

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
June 9, 2024 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 145:1-3*

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.

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

God's Greeting

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.

Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!

Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee;

And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life: who triumphed o'er the grave,

Who rose victorious to the strife for those He came to save;

His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,

Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of heaven: one with the Father known,

One with the Spirit through Him given from yonder glorious throne.

To Thee be endless praise, for Thou for us hast died;

Be Thou, O Lord, through endless days adored and magnified.

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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*

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Call to Confession: *Psalm 103:1-4*

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,

who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: *based on Romans 8:1; 2 Corinthians 5:17*

Hear the good news! There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that in Jesus, God embraces you, forgives you, and strengthens you to live a renewed life. Thanks be to God.

Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons

Our Church

Here we are now, a crowd assembled, peace like incense fills the air.

Men and women, the sounds of children, young and old have come to share.

In the beauty of this place, we have gathered by His grace.

Refrain: This is our church, our family of faith, on this Holy ground we're all the same.

And we are the joy of God on display whenever we meet in Jesus' Name.

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Walls are falling, hearts disarming as His presence ushers in.
Waves of mercy fill the building as His Spirit stirs within.
In the beauty of this place, we have gathered by His grace. *Refrain*

From the suburbs to the streets we have gathered to receive.
Some with plenty, some with need, cause we are a family, His family. *Refrain*

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Offertory Prayer and Offering: Eric & Penny, Pacific Island Ministries

Morning Prayer

Scripture: *Romans 7:7-14*

⁷What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, "You shall not covet."⁸ But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. For apart from the law, sin lies dead.⁹ I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died.¹⁰ The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me.¹¹ For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me.¹² So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.¹³ Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.¹⁴ For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Where My Sin Problem Comes From*

Speak, O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You, to receive the food of Your holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today, in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes, in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see, Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.

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God's Blessing

For All the Saints

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
Who to the world by faith their Lord confessed,
Your name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia, alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia, alleluia!

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Pastor: Robert W
Prayer: Ryan B, Larry K
Music: Cheryl K, Mike S, Nancy Z

Offering will be received for Eric & Penny, missionaries working with Pacific Island Ministry in Papua New Guinea, helping train pastors and write resource materials for pastors in the Melanesian Pidgin language. For more information, visit www.piministries.com.

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 – 3rd 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".