

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
May 3, 2026 ~ 6:00 p.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 117:1-2*

Praise the Lord, all nations!

Extol him, all peoples!

**For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.
Praise the Lord!**

Opening Prayer

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father!
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not:
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

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Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above I have a strong, and perfect plea:
A great High Priest, whose name is Love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heaven he stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
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When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look, and see him there who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold him there, the risen Lamb my perfect, spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I am, the King of glory and of grace!
One with himself, I cannot die my soul is purchased by his blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Savior and my God,
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

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Near the Cross

Jesus, keep me near the cross, there a precious fountain,
Free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calvary's mountain.

Refrain: In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever.
‘Til my raptured soul shall find, rest beyond the river.

Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever,
‘Til I reach the golden strand just beyond the river. *Refrain*

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Profession of Faith: *Apostles Creed*

**I believe in God the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ,
his only begotten Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary;
suffered under Pontius Pilate;
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead**

he ascended to heaven,
and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty;
from there he shall come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit.
I believe in a holy catholic church,
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering: GLOW

Evening Prayer

Speak, O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You,
To receive the food of Your holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today,
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built,
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

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Scripture: *Luke 1:1-4*

Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us, ² just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us, ³ it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴ that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught.

Luke 5:30-31

And the Pharisees and their scribes grumbled at his disciples, saying, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" ³¹ And Jesus answered them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.

Luke 19:9-10

And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

Luke 24:46-48

And Jesus said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things."

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Message: *Luke's Portrait of Jesus:*
The Son of Adam, The Savior King

Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Come, behold the wondrous mystery,
In the dawning of the King;
He the theme of heaven's praises,
Robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness,
Now, the light of life has come;
Look to Christ, who condescended,
Took on flesh to ransom us.
Come, behold the wondrous mystery,
He the perfect Son of man;
In His living, in His suffering
Never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam,
Come to save the hell-bound man;
Christ, the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law, in Him we stand.

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God's Blessing

Go, My Children, With My Blessing

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing – you are my own.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me;
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you;
Here his tender comfort stilled you,
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

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Pastors: Zac H, Jonathan U, Robert W
Music: Sharon A

Offering will be received for First CRC GLOW girls ministry for girls in 2nd-6th grade, led by Alicia H, Melissa N, and other women from First CRC.

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On the bulletin, * indicates standing and bold font is a response by the congregation. You are invited to join if you feel comfortable.

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