

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
September 28, 2025
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship:

Let us worship the eternal God,
the source of love and life, who creates us.

**Let us worship Jesus Christ,
the risen one, who lives among us.**

Let us worship the Spirit, the holy fire, who renews us.

**To the one true God be praise
in all times and places, through the grace of Jesus Christ.**

God's Greeting

God, Our Father, We Adore Thee

God, our Father, we adore Thee!
We, Thy children, bless Thy name!
Chosen in the Christ before Thee,
We are "holy, without blame"
We adore Thee! We adore Thee!
Abba's praises we proclaim!
We adore Thee! We adore Thee!
Abba's praises we proclaim!

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
Three in One! We give Thee praise!
For the riches we inherit,
Heart and voice to Thee we raise!
We adore Thee! We adore Thee!
Thee we bless thro' endless days!
We adore Thee! We adore Thee!
Thee we bless thro' endless days!

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Behold Our God

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice.
All creation rises to rejoice.

Refrain: Behold our God, seated on His throne.
Come, let us adore Him.
Behold our King, nothing can compare.
Come let us adore Him!

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the one who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds? *Refrain*

Who has felt the nails upon His hands,
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave.

Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign! *Refrain*

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His Glory and My Good

I have seen my Father's glory revealed in Jesus Christ
And the more that I behold Him, the more He satisfies.
When I gaze upon His beauty, when I see Him as I should,
Then my eyes are lifted upward for His glory and my good.

There is hope in every trial, for I can trust the Lord.
He will turn my heart towards Him and help me bear the thorn.
So, in faith, I follow Jesus on the road not understood,
For I know that He is working for His glory and my good.

Refrain: To our God be the glory, to our God be praise.
He alone, the name above all names.
I will boast ever only in the Lord, my God.
For I know His glory is my good.

See the open arms of Jesus upon the cross that day.
What they understood as weakness deserves my every praise.
For the charge that was against me, it was nailed into the wood.
Yes I know that He has saved me for His glory and my good. *Refrain*

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Call to Confession: based on Matthew 22:37-40, NRSV

Our Lord Jesus said:

*“You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your mind.”*

This is the greatest and first commandment.

And a second is like it:

‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’

On these two commandments

hang all the law and the prophets.”

*As God has instructed us in these great commandments,
and because we have not lived in full obedience,
let us now confess our sins to God,
trusting Christ as our Savior and Lord.*

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: *Psalm 145:13-14, NRSV*

***The LORD is faithful in all his words,
and gracious in all his deeds.***

***The LORD upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.***

Before the Throne of God

Before the throne of God above I have a strong, and perfect plea:

A great High Priest, whose name is Love,

Who ever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on his hands,

My name is written on his heart;

I know that while in heaven he stands

No tongue can bid me thence depart

No tongue can bid me thence depart.

Behold him there, the risen Lamb

My perfect, spotless righteousness,

The great unchangeable I am, the King of glory and of grace!

One with himself, I cannot die

My soul is purchased by his blood;

My life is hid with Christ on high,

With Christ, my Savior and my God,

With Christ, my Savior and my God.

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Offertory Prayer

Offering: Memli & Luiza M

Congregational Prayer

He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast. *Refrain*

Refrain: He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last! *Refrain*

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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 III*

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus I find a place to stand,
And wonder at such mercy that calls me as I am.
For hands that should discard me hold wounds which tell me come.
Beneath the cross of Jesus, my unworthy soul is won.

Beneath the cross of Jesus, his family is my own.
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams,
Now one through grace alone.
How could I now dishonor the ones that you have loved?
Beneath the cross of Jesus, see the children called by God.

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God's Blessing

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus, the path before the crown,
We follow in His footsteps where promised hope is found.
How great the joy before us to be His perfect bride.
Beneath the cross of Jesus, we will gladly live our lives.

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Pastors: Robert W
Prayer: Jason V, Jonathan U
Music: Nancy Z, Mike S, Jonathan U

Offering Memli & Luiza M are missionaries in Albania serving with Disciples of Jesus Church. They have been called by God to plant churches among the unreached Muslim villages in southern Albania. For more information, talk to Pastor Robert.

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 – 3rd grade. Children are dismissed to the Education Building during the service.

Worship services are also broadcast live in the church 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, * indicates standing and bold font is a response by the congregation. You are invited to join if you feel comfortable.