

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
March 1, 2026 ~ 6:00 PM Worship Service

Call to Worship: based on Isaiah 9:2

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.

Jesus Christ is our life and light.

In his name and in his power, let us worship God!

Opening Prayer

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

Good Christian men, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Joy! Joy! Jesus Christ was born for this.
He has opened heaven's door, and man is blessed evermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian men, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave: Peace! Peace! Jesus Christ was born to save!
Call you one and calls you all to gain His everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

("Good Christian Men, Rejoice" words and tune German/Latin 14th cent., tr. John Mason Neale (1853); Public Domain, #358926, Streaming License #20317932)

O Worship the King

O worship the King all glorious above,
And gratefully sing His wonderful love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might and sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend.

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The Lord is King, Enthroned in Might

The Lord is king, enthroned in might on wings of cherubim;
He reigns in holiness and light, bow down to worship him!
Beyond all majesty and praise his holy name confess:
The king of everlasting days, who rules in righteousness.

O magnify the God of grace who hears his people's cry,
And come with songs before his face, exalt his name on high!
To see at last, by grace restored from sin and all its stains,
The holy mountain of the Lord where God in glory reigns.

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Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 31

Why is he called Christ, meaning "Anointed"?

Because he has been ordained by God the Father and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our chief prophet and teacher who perfectly reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God for our deliverance; our only high priest who has set us free by the one sacrifice of his body, and who continually pleads our cause with the Father; and our eternal king who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who guards us and keeps us in the freedom he has won for us.

Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Evening Prayer

He is Lord

He is Lord, he is Lord, He is risen from the dead, and he is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

He is King, he is King, He will draw all nations to him; he is King!
And the time shall be when the world shall sing that Jesus Christ is King.

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Scripture: *Matthew 1:1*

¹ *The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.*

Matthew 2:1-2

¹ *Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ² saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."*

Matthew 4:17

¹⁷ *From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."*

Matthew 9:27

²⁷ *And as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, "Have mercy on us, Son of David."*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *"Matthew's Portrait of Jesus: The Son of David, The Promised King"*

Rejoice, the Lord is King

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

The Lord, our Savior, reigns, the God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains, He took His seat above:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

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God's Blessing

Rejoice, the Lord is King

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord the judge shall come
And take His servants up to their eternal home:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

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Pastors: Jonathan U, Robert W

Music: Ken Q

Offering will be received for Christian School Tuition Assistance, a fund used to help cover tuition cost of First church families who send their children to Christian schools.

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.

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