

First Christian Reformed Church  
Lynden, Washington  
August 31, 2025 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

**Presentation of Bibles to the 4<sup>th</sup> Graders**

**Call to Worship:** *Isaiah 25:1, 9*

*O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name,  
for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.*

***“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.***

***This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”***

**God’s Greeting**

***Now With Joyful Exultation***

Now with joyful exultation let us sing to God our praise;  
To the Rock of our salvation loud hosannas let us raise.  
Thankful tribute gladly bringing, let us come before him now,  
And, with psalms his praises singing, joyful in his presence bow.

To the Lord, such might revealing, let us come with reverence meet,  
And, before our Maker kneeling, let us worship at his feet.  
He is our own God who leads us, we the people of his care;  
With a shepherd’s hand he feeds us as his flock in pastures fair.

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***Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven***

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favor to his people in distress.  
Praise him, still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness!

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***Be Exalted, O God***

I will give thanks to Thee, O Lord, among the people.  
I will sing praises to Thee among the nations.  
For Thy steadfast love is great, is great to the heavens;  
And Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness to the clouds.  
Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let Thy glory be over all the earth.  
Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let Thy glory be over all the earth.

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**Call to Confession:** *I Chronicles 28:9*

*Know the God of your father and serve him with a whole heart and with a willing mind, for the Lord searches all hearts and understands every plan and thought. If you seek him, he will be found by you.*

**Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance:** Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary;  
suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead  
he ascended to heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit.**

**I believe in a holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

## ***Come Unto Jesus***

Come unto Jesus all you who are weary.  
Come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel.  
Here, bring your wounded heart, broken and needy.  
Come unto Jesus, mighty to heal.

Joy of the comfortless, light for the straying,  
Hope of the penitent, peace in our strife.  
Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying  
My yoke is easy, My burden is light.

*Refrain:* Come unto Jesus. Come unto Jesus.  
Lay down your burdens, He is enough.  
Come unto Jesus, rest in His love.

Come, taste the Bread of Life, broken for sinners.  
Drink from the cup of His promise made sure.  
Feast at His table as sons and as daughters.  
Grace overflowing is yours evermore. *Refrain*

Come, now and follow Him, this life forsaking.  
All that was gained, count as nothing but loss.  
Trade all this world for His kingdom unfading.  
Come unto Jesus, and take up your cross. *Refrain*

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## **Offertory Prayer and Offering: Dustin & Melissa, Converge**

### **Congregational Prayer**

#### ***I Need Thee Every Hour***

I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord; no tender voice like Thine can peace afford.  
I need Thee, O I need Thee; every hour I need Thee!  
O bless me now, my Savior – I come to Thee.

I need Thee every hour, teach me Thy will, and Thy rich promises in me fulfill.  
I need Thee, O I need Thee; every hour I need Thee!  
O bless me now, my Savior – I come to Thee.

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#### **Scripture: Romans 12:4-6a**

<sup>4</sup> For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. <sup>6</sup> Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them.

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

#### **Message: *Having Gifts that Differ: Discerning Your Spiritual Gift in the Body***

#### ***God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending***

God, whose giving knows no ending, all our life is from Thy store:  
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door.  
Gifted by Thee, turn we to Thee, offering up ourselves in praise;  
Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious Donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, Thy Son:  
Men at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the Church made one.  
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone;  
Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at Thy throne.

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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: Dustin H, Fred Y  
Music: Valerie A, Paul A, Sharon A, Dick B, Mike H, Brad H, Ken Q

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Offering will be received for Dustin & Melissa, serving in Thailand with Converge to train and mobilize indigenous leaders to join them in sharing the Gospel.

Nursery is available with a paging system for children under 3 years during the service in the Education Building.

Children's Church is available for children 3 years – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Children are dismissed to the Ed Building during the service.

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

An assistive listening system is available in the sanctuary; to use this system, switch hearing aids to "T".

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

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