

**First Christian Reformed Church**  
**Lynden, Washington**  
**Easter Sunday**  
**April 5, 2026 ~ 10:30 a.m. Worship Service**

**Call to Worship:** based on 1 Peter 1:3-5

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**He has given us new life and hope. He has raised Jesus from the dead.**

God has claimed us as his own.

**He has brought us out of darkness. He has made us light to the world.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

***Christ the Lord Is Risen Today***

Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia!

All creation, join to say: Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!

Sing, O heavens, and earth, reply: Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!

Fought the fight, the battle won; Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids him rise; Alleluia!

Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!

Once he died, our souls to save; Alleluia!

Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

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***I Serve a Risen Savior***

I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today;

I know that He is living, whatever people say;

I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,

And every time I need Him He's always near.

*Refrain:* He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!

He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.

He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!

You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian lift up your voice and sing

Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!

The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find;

No other is so loving, so good and kind. *Refrain*

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***Christ Arose***

Low in the grave He lay, Jesus, my Savior!

Waiting the coming day, Jesus, my Lord!

*Refrain:* Up from the grave He arose with a mighty triumph o'er His foes;

He arose a victor from the dark domain,

And He lives forever with His saints to reign;

He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Vainly they watched His bed, Jesus, my Savior!

Vainly they sealed the dead, Jesus, my Lord! *Refrain*

Death could not keep his prey, Jesus, my Savior!

He tore the bars away, Jesus, my Lord! *Refrain*

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**Choral Ministry of Music:** *Rise My Soul, the Lord is Risen* (the congregation is invited to join on the last verse)  
Rise, my soul, for I am risen; seated now with Christ, my Lord.  
As my life belongs to heaven, fear shall hold its sway no more.  
Onward, upward, toward the treasure; filled with courage and endless hope.  
For this truth is mine forever: Christ is risen! Arise, my soul!

**Easter Reading:** *Matthew 28:1-10*

***See, What a Morning***

See, what a morning, gloriously bright, with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;  
Folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light, as the angels announce, "Christ is risen!"  
See God's salvation plan, wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,  
Fulfilled in Christ, the Man, for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead.

See Mary weeping, "Where is He laid?" as in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb.  
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name; it's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!  
The voice that spans the years, speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,  
Will sound till He appears, for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead.

One with the Father, Ancient of Days, through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty.  
Honor and blessing, glory and praise to the King crowned with pow'r and authority.  
And we are raised with Him; death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered.  
And we shall reign with Him, for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead.

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**Offertory Prayer and Offering:** Christian School Tuition Assistance

**Congregational Prayer**

**Scripture:** *Luke 23:32-43*

<sup>32</sup> *Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. <sup>33</sup> And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup> And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. <sup>35</sup> And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" <sup>36</sup> The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine <sup>37</sup> and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" <sup>38</sup> There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." <sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup> But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup> And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup> And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." <sup>43</sup> And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *The Man on the Middle Cross*

***Thine Is the Glory***

Thine is the glory, risen conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
Kept the folded grave-clothes where Thy body lay.

*Refrain:* Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom.  
Let His church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
For her Lord now liveth: death hath lost its sting. *Refrain*

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**God's Blessing:** *I Corinthians 15:54-58*

*When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:*

*"Death is swallowed up in victory."*

*"O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"*

*The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.*

**Amen.**

**Majesty**

Majesty, worship His majesty.

Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.

Majesty, kingdom authority

Flow from His throne unto His own; His anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.

Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.

Majesty, worship His majesty.

Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

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Prayer: Brian K

Choir Director: Alicia H

Music: Valerie A, Paul A, Brad H, Lee V, Nancy Z

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Nursery is available with a paging system for children under 3 years during worship service in the Education Building.

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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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