School Tuition Assistance Fund

## **Morning Prayer**

**Scripture:** *Romans 5:6-11*

*<sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—<sup>8</sup> but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup> For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup> More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *The Extravagance of God's Love*

## ***I Stand Amazed***

I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene.  
And wonder how He could love me, a sinner, condemned, unclean.

*Refrain:* How marvelous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever be:  
How marvelous, how wonderful is my Savior's love for me!

He took my sins and my sorrows; He made them His very own;  
He bore the burden to Calvary, and suffered and died alone. *Refrain*

## **God's Blessing**

### ***I Stand Amazed***

When with the ransomed in glory His face I at last shall see,  
'Twill be my joy through the ages to sing of His love for me.

*Refrain:* How marvelous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever be:  
How marvelous, how wonderful is my Savior's love for me!

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Join us immediately following the service for our annual Harvest Dinner.  
Dinner will be served in the Church Basement and Education Building.  
Seniors and members with special needs are welcome to leave during the final song.

*Visitors are welcome!!*

Pastor: Robert W  
Prayer: Bryan A, Wes V  
Music: Mike S, Nancy Z

Offering will be received for Christian School Tuition Assistance, a fund used to help cover tuition of First Church families who send their children to Christian schools.

Nursery is available with a paging system for children under 3 years during worship service in the Education Building.

Children's Church is available for children 3 years – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Children are dismissed to the Education Building during the service.

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".