

First Christian Reformed Church  
Lynden, Washington  
February 2, 2025 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

**Call to Worship:** *Psalm 134:1-3*

*Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, who stand by night in the house of the Lord!  
Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the Lord!  
May the Lord bless you from Zion, he who made heaven and earth!*

**God's Greeting**

***Blessed Be Your Name***

Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful,  
Where your streams of abundance flow; blessed be your name.  
Blessed be your name when I'm found in the desert place.  
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be your name.

*Refrain:* Every blessing you pour out, I'll turn back to praise.  
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,  
"Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name."

Blessed be your name when the sun's shining down on me,  
When the world's "all as it should be"; blessed be your name.  
Blessed be your name on the road marked with suffering;  
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be your name. *Refrain*

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***Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)***

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now I'm found was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

*Refrain:* My chains are gone, I've been set free. my God, my Savior has ransomed me,  
And like a flood His mercy rains, unending love, amazing grace.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home. *Refrain*

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***Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me***

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;  
Let the water and the blood, from thy wounded side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure; save from wrath and make me pure.

Could my tears forever flow? Could my zeal no languor know?  
These for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.  
In my hand no price I bring; simply to thy cross I cling.

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**Call to Confession:** *Hebrew 4:14-16*

*Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

**Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance:** *I Timothy 1:15-17*

*Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life.  
Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

## Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

### *The Power of the Cross*

O, to see the dawn of the darkest day; Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.  
This the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us.  
Took the blame, bore the wrath; we stand forgiven at the cross.

O, to see my name written in the wounds, for through Your suffering I am free.  
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, won through Your selfless love.  
This the power of the cross: Son of God slain for us.  
What a love, what a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.

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### **Offertory Prayer and Offering:** Christian School Tuition Assistance

### **Congregational Prayer**

#### **Scripture:** *Romans 9:1-6*

<sup>1</sup> *I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit—<sup>2</sup> that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup> For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup> They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. <sup>5</sup> To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.*

<sup>6</sup> *But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **Message:** *Not All Israel is Israel*

#### ***Not What My Hands Have Done***

Not what my hands have done can save my guilty soul;  
Not what my toiling flesh has borne can make my spirit whole.  
Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God;  
Not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my awful load.

I praise the Christ of God; I rest on love divine;  
And with unfaltering lip and heart I call this Savior mine.  
My Lord has saved my life and freely pardon gives;  
I love because he first loved me, I live because he lives.

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## **God's Blessing**

### ***Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God***

Now blessed be the Lord our God, the God of Israel,  
For He alone does wondrous works: His glorious deeds excel;  
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Pastors: Zac H, Robert W

Prayer: Ryan B

Music: Ken Q, Lisa Q, Jack P, Brian K

Offering will be received for Christian School Tuition Assistance, a fund used to help cover tuition cost of First church families who send their children to Christian schools.

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

Children's Church is available for children 3 years – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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".

On the bulletin, bold font is a response by the congregation. You are invited to join if you feel comfortable.

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