

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 2024 ~ 10:00 AM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 105:1-4*

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!

God's Greeting

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home.
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.
God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

For the Lord our God shall come and shall take His harvest home;
From His field shall in that day all offenses purge away,
Give His angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store in His garner evermore.

Even so Lord, quickly come to Thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in free from sorrow free from sin;
There forever purified, in Thy presence to abide.
Come, with all Thine angels come; raise the glorious harvest home.

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We Plow the Fields and Scatter

We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land.
But it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand.
He sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.

Refrain: All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.

He only is the maker of all things near and far;
He paints the wayside flower, he lights the evening star.
The wind and waves obey him, by him the birds are fed;
Much more to us, his children, he gives our daily bread. *Refrain*

We thank you, our Creator, for all things bright and good:
The seed-time and the harvest, our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer for all your love imparts;
Accept what you most welcome: our humble, thankful hearts! *Refrain*

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Sing to the Lord of Harvest

Sing to the Lord of harvest, sing songs of love and praise;
With joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise.
By him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move;
Sing to the Lord of harvest, a joyful song of love.

God makes the clouds drop fatness, the deserts bloom and spring;
The hills leap up in gladness, the valleys laugh and sing.
He fills from his great fullness all things with large increase;
He crowns the year with goodness, with plenty, and with peace.

Heap on his sacred altar the gifts his goodness gave,
The golden sheaves of harvest, the souls Christ died to save.
Your hearts lay down before him when at his feet you fall,
And with your lives adore him who gave his life for all.

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Thanksgiving Litany

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our rock, our fortress, and our deliverer.

Let us remember his mercy, for he is gracious and compassionate.

We thank you for calling us to faith in Christ, for putting your Spirit within us, for giving us the mind of Christ, for gathering us into your church.

We thank you, Lord, for extending your grace to us,

for calling us to a life of gratitude, for calling us to service in your kingdom.

Thanks be to God!

Let us give thanks to the Lord, for he satisfies the thirsty, he fills the hungry with good things, and he heals the afflicted. Let us celebrate his abundant goodness.

We thank you, gracious Father, that you provide for all our needs, for the food on our tables, for the clothes on our bodies, for the beds we sleep in, and for the dwellings that shelter us.

We praise you for all your gifts that go beyond our basic needs, for the things that make our work easier, for the conveniences of modern life, for the beauty and pleasure that you bring into our lives.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

The Goodness of God

I love You Lord. Oh, Your mercy never fails me. All my days I've been held in Your hands.

From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head, I will sing of the goodness of God.

Refrain: All my life You have been faithful. All my life You have been so, so good.

With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God.

I love Your voice. You have led me through the fire. In darkest night, You are close like no other.

I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend. I have lived in the goodness of God. *Refrain*

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me. Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.

With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now; I give You everything. Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.

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Psalm 100

Offering: Thanksgiving Envelopes

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Scripture: *Psalm 77:11-15*

¹¹ *I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your wonders of old.*

¹² *I will ponder all your work, and meditate on your mighty deeds.*

¹³ *Your way, O God, is holy. What god is great like our God?*

¹⁴ *You are the God who works wonders; you have made known your might among the peoples.*

¹⁵ *You with your arm redeemed your people, the children of Jacob and Joseph.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Thinking About Thanking*

Now Thank We All Our God

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,

Who wondrous things has done, in whom His world rejoices;

Who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way

With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,

With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,

To keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,

And free us from all ills of this world in the next.

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God's Blessing

Now Thank We All Our God

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,

The Son and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven;

The one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;

For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

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Pastors: Zac H, Robert W

Readers: Hazel and Norah M

Music: Valerie A, Paul A, Sharon A, Brad H, Brian K, Lee V, Phama W

Offering will be received for the designated Thanksgiving causes; a list of suggested causes is available on the Welcome Center. All loose monies and unmarked envelopes will go to the First CRC Benevolence fund.

Nursery is available with a paging system for children under 3 years during worship service in the Education Building.

Worship services are also broadcast live in the 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".

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