

First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

July 5, 2026 ~ 6:00 p.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 98:8-9*

*Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.
Come, let us worship the King!*

Opening Prayer

O Worship the King

O worship the King all glorious above, O gratefully sing his power and his love:
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in you do we trust, nor find you to fail.
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

O measureless Might, unchangeable Love, whom angels delight to worship above!
Your ransomed creation, with glory ablaze, in true adoration shall sing to your praise!

("O Worship the King" text by Robert Grant, music adapted from Johann Michael Haydn, CCLI #358926, Streaming License #20317932)

At the Name of Jesus

At the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow, every tongue confess Him King of Glory now.
'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call Him Lord, who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue all that is not holy, all that is not true.
Look to him, your Savior, in temptation's hour; let his will enfold you in its light and power.

Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again, with His Father's glory, o'er the earth to reign;
For the wreaths of empire meet upon his brow, and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

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He is Lord

He is Lord, he is Lord, He is risen from the dead, and he is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

He is King, he is King, He will draw all nations to him; he is King!
And the time shall be when the world shall sing that Jesus Christ is King.

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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: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Evening Prayer

Rejoice, Rejoice Believers

Rejoice, rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear!
The evening is advancing and darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising and soon he will draw nigh;
Up, watch in expectation! At midnight comes the cry.

The watchers on the mountain proclaim the Bridegroom near;
Go forth as he approaches, with alleluias clear.
The marriage feast is waiting; the gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory; the Bridegroom is at hand!

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
Arise, O Sun so longed for, above this darkened sphere.
With hearts and hands up-lifted, we plead, O Lord, to see
The day of earth's redemption that sets your people free!

("Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" words by Laurentius Laurenti music attr. J. Michael Haydn arr. in B Jacob's National Psalmody © Public Domain CCLI# 358926 Streaming #20317932)

Scripture: Matthew 25:1-13

¹ "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³ For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴ but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵ As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶ But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' ⁷ Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹ But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' ¹⁰ And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹ Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹² But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' ¹³ Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: Waiting

Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding! "Christ is near," we hear it say.
"Cast away the works of darkness, all you children of the day!"

See, the Lamb so long expected comes with pardon down from heaven.
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow, one and all, to be forgiven;

So when next he comes in glory and the world is wrapped in fear,
He will shield us with his mercy and with words of love draw near.

("Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding" text Latin, c. 6th cent.; tr. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1861, alt.; tune William H. Monk (1850); CCLI# 358926 Streaming #20317932)

God's Blessing

Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding

Honor, glory, might, dominion to the Father and the Son,
With the ever-living Spirit while eternal ages run.

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Pastors: Don R, Jonathan U

Music: Ken Q

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