

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
September 21, 2025 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 95:6-7*

*Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.*

God's Greeting

Come, People of the Risen King

Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring Him praise.
Come, all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace. *Refrain*

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How Great is Our God

The splendor of the King, and clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

Refrain: How great is our God! Sing with me: How Great is our God!
All will see how great, how great is our God!

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.
The God-head, three in one, and Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb. *Refrain*

Name above all names, worthy of all praise.
My heart will sing: How great is Our God!
Name above all names, worthy of all praise.
My heart will sing: How great is Our God!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art! *Refrain*

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But for the Cross of Christ

What is the truth that ever anchors me amidst the waves of all my guilt?
That Christ has shed His blood and pardoned me at the cross, at the cross.

He bore my sin, I bear His righteousness. Oh what a glorious exchange.
The wrath of God laid on the spotless Lamb. Oh what grace, oh what grace,

Refrain: Behold the cross, there is no greater love.
Heaven's Son laid down His life for us.
Oh my soul would be lost with no hope to find, but for the cross of Christ.

How do I walk with humble confidence? I look to Christ, who is my peace.
He sealed my hope and my inheritance at the cross, at the cross. *Refrain*

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Call to Confession: I John 3:4-6

Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: *Isaiah 1:18*

***“Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord:
though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.***

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

The Power of the Cross

O, to see the dawn of the darkest day; Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.
This the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath; we stand forgiven at the cross.

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life, “Finished!” the victory cry.
This the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath; we stand forgiven at the cross.

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Offertory Prayer and Offering: Mission and Outreach Fund

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: *Romans 12:9-13*

⁹ Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰ Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Let Love Be Genuine II*

We Are God’s People

We are God’s people, the chosen of the Lord,
Born of His Spirit, established by His Word.
Our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in Him we stand;
O let us live transparently and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,
Called to obey Him, now risen from the dead.
He wills us be a family diverse, yet truly one;
O let us give our gifts to God and so shall His work on earth be done.

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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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