

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
November 2, 2025 ~ 6:00 p.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 99:1-3*

*The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.
Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!*

Opening Prayer

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all;
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all!

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Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

Lo, He comes with clouds descending, once for favored sinners slain;
All the many saints attending swell the triumph of His train.
Alleluia! Alleluia! God appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold Him, robed in awesome majesty;
Those who once denied and killed Him, pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing, shall their true Messiah see.

Yes, Amen! Let all adore Thee, high on the eternal throne;
Savior, take the power and glory, claim the kingdom for Your own:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ shall reign and Christ alone!

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Immortal, Invisible

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days.
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render: O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee.

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Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 1

What is your only comfort in life and in death?
**That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.
He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.
He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven:
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.
Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Evening Prayer

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, who wert and art and ever-more shalt be.

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Scripture: *Zephaniah 1:1-7a*

¹ *The word of the Lord that came to Zephaniah the son of Cushi, son of Gedaliah, son of Amariah, son of Hezekiah, in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah.*

² *"I will utterly sweep away everything from the face of the earth," declares the Lord.*

³ *"I will sweep away man and beast;*

I will sweep away the birds of the heavens and the fish of the sea, and the rubble with the wicked.

I will cut off mankind from the face of the earth," declares the Lord.

⁴ *"I will stretch out my hand against Judah and against all the inhabitants of Jerusalem;*

and I will cut off from this place the remnant of Baal and the name of the idolatrous priests along with the priests,

⁵ *those who bow down on the roofs to the host of the heavens,*

those who bow down and swear to the Lord and yet swear by Milcom,

⁶ *those who have turned back from following the Lord, who do not seek the Lord or inquire of him."*

⁷ *Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is near.*

Zephaniah 3:14-20

¹⁴ *Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem!*

¹⁵ *The Lord has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies.*

The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil.

¹⁶ *On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak.*

¹⁷ *The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save;*

he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

¹⁸ *I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival, so that you will no longer suffer reproach.*

¹⁹ *Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors.*

And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.

²⁰ *At that time I will bring you in, at the time when I gather you together;*

for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth,

when I restore your fortunes before your eyes," says the Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: A Walk Through the Bible – Zephaniah

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.

Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!

Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee;

And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of years: the potentate of time,

Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.

All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;

Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

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God's Blessing

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee, though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see.

Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee; perfect in power, in love and purity.

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