

First Christian Reformed Church  
Lynden, Washington  
September 7, 2025 ~ 6:00 PM Worship Service

**Call to Worship:** *Psalm 125:1-2*

*Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever.  
As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people, from this time forth and forevermore.  
Come, let us worship the Lord.*

**Opening Prayer**

***The Solid Rock***

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*Refrain:* On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found;  
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. *Refrain*

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***What A Day that Will Be***

There is coming a day when no heartaches shall come,  
No more clouds in the sky, no more tears to dim the eye;  
All is peace for evermore on that happy golden shore –  
What a day, glorious day, that will be.

*Refrain:* What a day that will be when my Jesus I shall see,  
And I look upon His face – the One who saved me by His grace;  
When He takes me by the hand, and leads me through the Promised Land,  
What a day, glorious day, that will be.

There'll be no sorrow there, no more burdens to bear,  
No more sickness, no pain, no more parting over there;  
And forever I will be with the One who died for me –  
What a day, glorious day, that will be. *Refrain*

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***When Peace Like a River***

When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll—  
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
It is well, with my soul, it is well, it is well, with my soul.

My sin, O the joy of this glorious thought, my sin, not in part, but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more: praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
It is well, with my soul, it is well, it is well, with my soul.

O, Lord haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll:  
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend, even so it is well with my soul.  
It is well, with my soul, it is well, it is well, with my soul.

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**Profession of Faith:** Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 1

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—  
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.**

**He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,  
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.**

**He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head  
without the will of my Father in heaven:**

**in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.**

**Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit,  
assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready  
from now on to live for him.**

**Offering:** Christian School Tuition Assistance

## Evening Prayer

### *He Leadeth Me*

He leadeth me! O blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught!  
Whate'er I do, where'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

*Refrain:* He leadeth me, He leadeth me; by His own hand He leadeth me:  
His faithful follower I would be, for by His hand he leadeth me.

And when my task on earth is done, when by Thy grace the victory's won,  
Even death's cold wave I will not flee, still God through Jordan leadeth me. *Refrain*

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### **Scripture:** *Psalm 16:2, 6, 11*

*I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;  
I have no good apart from you."*

*The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.*

*You make known to me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy;  
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Message:** *Eternal Pleasures*

#### *By the Sea of Crystal*

By the sea of crystal saints in glory stand,  
Myriads in number, drawn from every land.  
Robed in white apparel, washed in Jesus' blood,  
They now reign in heaven with the Lamb of God.

Out of tribulation, death, and Satan's hand,  
They have been translated at the Lord's command.  
In their hands they're holding palms of victory.  
Hark! the jubilant chorus shouts triumphantly:

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## God's Blessing

#### *By the Sea of Crystal*

"Unto God Almighty, sitting on the throne,  
And the Lamb, victorious, be the praise alone."  
God has wrought salvation; He did wondrous things.  
Who shall not extol thee, holy King of kings!

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Leader: Rich H  
Pastor: Don R  
Music: Ken Q

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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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