

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
October 19, 2025 ~ 6:00 p.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 113:1-3*

Praise the Lord!

Praise, O servants of the Lord,

praise the name of the Lord!

Blessed be the name of the Lord

from this time forth and forevermore!

From the rising of the sun to its setting,

the name of the Lord is to be praised!

Opening Prayer

Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet

Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet,

Praise the Lord with the harp and lute,

Praise the Lord with the gentle sounding flute.

Praise the Lord in the field and forest,

Praise the Lord in the city square,

Praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.

Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,

Praise the Lord in the dark of night,

Praise the Lord in the rain or snow or in the morning light.

Praise the Lord in the deepest valley,

Praise the Lord on the highest hill,

Praise the Lord; never let your voice be still.

Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal,

Praise the Lord with the pipe and string,

Praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.

Praise the Lord on a weekday morning,

Praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,

Praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.

Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow,

Praise the Lord in the time of joy.

Praise the Lord every moment; nothing let your praise destroy.

Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet,

Praise the Lord in your work or play,

Praise the Lord everywhere in every way!

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Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Come, behold the wondrous mystery, in the dawning of the King;

He the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity.

In our longing, in our darkness, now, the light of life has come;

Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come, behold the wondrous mystery, Christ, the Lord upon the tree,

In the stead of ruined sinners, hangs the Lamb in victory.

See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold;

Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come, behold the wondrous mystery, slain by death the God of life;

But no grave could e'er restrain Him, praise the Lord, He is alive!

What a foretaste of deliverance, how unwavering our hope;

Christ in power resurrected, as we will be, when he comes.

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Be Unto Your Name

We are a moment, You are forever Lord of the Ages, God before time;
We are a vapor, You are eternal, love everlasting, reigning on high.

Refrain: Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Highest praises, honor and glory be unto Your name, be unto Your name.

We are the broken, You are the healer, Jesus, Redeemer, mighty to save;
You are the love song we'll sing forever, bowing before You, blessing Your name. *Refrain*

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Profession of Faith: Psalm 1

*Blessed is the man
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law he meditates day and night.
He is like a tree planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.
The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.*

Offering: Northwest Seafarers Ministry

Evening Prayer

Seek Ye First #209:1,3 (PH)

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.

We do not live by bread alone, but by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia.

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Scripture: *Nahum 1:1-3, 7-8, 15; 3:8-10, 18-19 (ESV)*

¹ *An oracle concerning Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum of Elkosh.*

² *The Lord is a jealous and avenging God;
the Lord is avenging and wrathful;
the Lord takes vengeance on his adversaries
and keeps wrath for his enemies.*

³ *The Lord is slow to anger and great in power,
and the Lord will by no means clear the guilty.
His way is in whirlwind and storm,
and the clouds are the dust of his feet.*

⁷ *The Lord is good,
a stronghold in the day of trouble;
he knows those who take refuge in him.*

⁸ *But with an overflowing flood
he will make a complete end of the adversaries,
and will pursue his enemies into darkness.*

¹⁵ *Behold, upon the mountains, the feet of him
who brings good news, who publishes peace!
Keep your feasts, O Judah;
fulfill your vows,
for never again shall the worthless pass through you;
he is utterly cut off.*

Nahum 3:8-10

⁸ Are you better than Thebes
that sat by the Nile,
with water around her,
her rampart a sea, and water her wall?
⁹ Cush was her strength;
Egypt too, and that without limit;
Put and the Libyans were her helpers.
¹⁰ Yet she became an exile;
she went into captivity;
her infants were dashed in pieces
at the head of every street;
for her honored men lots were cast,
and all her great men were bound in chains.
¹⁸ Your shepherds are asleep,
O king of Assyria;
your nobles slumber.
Your people are scattered on the mountains
with none to gather them.
¹⁹ There is no easing your hurt;
your wound is grievous.
All who hear the news about you
clap their hands over you.
For upon whom has not come
your unceasing evil?

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Message: A Walk Through the Bible - Nahum

Victory in Jesus

I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory,
How He gave His life on Calvary to save a wretch like me;
I heard about his groaning, of his precious blood's atoning,
Then I repented of my sins and won the victory.

Refrain: O victory in Jesus, my Savior, forever!
He sought me and bought me with his redeeming blood;
He loved me ere I knew him, and all my love is due him;
He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.

I heard about a mansion He has built for me in glory,
And I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea;
About the angels singing and the old redemption story,
And some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of victory. *Refrain*

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God's Blessing

Our God Reigns

How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, good news
Announcing peace, proclaiming news of happiness.
Our God reigns; our God reigns! Our God reigns; our God reigns! Our God reigns; our God reigns!

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Music: Ken & Lisa Q

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