

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

Call to Worship: *Psalm 105:1-4*

*Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!
Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!
Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!
Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!*

Opening Prayer

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home.
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.
God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrows grown;
First the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come and shall take His harvest home;
From His field shall in that day all offenses purge away,
Give His angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store in His garner evermore.

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Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.
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And now let the weak say, "I am strong;" let the poor say, "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong;" let the poor say, "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks.

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Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain: Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain*

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain*

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Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 125

What does the fourth request mean?

"Give us today our daily bread" means,

**Do take care of all our physical needs so that we come to know
that you are the only source of everything good,**

**and that neither our work and worry nor your gifts can do us any good without your blessing.
And so help us to give up our trust in creatures and to put trust in you alone.**

Offering: Forged@First (7th-8th Youth Ministry)

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.

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Scripture: *Matthew 6:9-11, 25-34*

⁹ *Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.*

¹⁰ *Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.*

¹¹ *Give us this day our daily bread,*

²⁵ *"Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?" ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁸ And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? 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: *Our Daily Bread*

God Will Take Care of You

Be not dismayed whate'er betide; God will take care of you.
Beneath His wings of love abide; God will take care of you.

Refrain: God will take care of you, thro' every day, over all the way.
He will take care of you; God will take care of you.

All you may need He will provide; God will take care of you.
Nothing you ask will be denied; God will take care of you. *Refrain*

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God's Blessing

God, the Father of Your People

May the grace of Christ, our Savior, and the Father's boundless love,
With the Holy Spirit's favor, rest upon us from above.
May we now remain in union with each other and the Lord,
And possess, in sweet communion, joys that earth cannot afford.

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Pastor: Robert Woodyard
Music: Sharon Assink

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