

First Christian Reformed Church  
Lynden, Washington  
February 18, 2024 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

**Call to Worship:** *Psalm 118:1, 22-24*

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.  
The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone.  
The Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.  
This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

**God's Greeting**

***Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!***

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Who wert and art and ever-more shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see.  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee;  
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

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***In Christ Alone***

In Christ alone, my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song,  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
My Comforter, my all in all,  
Here in the love of Christ, I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God, in helpless Babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
'Til on the cross, as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied.  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid,  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me.  
From life's first cry, to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand.  
'Til He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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## ***I Come to the Cross***

I come to the cross seeking mercy and grace,  
I come to the cross where You died in my place.  
Out of my weakness and into Your strength,  
Humbly, I come to the cross.  
Your arms are open, You call me by name.  
You welcome this child that was lost.  
You paid the price for my guilt and my shame.  
Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come to the cross.

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## **Lenten Reading: *Luke 23:32-34***

## ***His Robes for Mine***

His robes for mine: O wonderful exchange!  
Clothed in my sin, Christ suffered 'neath God's rage.  
Draped in His righteousness, I'm justified.  
In Christ I live, for in my place He died.

*Refrain:* I cling to Christ, and marvel at the cost:  
Jesus forsaken, God estranged from God.  
Bought by such love, my life is not my own.  
My praise; my all; shall be for Christ alone.

His robes for mine: God's justice is appeased.  
Jesus is crushed, and thus the Father's pleased.  
Christ drank God's wrath on sin, then cried "'Tis done!"  
Sin's wage is paid; propitiation won. *Refrain*

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## **Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

## ***Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights***

*A love offering for the Luke Society will be received during this song.*

Throughout these Lenten days and nights  
We turn to walk the inward way,  
Where, meeting Christ, our guide and light,  
We live in hope till Easter Day.

And though the road is hard and steep,  
The Spirit ever calls us on  
Through Calvary's dying, dark and deep,  
Until we see the coming Dawn.

So let us choose the path of One  
Who wore, for us, the crown of thorn,  
And slept in death that we might wake  
To life on Resurrection Morn!

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## **Morning Prayer**

**Offering:** Building the Future Fund

**Scripture:** *1 Thessalonians 4:3-8*

<sup>3</sup> For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; <sup>4</sup> that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, <sup>5</sup> not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; <sup>6</sup> that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you. <sup>7</sup> For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness. <sup>8</sup> Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.

Hebrews 13:4

<sup>4</sup> Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *Protecting Sexual Purity*

***I Need Thee Every Hour***

I need Thee every hour, stay Thou near by;  
Temptations lose their power when Thou art nigh.  
I need Thee, O I need Thee; every hour I need Thee!  
O bless me now, my Savior – I come to Thee.

I need Thee every hour, teach me Thy will,  
And Thy rich promises in me fulfill.  
I need Thee, O I need Thee; every hour I need Thee!  
O bless me now, my Savior – I come to Thee.

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**God's Blessing**

***Be Exalted, O God***

I will give thanks to Thee, O Lord, among the people.  
I will sing praises to Thee among the nations.  
For Thy steadfast love is great, is great to the heavens;  
And Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness to the clouds.  
Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;  
Let Thy glory be over all the earth.  
Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;  
Let Thy glory be over all the earth.

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