

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
July 13, 2025 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

Welcome: Pastor Jeff Bolt, Director of Advancement, CRCNA

Call to Worship: *Psalm 150*

*Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens!
Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness!
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!*

God's Greeting

The Church's One Foundation

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation by water and the Word.
From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, yet one over all the earth;
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore,
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

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One Generation Will Call to the Next

We will extol you, God and King and bless your holy name.
Day after day we'll sing your praise; forever and forever.

Refrain: One generation will call to the next: "Our God is good, and his hand is strong!"
All of the world sings his marvelous acts, and our voice will join with theirs in the song.

We contemplate the splendor of the world your hand has made.
Far greater still the majesty we see in the Creator! *Refrain*

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Our Church

Here we are now, a crowd assembled, peace like incense fills the air.
Men and women, the sounds of children, young and old have come to share.
In the beauty of this place, we have gathered by His grace.

Refrain: This is our church, our family of faith, on this Holy ground we're all the same.
And we are the joy of God on display whenever we meet in Jesus' Name. Whenever we meet in Jesus' Name.

Walls are falling, hearts disarming as His presence ushers in.
Waves of mercy fill the building as His Spirit stirs within.
In the beauty of this place, we have gathered by His grace. *Refrain*

From the suburbs to the streets we have gathered to receive.
Some with plenty, some with need, cause we are a family, His family. *Refrain*

Call to Confession: *I John 1:9*

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: *Psalm 145:8-9*

*The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.*

To God be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things He hath done! So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin and opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice.
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. *Refrain*

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Offertory Prayer and Offering: 125th Anniversary Celebration Fund

Congregational Prayer

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father! There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not: as Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness, morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided – Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*

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Scripture: Psalm 78:1-7

¹ Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth!
² I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,
³ things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us.
⁴ We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.
⁵ He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel,
which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children,
⁶ that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children,
⁷ so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments;

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: From Generation to Generation

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

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: 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 will sing of the goodness of God.

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God's Blessing

To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory, to God be the glory, to God be the glory for the things he has done:
With his blood he has saved me; with his power he has raised me.
To God be the glory for the things he has done.

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Pastors: Zac H, Robert W
Prayer: Mark T, Fred Y
Music: Sharon A, Paul A, Emily A, Leah J, Brian K, Lee V

Offering will be received for the Anniversary Celebration Fund. This fund will help cover expenses related to the 125th anniversary celebration and the anniversary booklet/directory.

Love Offering will be received for the Luke Society, a group of Christian medical professionals who work worldwide to provide people with physical and spiritual health. They have more than 20 different outposts on five continents. For more information, visit www.lukesociety.org.

Worship services are also broadcast live in the church basement and streamed online for anyone unable to worship in the sanctuary.

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

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