

First Christian Reformed Church  
Lynden, Washington  
February 23, 2025 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

**Call to Worship:** *Psalm 103:1-5*

*Praise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.*

***Praise the LORD, 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,***

*who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.*

***We bless the Lord with all that is within us, for He is our Redeemer and our Healer. Amen.***

**God's Greeting**

***Holy, Holy, Holy***

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, who wert and art and ever-more shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth, and sky, and sea.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

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***Love Divine, All Love Excelling***

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down,

Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all Thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art;

Visit us with Thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all Thy life receive;

Suddenly return and never, nevermore Thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above,

Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish then Thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;

Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee.

Changed from glory into glory, 'til in heaven we take our place,

'Til we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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***Behold Our God***

Who has held the oceans in His hands? Who has numbered every grain of sand?

Kings and nations tremble at His voice. All creation rises to rejoice.

*Refrain:* Behold our God, seated on His throne. Come, let us adore Him.

Behold our King, nothing can compare. Come let us adore Him!

Who has given counsel to the Lord? Who can question any of His words?

Who can teach the one who knows all things? Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds? *Refrain*

Who has felt the nails upon His hands, bearing all the guilt of sinful man?

God eternal, humbled to the grave. Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign! *Refrain*

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**Call to Confession:** *based on Psalm 66:16, 18-20 (NRSV)*

Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me.

If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer.

**Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.**

**In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.**

**Prayer of Confession**

## **Assurance: *Wonderful, Merciful Savior***

Wonderful, merciful Savior, Precious Redeemer and Friend;  
Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men? Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

*Refrain:* You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore.

You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for, oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace;  
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way, oh, we hopelessly lost the way. *Refrain*

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own;  
Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne, oh, we're falling before Your throne. *Refrain*

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## **Offertory Prayer and Offering: Steve & Sandy, AIM**

## **Offertory Ministry of Music: *The Hope of the Poor***

## **Congregational Prayer**

### **Scripture: *Ruth 4:1-12***

<sup>1</sup> Now Boaz had gone up to the gate and sat down there. And behold, the redeemer, of whom Boaz had spoken, came by. So Boaz said, "Turn aside, friend; sit down here." And he turned aside and sat down. <sup>2</sup> And he took ten men of the elders of the city and said, "Sit down here." So they sat down. <sup>3</sup> Then he said to the redeemer, "Naomi, who has come back from the country of Moab, is selling the parcel of land that belonged to our relative Elimelech. <sup>4</sup> So I thought I would tell you of it and say, 'Buy it in the presence of those sitting here and in the presence of the elders of my people.' If you will redeem it, redeem it. But if you will not, tell me, that I may know, for there is no one besides you to redeem it, and I come after you." And he said, "I will redeem it." <sup>5</sup> Then Boaz said, "The day you buy the field from the hand of Naomi, you also acquire Ruth the Moabite, the widow of the dead, in order to perpetuate the name of the dead in his inheritance." <sup>6</sup> Then the redeemer said, "I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I impair my own inheritance. Take my right of redemption yourself, for I cannot redeem it."

<sup>7</sup> Now this was the custom in former times in Israel concerning redeeming and exchanging: to confirm a transaction, the one drew off his sandal and gave it to the other, and this was the manner of attesting in Israel. <sup>8</sup> So when the redeemer said to Boaz, "Buy it for yourself," he drew off his sandal. <sup>9</sup> Then Boaz said to the elders and all the people, "You are witnesses this day that I have bought from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and to Mahlon. <sup>10</sup> Also Ruth the Moabite, the widow of Mahlon, I have bought to be my wife, to perpetuate the name of the dead in his inheritance, that the name of the dead may not be cut off from among his brothers and from the gate of his native place. You are witnesses this day." <sup>11</sup> Then all the people who were at the gate and the elders said, "We are witnesses. May the LORD make the woman, who is coming into your house, like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the house of Israel. May you act worthily in Ephrathah and be renowned in Bethlehem, <sup>12</sup> and may your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah, because of the offspring that the LORD will give you by this young woman."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Message: *Redemption in Action: Boaz and the Heart of the Gospel***

### ***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 tell the wondrous story, how my lost estate to save,  
In His boundless love and mercy, He the ransom freely gave. *Refrain*

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## **God's Blessing**

### ***We Receive Your Blessing***

We receive Your blessing, we receive Your grace, as we walk in the light shining from Your face.  
May the peace that You give change the way that we live. We receive Your blessing as we leave this place.  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him, above You heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and praise the Holy Ghost.  
We receive Your blessing as we leave this place.

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