

**First Christian Reformed Church**  
**Lynden, Washington**  
**May 18, 2025 ~ 10:30 a.m. Worship Service**

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

*We will give thanks to you, O LORD, with our whole heart; we will tell of all your wonderful deeds.  
We will be glad and exult in you; we will sing praise to your name, O Most High.*

**God's Greeting**

***He Lives***

I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today; I know that He is living, whatever men may say;  
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer, and just the time I need Him He's always near.

*Refrain:* He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.  
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian lift up your voice and sing eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!  
The Hope of all who seek Him the Help of all who find, none other is so loving, so good and kind. *Refrain*

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***Blessed Assurance***

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

*Refrain:* This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest;  
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness lost in His love. *Refrain*

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***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. *Refrain*

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**Call to Confession: Psalm 38:4,18,15**

*For my iniquities have gone over my head; like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me.  
I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin.  
But for you, O Lord, do I wait; it is you, O Lord my God, who will answer.*

**Prayer of Confession**

***Assurance: Ezekiel 36:26-27***

*And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.*

## **Amazing Grace**

Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am 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!

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

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## **Offertory Prayer**

**Offering:** Christian School Tuition Assistance

## **Congregational Prayer**

### **Scripture:** *Romans 11:11-24*

<sup>11</sup> So I ask, did they stumble in order that they might fall? By no means! Rather, through their trespass salvation has come to the Gentiles, so as to make Israel jealous. <sup>12</sup> Now if their trespass means riches for the world, and if their failure means riches for the Gentiles, how much more will their full inclusion mean!

<sup>13</sup> Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry <sup>14</sup> in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them.

<sup>15</sup> For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead?

<sup>16</sup> If the dough offered as firstfruits is holy, so is the whole lump, and if the root is holy, so are the branches. <sup>17</sup> But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, although a wild olive shoot, were grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing root of the olive tree, <sup>18</sup> do not be arrogant toward the branches. If you are, remember it is not you who support the root, but the root that supports you. <sup>19</sup> Then you will say, "Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in." <sup>20</sup> That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand fast through faith. So do not become proud, but fear. <sup>21</sup> For if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he spare you. <sup>22</sup> Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, but God's kindness to you, provided you continue in his kindness. Otherwise you too will be cut off. <sup>23</sup> And even they, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again. <sup>24</sup> For if you were cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, the natural branches, be grafted back into their own olive tree.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** Israel's Loss is Gentiles' Gain

### **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**

### **He Is Lord**

He is Lord, he is Lord, He is risen from the dead, and he is Lord!  
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

He is Life, he is Life, He has died to set us free, and he is Life!  
And he calls us all to live evermore, for Jesus Christ is Life.

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