

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

Call to Worship: *from Psalm 9:1-2*

*I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.
I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.*

God's Greeting

Come, Thou Almighty King

Come, Thou Almighty King, help us Thy name to sing; help us to praise.
Father all glorious, o'er all victorious, come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art, rule now in every heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

To Thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be hence evermore!
Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

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All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng, we at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all;
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all.

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The Love of God

The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can ever tell;
It goes beyond the highest star, and reaches to the lowest hell;
The guilty pair, bowed down with care, God gave His Son to win;
His erring child He reconciled, and pardoned from his sin.

Refrain: O love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong!
It shall for evermore endure the saints' and angels' song.

Could we with ink the ocean fill, and were the skies of parchment made,
Were every stalk on earth a quill, and every man a scribe by trade,
To write the love of God above, would drain the ocean dry.
Nor could the scroll contain the whole, though stretched from sky to sky. *Refrain*

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Call to Confession: *Psalm 139:23-24*

*Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts!
And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!*

Prayer of Confession and Preparation

Assurance: *Romans 5:1-2*

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Hallelujah for the Cross

Up to the hill of Calvary, my Savior went courageously.
And there He bled and died for me, hallelujah for the cross.
And on the day the world was changed, a final perfect Lamb was slain.
Let earth and heaven now proclaim, hallelujah for the cross.

Refrain: Hallelujah for the war He fought. Love has won, death has lost.
Hallelujah for the souls He bought. Hallelujah for the cross.

What good I've done could never save, my debt too great for deeds to pay.
But God, my Savior made a way, hallelujah for the cross.
A slave to sin, my life was bound; but all my chains fell to the ground
When Jesus' blood came flowing down. Hallelujah for the cross.

Refrain: Hallelujah for the war He fought. Love has won, death has lost.
Hallelujah for the souls He bought. Hallelujah for the cross.

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Offertory Prayer and Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Congregational Prayer

Ancient Words

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart. O, let the ancient words impart.
Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope.
In this world where'er we roam, ancient words will guide us home.

Refrain: Ancient words, ever true, changing me and changing you;
We have come with open hearts, O, let the ancient words impart.

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Scripture: *Romans 9:13-24*

¹³ As it is written, "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."¹⁴ What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God's part? By no means! ¹⁵ For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion." ¹⁶ So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy. ¹⁷ For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I might show my power in you, and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth." ¹⁸ So then he has mercy on whomever he wills, and he hardens whomever he wills. ¹⁹ You will say to me then, "Why does he still find fault? For who can resist his will?" ²⁰ But who are you, O man, to answer back to God? Will what is molded say to its molder, "Why have you made me like this?" ²¹ Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for dishonorable use? ²² What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, ²³ in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory— ²⁴ even us whom he has called, not from the Jews only but also from the Gentiles?

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Is God Unjust?*

God of Grace

God of grace, amazing wonder, irresistible and free;
Oh, the miracle of mercy, Jesus reaches down to me.
God of grace, I stand in wonder, as my God restores my soul.
His own blood has paid my ransom; awesome cost to make me whole.

God of grace, who loved and knew me long before the world began;
Sent my Savior down from heaven; perfect God and perfect man.
God of grace, I trust in Jesus; I'm accepted as His own.
Every day new grace sustains me, as I lean on Him alone.

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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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