

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
February 11, 2024 ~ 6:00 PM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *from Psalm 95*

*O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.
Let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
We are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.*

Opening Prayer

Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim

Exalt the Lord, his praise proclaim;
All you his servants, praise his name,
Who in the Lord's house ever stand
And humbly serve at his command.
The Lord is good, his praise proclaim;
Since it is pleasant, praise his name.
His people for his own he takes
And his own special treasure makes.

Exalt the Lord, his praise proclaim;
all you his servants, praise his name,
who in the Lord's house everstand
and humbly serve at his command.
Forever praise and bless his name,
and in the church his praise proclaim.
In Zion is his dwelling place;
O praise the Lord, show forth his grace.

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How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place

How lovely is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts, to me;
My soul is longing, fainting, the courts of God to see.
The beauty of your dwelling will bring me joy anew.
My heart and flesh are crying, O living God, for you.

Beneath your care the sparrow finds place for peaceful rest;
To keep her young in safety the swallow finds a nest.
So, Lord, my King Almighty, your love will shelter me;
Beneath your wings of mercy my dwelling place will be.

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Wonderful Grace of Jesus

Wonderful grace of Jesus, greater than all my sin;
How shall my tongue describe it, where shall its praise begin?
Taking away my burden, setting my spirit free,
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

Refrain: Wonderful the matchless grace of Jesus, deeper than the mighty rolling sea;
Higher than the mountain, sparkling like a fountain, all sufficient grace for even me;
Broader than the scope of my transgressions, greater far than all my sin and shame;
O magnify the precious name of Jesus, praise His Name!

Wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching to all the lost,
By it I have been pardoned, saved to the uttermost;
Chains have been torn asunder, giving me liberty,
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me. *Refrain*

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Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 127

What does the sixth request mean?

"And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one" means,

By ourselves we are too weak to hold our own even for a moment.

And our sworn enemies—the devil, the world, and our own flesh—never stop attacking us.

And so, Lord, uphold us and make us strong with the strength of your Holy Spirit,

so that we may not go down to defeat in this spiritual struggle but may firmly resist our enemies until we finally win the complete victory.

Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Evening Prayer

I Will Sing of My Redeemer

I will sing of my Redeemer, and His wondrous love to me;

On the cruel cross He suffered, from the curse to set me free.

Refrain: Sing, O, sing of my Redeemer, with His blood He purchased me;

On the cross He sealed my pardon, paid the debt and made me free.

I will praise my dear Redeemer; His triumphant power I'll tell,

How the victory He giveth over sin and death and hell. *Refrain*

I will sing of my Redeemer, and His heavenly love to me;

He from death to life hath brought me, Son of God, with Him to be. *Refrain*

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Scripture: *Matthew 6:13*

¹³*And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

I Corinthians 10:12-13

¹²*Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.*

I Peter 5:8

⁸*Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Lead Us Not Into Temptation*

Christ Shall Have Dominion

Christ shall have dominion over land and sea; earth's remotest regions shall his empire be.

They that wild inhabit shall their worship bring; kings shall bring their tribute, nations serve our King.

When the needy seek him, he will mercy show; all the weak and helpless shall his pity know.

He will surely save them from oppression's might, for their lives are precious in his holy sight.

God's Blessing

Christ Shall Have Dominion

Unto God Almighty joyful Zion sings; He alone is glorious, doing wondrous things.

Evermore, O people, bless his glorious name, His eternal glory through the earth proclaim.

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Pastor: Robert W

Music: Lisa Q

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