

**First Christian Reformed Church**  
Lynden, Washington  
April 19, 2026 ~ 6:00 p.m. Worship Service

**Father, We Adore You**

**Call to Worship:** *2 Chronicles 6:40; Psalm 18:1-3*

*Now, my God, may Your eyes be open and Your ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place,  
I love You, O Lord, my strength.*

***The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer.  
I call to the Lord, who is worthy of praise.***

**Opening Prayer**

***To God Be the Glory***

To God be the glory, great things He hath done!  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin  
And opened the lifegate that all may go in.

*Refrain:* Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!  
Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. *Refrain*

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***Praise to the Lord, the Almighty***

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings, yes, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how all thy longings have been granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper Thy work and defend thee;  
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, if with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.  
Let the Amen sound from His people again; gladly for aye we adore Him.

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**Father, We Confess Our Sins**

**Call to Confession:** *based on Psalm 66:16, 18-20*

Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what He has done for me.  
If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.  
But truly God has listened; He has given heed to the words of my prayer.

**Blessed be God,  
because He has not rejected my prayer  
or removed His steadfast love from me.**

In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.

### ***My Faith Looks Up to Thee***

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!  
Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away.  
O let me from this day be wholly thine!

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### **Prayer of Confession**

### ***My Faith Looks Up to Thee***

May Thy rich grace impart, strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire.  
As Thou hast died for me, O may my love to Thee  
Pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!

When life's swift race is run, death's cold work almost done, be near to me.  
Blest Savior, then in love, fear and distrust remove.  
O bear me safe above, redeemed and free!

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### **Father, We Give You Thanks**

### ***Psalm 100***

***Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!  
Serve the Lord with gladness!  
Come into His presence with singing!  
Know that the Lord, He is God!  
It is He who made us, and we are His;  
We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.  
Enter His gates with thanksgiving,  
And His courts with praise!  
Give thanks to Him; bless His name!  
For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever,  
And His faithfulness to all generations.***

### ***Rejoice, O Pure in Heart***

Rejoice, O pure in heart, rejoice, give thanks, and sing;  
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.  
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing!

Still lift your standard high, still chanting as you go,  
From youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe.  
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing!

Praise God, who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore:  
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God forevermore.  
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing!

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**Offering:** Lighthouse Mission

### **Prayer for Our Church**

### **Scripture: Acts 1:21-26**

<sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us,  
<sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection. " <sup>23</sup>And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." <sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Meditation**

## Father, We Ask You to Supply Our Needs

### **Seek Ye First**

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

Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and you shall find;  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia.

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### **I Timothy 3:8-13**

<sup>8</sup> Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. <sup>9</sup> They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. <sup>10</sup> And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. <sup>11</sup> Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. <sup>12</sup> Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. <sup>13</sup> For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

### **Prayer for Our Deacons**

#### **I Timothy 3:1-7**

<sup>1</sup> The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. <sup>2</sup> Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, <sup>3</sup> not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. <sup>4</sup> He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, <sup>5</sup> for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? <sup>6</sup> He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. <sup>7</sup> Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

### **Prayer for Our Elders**

### **God's Blessing**

#### **Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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