

**First Christian Reformed Church**  
Lynden, Washington  
April 26, 2026 ~ 6:00 p.m. Worship Service

**Call to Worship:** *Psalm 99:1–3*

*The LORD reigns! Let the peoples tremble.*

***He is enthroned between the cherubim.***

*Let the earth quake.*

***The LORD is great in Zion;***

*He is exalted above all the peoples. Let them praise your great and awe-inspiring name.*

***He is holy.***

**Opening Prayer**

***Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus***

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the cross;  
Lift high His royal banner, it must not suffer loss.  
From victory unto victory His army shall He lead,  
'Til every foe is conquered and Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, stand in His strength alone;  
The arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own.  
Put on the gospel armor, each piece put on with prayer;  
When duty calls, or danger be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand for Jesus, the strife will not be long;  
This day the noise of battle, the next the victor's song.  
To him that overcometh a crown of life shall be:  
**He with the King of glory shall reign eternally.**

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***God of Grace and God of Glory***

God of grace and God of glory, on Thy people pour Thy power;  
Crown Thine ancient church's story, bring her bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Set our feet on lofty places, gird our lives that they may be  
Armored with all Christ-like graces in the fight to set me free.

**Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, that we fail not man nor Thee, that we fail not man nor Thee.**

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***Amazing Grace***

Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound – that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.

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**Profession of Faith:** Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 21

What is true faith?

**True faith is**

**not only a knowledge and conviction that everything God reveals in his Word is true;  
it is also a deep-rooted assurance, created in me by the Holy Spirit through the gospel,  
that, out of sheer grace earned for us by Christ,  
not only others, but I too, have had my sins forgiven,  
have been made forever right with God, and have been granted salvation.**

**Offering:** Building the Future

## Evening Prayer

### *The Church's One Foundation*

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is His new creation by water and the Word.  
From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;  
Till with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

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### **Scripture:** *Ephesians 6:15-16*

<sup>15</sup> *As shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace.* <sup>16</sup> *In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Message:** *Shoes of Peace and Shield of Faith*

#### *Faith is the Victory*

Encamped along the hills of light, ye Christian soldiers, rise,  
And press the battle ere the night shall veil the glowing skies.  
Against the foe in vales below let all our strength be hurled;  
Faith is the victory, we know, that overcomes the world.

*Refrain:* Faith is the victory! Faith is the victory!  
O glorious victory, that overcomes the world.

His banner over us is love, our sword the Word of God;  
We tread the road the saints above with shouts of triumph trod.  
By faith they like a whirlwind's breath, swept on o'er every field;  
The faith by which they conquered death is still our shining shield.

*Refrain* ("Faith is the Victory" text John H. Yates, music Ira D. Sankey, Public Domain, CCLI #358926, Streaming #20317932)

## 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. Amen.

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