

Third Sunday of Lent
First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
March 23, 2025 ~ 6:00 p.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship *Psalm 105:1-4*

*Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name;
make known among the nations what he has done.*

*Sing to him, sing praise him;
tell of all his wonderful acts.*

*Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.*

*Look to the Lord and his strength;
seek his face always.*

Opening Prayer

Jesus Saves!

We have heard the joyful sound: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Spread the tidings all around: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Bear the news to every land, climb the steeps and cross the waves;
Onward! 'tis our Lord's command; Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Give the winds a mighty voice, Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Let the nations now rejoice, Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Shout salvation full and free, highest hills and deepest caves;
This our song of victory, Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

(*"Jesus Saves* text Priscilla J. Owens, music William J. Kirkpatrick, CCLI #358926, Streaming License #20317932)

I Love to Tell the Story

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love;
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true,
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

Refrain: I love to tell the story! 'Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

I love to tell the story 'tis pleasant to repeat
What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet;
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
The message of salvation from God's own holy word. *Refrain*

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At the Name of Jesus

At the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess Him King of Glory now.
'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call Him Lord,
Who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

In your hearts enthrone Him; there let Him subdue
All that is not holy, all that is not true.
Look to Him, your Captain, in temptation's hour;
Let His will enfold you in its light and power.

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Affirmation: from Our World Belongs to God Article #41, 42

Joining in the mission of God,
the church is sent with the gospel of the kingdom
**to call everyone to know and follow Christ
and to proclaim to all
the assurance that in the name of Jesus
there is forgiveness of sin
and new life for all who repent and believe.**

The Spirit calls all members
**to embrace God's mission
in their neighborhoods
and in the world:**

to feed the hungry, bring water to the thirsty,
welcome the stranger, clothe the naked,
care for the sick and free the prisoner.

**We repent of leaving this work to a few;
for this mission is central to our being.**

In a world estranged from God,
where happiness and peace are offered in many names
and millions face confusing choices,

**we witness,
with respect for followers of other ways;
to the only one in whose name salvation is found:
Jesus Christ.**

**In Jesus, God reconciles the world to himself.
God loves all creation;
His compassion knows no bounds.**

Offering: Ken & Chris Van Weerdhuizen, Wycliffe

Evening Prayer

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of Your tone.
As You have sought, so let me seek
Your erring children lost and lone.

O lead me, Lord, that I may lead
The wandering and the wavering feet.
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed
Your hungry ones with manna sweet.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
The precious truths which You impart.
And wing my words that they may reach
The hidden depths of many-a heart.

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Scripture: *Isaiah 6:1-9 (ESV)*

¹ *In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple.* ² *Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.* ³ *And one called to another and said:*

*"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!"*

⁴ *And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke.* ⁵ *And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"*

⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

⁸ And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: "Here I Am Lord, Send Me!"

Here I Am Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord, of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

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God's Blessing

Let Us Go

Father, in your presence we have gathered.
May your Spirit reign in us, we ask.
Free us from the things that do not matter.
Let us focus on the glory of this task.

Strengthen our feet; don't let them stumble.
Grant us all the wisdom of your grace.
Fill our hearts with love and make them humble.
Teach us, Father, how to run this holy race.

Refrain: Let us go in the love of the Father,
Let us go in the glory of the Son.
Let us go in the Spirit's mighty power.
For your kingdom let us go,
So that others unto you may come.

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Pastors: Zac H, Bill R, Robert W
Music: Ken Q

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