

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
October 5, 2025
6:00 p.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 108:3-5*

³ *I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;*

I will sing praises to you among the nations.

⁴ *For your steadfast love is great above the heavens;
your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.*

⁵ ***Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!
Let your glory be over all the earth!***

Opening Prayer

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.

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O Praise the Lord, for It Is Good

O praise the LORD, for it is good

To sing unto our God;

'Tis right and pleasant for his saints

To tell his praise abroad.

The LORD our God builds up his church,

Finds those who draw apart;

He binds their wounds and gently leads,

He heals the broken heart.

Our Lord is great: he calls by name

And counts the stars of night;

His wisdom is unsearchable,

And wondrous is his might.

The LORD upholds the poor and meek

But brings the wicked low;

Sing praise to him who sends the rain,

Whose care the cattle know.

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Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father!

There is no shadow of turning with Thee;

Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not:

As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be. *Refrain*

Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided –
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow –
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

(“Great is Thy Faithfulness, text Thomas O Chisholm., tune William M Runyan, © 1923 Renewed 1951 Hope Publishing Company, CCLI #358926 Streaming License #20317932)

Profession of Faith: Our World Belongs to God Article 28

**Being both God and man,
Jesus is the only Mediator
between God and his people.
He alone paid the debt of our sin;
there is no other Savior!
In him the Father chose those
whom he would save.
His electing love sustains our hope:
God's grace is free
to save sinners who offer nothing**

Offering: Tuition Assistance Fund

Evening Prayer

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain: This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain*

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness lost in His love. *Refrain*

(“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine words by Fanny J. Crosby music by Phoebe P. Knapp Public Domain CCLI #358926 Streaming License #20317932)

Scripture: Mark 2:1-17

And when he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. ² And many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And he was preaching the word to them. ³ And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. ⁴ And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and when they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay. ⁵ And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” ⁶ Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, ⁷ “Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” ⁸ And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, “Why do you question these things in your hearts? ⁹ Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, take up your bed and walk’? ¹⁰ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins” —he said to the paralytic— ¹¹ “I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go

home.”¹² And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”

¹³ He went out again beside the sea, and all the crowd was coming to him, and he was teaching them. ¹⁴ And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him.

¹⁵ And as he reclined at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners were reclining with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. ¹⁶ And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, “Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹⁷ And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: Rise and Walk: Healing by Word and Presence

He Touched Me

Shackled by a heavy burden,
'Neath a load of guilt and shame.
Then the hand of Jesus touched me,
And now I am no longer the same. *Refrain*

Refrain: He touched me, O, He touched me,
And O, the joy that floods my soul.
Something happened, and now I know,
He touched me and made me whole.

Since I met this blessed Savior,
Since He cleansed and made me whole,
I will never cease to praise Him,
I'll shout it while eternity rolls.

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God's Blessing

Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward way;
With Thee began, with Thee shall end the day.
Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
That in this house have called upon Thy name.

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Pastors: Zac H, Jonathan U

Music: Nancy Z

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