

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
May 31, 2026 ~ 6:00 p.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 24:1-4, NRSV*

*The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;*

***for he has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the rivers.***

Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?

And who shall stand in his holy place?

***Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,
and do not swear deceitfully.***

Opening Prayer

Heavenly Hosts in Ceaseless Worship

Heavenly hosts in ceaseless worship "Holy, holy, holy!" cry;
"He who is, who was and will be, God Almighty, Lord Most High."
Praise and honor, power and glory be to him who reigns alone;
We, with all his hands have fashioned, fall before the Father's throne.

All creation, all redemption, join to sing the Savior's worth;
Lamb of God whose blood has bought us, kings and priests, to reign on earth.
Wealth and wisdom, power and glory, honor, might, dominion, praise
Now be his from all his creatures and to everlasting days.

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It is Well With My Soul

When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll—
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well, with my soul, it is well, it is well, with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control:
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and has shed his own blood for my soul.
It is well, with my soul, it is well, it is well, with my soul.

My sin, O the joy of this glorious thought, my sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more: praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
It is well, with my soul, it is well, it is well, with my soul.

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Here is Love

Here is love, vast as the ocean, loving-kindness as the flood,
When the Prince of Life, our Ransom, shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten throughout heav'n's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion, fountains opened deep and wide;
Through the floodgates of God's mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers, poured incessant from above,
And heav'n's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.

Let me all Thy love accepting, love Thee, ever all my days;
Let me see Thy kingdom only and my life be to Thy praise;
Thou alone shalt be my glory, nothing in the world I see.
Thou hast cleansed and sanctified me, Thou Thyself hast set me free.

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Profession of Faith: *from Philippians 2:5-11, NRSV*

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form

he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him

and gave him the name that is above every name,

so that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue should confess

to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord!

Offering: Mission and Outreach

Evening Prayer

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!

To his throne beyond the skies. Alleluia!

Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, Alleluia!

Enters now the highest heaven. Alleluia!

There for him high triumph waits; Alleluia!

Lift your heads, eternal gates. Alleluia!

He has conquered death and sin; Alleluia!

Take the King of glory in. Alleluia!

Highest heaven its Lord receives; Alleluia!

Yet he loved the earth he leaves. Alleluia!

Though returning to his throne, Alleluia!

Still he calls us all his own. Alleluia!

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Scripture: *Acts 1:1-11*

¹ *In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ² until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³ He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.*

⁴ *And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."*

⁶ *So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." ⁹ And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹ and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."*

Acts 2:1-4

¹ *When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *A Walk Through the Bible - Acts*

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood.
Jesus, out of every nation, has redeemed us by His blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us; faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received Him when the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget His promise, "I am with you evermore"?

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God's Blessing

Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

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Pastors: Zac H, Jonathan U, Robert W
Music: Nancy Z

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Children's Church is available for children 3 years – 3rd grade. Children are dismissed to the Education Building during the worship service.

Worship services are also broadcast live in the church basement and streamed online for anyone unable to worship in the sanctuary.

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

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