

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
August 11, 2024 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 24:7-10*

*Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.*

Who is the King of glory?

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

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that the King of glory may come in.*

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

God's Greeting

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days.
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish – but naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render: O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee.

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Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To his feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore his praises sing.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favor
To his people in distress.
Praise him, still the same as ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness!

Fatherlike he tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame he knows.
In his hand he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows!

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There is a Redeemer

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One. *Refrain*

Refrain: Thank You, O my Father,
For giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit
Till the work on earth is done.

Jesus my Redeemer, name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Hope for sinners slain. *Refrain*

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Call to Confession and Preparation

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred, and strayed from Thy ways
like lost sheep.
We have offended against Thy holy laws.
We have left undone those things
which we ought to have done,
and we have done
those things which we ought not to have done;
and there is no health in us.
O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.
Spare them, O Lord, which confess their faults.
Restore them that are penitent,
according to Thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly,
righteous, and sober life
to the glory of Thy holy name.
Amen.**

Assurance: *Ephesians 2:4-7*

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Sacrament of Infant Baptism: John Harrison Trant

Children of the Heavenly Father

Children of the heavenly Father
Safely in his bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given.

God his own shall tend and nourish;
In his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil powers he spares them;
In his mighty arms he bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord his children sever;
For to them his grace revealing,
He turns sorrow into healing.

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Offertory Prayer

Offering: Ken & Chris Van Weerdhuizen, Wycliffe

Morning Prayer

Scripture: *Romans 8:16-18*

¹⁶ *The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.*

¹⁸ *For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *By the Spirit, Suffering with Christ*

All the Way My Savior Leads Me

All the way my Savior leads me – what have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt His tender mercy, who through life has been my guide.
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort, here by faith in Him to dwell!
For I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well;
For I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.

All the way my Savior leads me – cheers each winding path I tread,
Gives me grace for every trial, feeds me with the living bread.
Though my weary steps may falter and my soul a-thirst may be,
Gushing from the Rock before me, Lo! A spring of joy I see;
Gushing from the Rock before me, Lo! A spring of joy I see.

All the way my Savior leads me – O the fullness of His love!
Perfect rest to me is promised in my Father's house above.
When my spirit, clothed immortal, wings its flight to realms of day,
This my song through endless ages: Jesus led me all the way;
This my song through endless ages: Jesus led me all the way.

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God's Blessing

So Send I You

So send I you – by grace made strong to triumph
O'er hosts of hell, o'er darkness, death and sin.
My name to bear, and in that name to conquer
So send I you, my victory to win.

So send I you – my strength to know in weakness,
My joy in grief, my perfect peace in pain,
To prove my power, my grace, my promised presence;
So send I you, eternal fruit to gain.

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