

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
November 30, 2025 ~ 6:00 p.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Isaiah 41:10*

*Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.*

Opening Prayer

I Will Extol You, O My God

I will extol you, O my God, and praise you, O my King;
Yes, every day and evermore your praises I will sing.
Great is the Lord, our mighty God, and greatly to be praised;
His greatness is unsearchable, above all glory raised.

Each generation to the next shall testimony bear,
And to your praise, from age to age, Your wondrous acts declare.
Upon your glorious majesty and honor I will dwell,
And all your grand and glorious works and greatness I will tell.

Your mighty acts and glorious deeds we shall with awe confess
And sing of your great goodness and your perfect righteousness.
Most gracious and compassionate is God, who reigns above;
His wrath is ever slow to rise, unbounded is his love.

("I Will Extol You, O My God" words Psalm 145, music English: adapt. Arthur S. Sullivan, 187 © Words and Music Public Domain, CCLI #358926, Streaming #20317932)

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain: Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain*

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'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word,
Just to rest upon His promise, just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

Refrain: Jesus, Jesus how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!

Yes, I've learned to trust in Jesus, and from sin and self to cease;
Now from Jesus simply taking life and rest and joy and peace. *Refrain*

I'm so glad I learned to trust Him, Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that He is with me, He'll be with me to the end. *Refrain*

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Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 27 & 28

What do you understand by the providence of God?

Providence is

**the almighty and ever present power of God
by which he upholds, as with his hand,
heaven and earth and all creatures,
and so rules them that leaf and blade,
rain and drought, fruitful and lean years,
food and drink, health and sickness, prosperity and poverty—
all things, in fact, come to us not by chance but from his fatherly hand.**

How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?

**We can be patient when things go against us,
thankful when things go well,
and for the future we can have
good confidence in our faithful God and Father
that nothing will separate us from his love.
All creatures are so completely in his hand
that without his will they can neither move nor be moved.**

Offering: Mission and Outreach Fund

Evening Prayer

Scripture: *Mark 4:35-41*

³⁵ *On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side."* ³⁶ *And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him.* ³⁷ *And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling.* ³⁸ *But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?"* ³⁹ *And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.* ⁴⁰ *He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?"* ⁴¹ *And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Held by the One We Accuse: Grace for Fearful Hearts*

I Know Who Holds Tomorrow

I don't know about tomorrow, I just live from day to day;
I don't borrow from its sunshine, for its skies may turn to gray
I don't worry o'er the future, for I know what Jesus said
And today I'll walk beside Him, for He knows what is ahead.

Refrain: Many things about tomorrow,
I don't seem to understand;
But I know who holds tomorrow,
And I know who holds my hand.

I don't know about tomorrow, it may bring me poverty
But the One who feeds the sparrow, is the One who stands by me.
And the path that is my portion, may be through the flame or flood;
But His presence goes before me, and I'm covered with His blood. *Refrain*

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God's Blessing

Because He Lives

Because He lives I can face tomorrow;
Because He lives, all fear is gone.
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because He lives.

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