

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
October 27, 2024 ~ 6:00 PM Reformation Worship Service

Welcome

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.*

All Sing:

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

*There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.*

All Sing:

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus it is he,
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

*The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; God speaks and the earth melts.
The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.*

Come, behold the works of the Lord!

God makes wars cease to the end of the earth;

God breaks the bow, shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

All Sing:

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God has willed His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure, one little word shall fell him.

Be still, and know that the Lord is God!

God is exalted among the nations; God is exalted in the earth.

The Lord of hosts is with us;

The God of Jacob is our refuge.

All Sing:

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth;
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill, God's truth abideth still, His kingdom is forever.

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How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply:
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

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Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 60-61

How are you right with God?

Only by true faith in Jesus Christ.

Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments and of never having kept any of them, and even though I am still inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without my deserving it at all,

out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me.

All I need to do is to accept this gift of God with a believing heart.

Why do you say that by faith alone you are right with God?

It is not because of any value my faith has that God is pleased with me.

Only Christ's satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness make me right with God.

And I can receive this righteousness and make it mine in no other way than by faith alone.

And Can It Be That I Should Gain

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?

Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued?

Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Refrain: Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me!

He left his Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace!

Emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race!

'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for, O my God, it found out me. *Refrain*

Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night.

Thine eye diffuse a quickening ray; I woke – the dungeon flamed with light!

My chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed Thee. *Refrain*

No condemnation now I dread: Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!

Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,

Bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own. *Refrain*

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Evening Prayer

Offering: Memli & Luiza, Missionaries to Albania

Scripture: *Romans 8:35-39* *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?* ³⁶ *As it is written,*

"For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷ *No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.* ³⁸ *For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers,* ³⁹ *nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *The Genesis of Romans 8*

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.

What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.

Who holds our days within His hand? What comes, apart from His command?

And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

Refrain: O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;

O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.

Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.

Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?

Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ? *Refrain*

Unto the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"

And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.

There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,

And we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore. *Refrain*

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God's Blessing

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. Amen.

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Offering will be received for Memli & Luiza M, missionaries in Albania serving with Disciples of Jesus Church. They have been called by God to plant churches among the unreached Muslim villages in southern Albania.

Worship services are also broadcast live in the basement and streamed online for anyone unable to worship in the sanctuary.

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