

**First Christian Reformed Church**  
**Lynden, Washington**  
**September 21, 2025 ~ 6:00 PM Worship Service**

**Call to Worship:** *Psalm 24:7-10 (NIV)*

*Lift up your heads, O you gates;*

*be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.*

***Who is this King of glory?***

*The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.*

***Lift up your heads, O you gates;***

***lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.***

*Who is he, this King of glory?*

***The LORD Almighty; he is the King of glory.***

**Opening Prayer**

***Be Exalted***

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high; I will praise Him.

He is exalted, forever exalted, and I will praise His name!

He is the Lord; forever His truth shall reign.

Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name.

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

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***I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord***

I love Thy kingdom, Lord, the house of Thine abode,

The Church our blest Redeemer saved with His own precious blood.

I love Thy Church, O God! Her walls before Thee stand,

Dear as the apple of Thine eye, and graven on Thy hand.

Sure as Thy truth shall last, to Zion shall be given

The brightest glories earth can yield, and brighter bless of heaven.

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***I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord***

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever, I will sing, I will sing.

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever, I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

With my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness, Your faithfulness;

With my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations.

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever, I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

All the hosts of the angels sing God's praise forever for the things he has done.

All the hosts of the angels sing God's praise forever, all the hosts of the angels sing God's praise.

Who can be compared to God in faithfulness, in faithfulness?

Who can be compared to God in faithfulness to all generations?

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever, I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

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**Profession of Faith:** *Psalm 50:1-6*

***The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.***

***Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.***

***Our God comes; he does not keep silence; before him is a devouring fire, around him a mighty tempest.***

***He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:***

***"Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"***

***The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge!***

**Offering:** Mission and Outreach Fund

**Evening Prayer**

### ***Blessed Jesus at Your Word***

Blessed Jesus, at your word we are gathered all to hear you.  
Let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear you.  
By your gospel pure and holy, teach us, Lord, to love You solely.

All our knowledge, sense, and sight life in deepest darkness shrouded,  
Till your Spirit breaks our night with your beams of truth unclouded.  
You alone to God can win us; You must work all good within us.

Glorious Lord, yourself impart; light of Light, from God proceeding,  
Open lips and ears and heart; help us by your Spirit's leading.  
Hear the cry your church now raises; Lord, accept our prayers and praises.

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### **Scripture: *Obadiah 1:1-4, 10, 12, 15, 18***

<sup>1</sup> *The vision of Obadiah.*

*Thus says the Lord GOD concerning Edom:*

*We have heard a report from the LORD,  
and a messenger has been sent among the nations:*

*"Rise up! Let us rise against her for battle!"*

<sup>2</sup> *Behold, I will make you small among the nations;  
you shall be utterly despised.*

<sup>3</sup> *The pride of your heart has deceived you,  
you who live in the clefts of the rock,  
in your lofty dwelling,*

*who say in your heart,*

*"Who will bring me down to the ground?"*

<sup>4</sup> *Though you soar aloft like the eagle,  
though your nest is set among the stars,  
from there I will bring you down, declares the LORD.*

<sup>10</sup> *Because of the violence done to your brother Jacob,  
shame shall cover you,  
and you shall be cut off forever.*

<sup>12</sup> *But do not gloat over the day of your brother  
in the day of his misfortune;*

*do not rejoice over the people of Judah  
in the day of their ruin;*

*do not boast in the day of distress.*

<sup>15</sup> *For the day of the Lord is near upon all the nations.*

*As you have done, it shall be done to you;  
your deeds shall return on your own head.*

<sup>18</sup> *The house of Jacob shall be a fire,  
and the house of Joseph a flame,  
and the house of Esau stubble;  
they shall burn them and consume them,  
and there shall be no survivor for the house of Esau,  
for the Lord has spoken.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Message: *A Walk Through the Bible: Obadiah***

#### ***Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners***

Jesus! What a friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul!  
Friends may fail me, foes assail me, He, my Savior, makes me whole.

*Refrain:* Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.

Jesus! I do now receive Him, more than all in Him I find;  
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am His, and He is mine. *Refrain*

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## God's Blessing

### *Be Thou My Vision*

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art,  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

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Music: Nancy Z

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