

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
May 10, 2026 ~ 6:00 p.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: *from Psalm 92:1-2*

*It is good to praise the LORD
and make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your faithfulness at night.*

Opening Prayer

We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer

We praise Thee, O God, our Redeemer, Creator,
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You,
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.

We worship You, God of our fathers, we bless You;
Through life's storm and tempest, our guide You have been.
When perils o'er take us, You will not forsake us,
And with Your help, O Lord, our battles we win.

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Praise Him! Praise Him!

Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
Sing, O earth, His wonderful love proclaim!
Hail Him! Hail Him! Highest arch angels in glory;
Strength and honor give to His holy name!
Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard His children;
In His arms He carries them all day long.

Refrain: Praise Him! Praise Him!
Tell of His excellent greatness;
Praise Him! Praise Him! Ever in joyful song!

Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
For our sins He suffered, and bled, and died.
He, our Rock, our Hope of eternal salvation.
Hail Him! Hail Him! Jesus, the Crucified.
Sound His praises! Jesus, who bore our sorrows;
Love unbounded, wonderful, deep, and strong. *Refrain*

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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.

Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn Thy Christ, assail His ways!
From the fears that long have bound us,
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,
For the living of these days.
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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Profession of Faith: *Hebrews 4:12*

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Our Response:

Take up the helmet of salvation, for the Lord has secured our hope in Christ.

Our minds are guarded, our identity is held fast, and our salvation is sure.

Receive the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God—living, active, and powerful.

We stand on God’s truth, strengthened, guided, and equipped by His Word.

Pray in the Spirit on all occasions, with all kinds of prayers and requests.

We remain watchful, persevering in prayer for ourselves and for all God’s people.

Offering: Tuition Assistance

Evening Prayer

Thy Word

Refrain: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, and I think I’ve lost my way,
Still You’re there right beside me.
Nothing will I fear as long as You are near.
Please be near me to the end.

Refrain: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.

I will not forget Your love for me, and yet
My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side;
I will love You to the end. *Refrain*

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Scripture: *Ephesians 6:17-18*

Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Helmet of Salvation and the Sword of the Spirit*

O Church, Arise

O church, arise and put your armor on;
Hear the call of Christ our captain;
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth
We'll stand against the devil's lies,
An army bold whose battle cry is, "Love!"
Reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul,
But to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole,
We will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on every side,
We know the outcome is secure,
And Christ will have the prize for which he died:
An inheritance of nations.

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God’s Blessing

O Church, Arise

So Spirit, come! Put strength in every stride,
Give grace for every hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way,
Retelling triumphs of his grace,
We hear their calls, and hunger for the day
When, with Christ, we stand in glory!

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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.

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