

First Christian Reformed Church – Lynden, Washington

July 5, 2026 ~ 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: 1 Chronicles 20:11-13

*Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty,
For all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours.*

Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all.

Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all.

In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.

And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

God's Greeting

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, yea, so gently sustaineth.

Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what He ordaineth?

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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Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Holy God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow before you.

Saints on earth your rule acclaim; all in heaven above adore you.

Infinite your vast domain; everlasting is your reign.

Hark, the glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising;

Cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising,

Fill the heavens with sweet accord: "Holy, holy, holy Lord!"

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name you,

Though in essence only one; undivided God, we claim you,

And, adoring bend the knee while we own the mystery.

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All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing, oh praise Him! Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam,

Oh, praise Him! Oh, praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness; oh, praise Him! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One!

Oh, praise Him! Oh, praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

He shall return in pow'r to reign, heaven and earth will join to say, oh praise Him! Alleluia!

Then who shall fall on bended knee? All creatures of our God and King.

Oh, praise Him! Oh, praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Call to Confession: Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Prayer of Confession and Preparation

Assurance: Proverbs 3:5-6

***Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways submit to him and he will make your paths straight.***

The Goodness of God

I love You Lord. Oh, Your mercy never fails me. All my days I've been held in Your hands.
From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head, I will sing of the goodness of God.

Refrain: All my life You have been faithful; all my life You have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God.

I love Your voice. You have led me through the fire. In darkest night, You are close like no other.
I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend; I have lived in the goodness of God. *Refrain*

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now; I give You everything.
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With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now; I give You everything.
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
I will sing of the goodness of God.

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Offertory Prayer and Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: *Job 5:8-12 (NIV)*

⁸“But if I were you, I would appeal to God; I would lay my cause before him.

⁹He performs wonders that cannot be fathomed, miracles that cannot be counted.

¹⁰He provides rain for the earth; he sends water on the countryside.

¹¹The lowly he sets on high, and those who mourn are lifted to safety.

¹²He thwarts the plans of the crafty, so that their hands achieve no success.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Surprised by God, II*

He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

Refrain: He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His Promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost; He will hold me fast. *Refrain*

God's Blessing

He Will Hold Me Fast

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last!

Refrain: He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

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Pastors: Jonathan U, Robert W

Prayer: Mike S, Tim V

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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.

Nursery is available with a paging system for children during worship service in the Education Building.

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

Worship services are also broadcast live in the 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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