

**First Christian Reformed Church**  
Lynden, Washington  
August 2, 2026 ~ 6:00 p.m. Worship Service

**Call to Worship:** *Psalm 113:1-3*

*Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord!*

***Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore!***

*From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised!*

**Opening Prayer**

***Come, People of the Risen King***

Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring Him praise.

Come, all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.

From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him,

Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

*Refrain:* Rejoice! Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!

One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night.

Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.

For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease,

But follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace. *Refrain*

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***One Generation Will Call to the Next***

We will extol you, God and King and bless your holy name.

Day after day we'll sing your praise; forever and forever.

*Refrain:* One generation will call to the next: "Our God is good, and his hand is strong!"

All of the world sings his marvelous acts, and our voice will join with theirs in the song.

Great is the Lord! In all his ways He's greatly to be praised.

Were we to search for endless days, His greatness none could fathom. *Refrain*

Now may your name be sung in every tongue in every place.

Singing the fame of your great love in every generation. *Refrain*

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***Christ Our Hope in Life and Death***

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.

What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.

Who holds our days within His hand? What comes, apart from His command?

And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

*Refrain:* O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;

O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess

Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.

Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.

Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?

Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ? *Refrain*

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**Profession of Faith:** *Matt. 24:35; Heb. 8:12; 2 Cor. 12:9; Phil. 1:6*

*Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.*

***Lord, we stand on every promise of your word.***

*I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more.*

***Lord, we stand on every promise of your word.***

*My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.*

***Lord, we stand on every promise of your word.***

*He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.*

***Lord, we stand on every promise of your word.***

**Offering:** Christian School Tuition Assistance

## Evening Prayer

### *Every Promise*

From the breaking of the dawn to the setting of the sun,  
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.  
Words of power, strong to save, that will never pass away,  
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.  
For Your covenant is sure, and on this I am secure,  
I can stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

When I'm faced with anguished choice, I will listen for Your voice,  
And I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.  
Through this dark and troubled land You will guide me with Your hand  
As I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.  
And You've promised to complete ev'ry work begun in me,  
So I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

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### **Scripture:** *Matthew 13:44-46*

<sup>44</sup> "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

<sup>45</sup> "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, <sup>46</sup> who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Message:** *Treasure Hunt*

#### *Jesus, Priceless Treasure*

Jesus, priceless treasure, source of purest pleasure, friend most sure and true:  
Long my heart was burning, fainting much and yearning, thirsting, Lord, for you.  
Yours I am, O spotless Lamb, so will I let nothing hide you, seek no joy beside you!

Let your arms enfold me: those who try to wound me cannot reach me here.  
Though the earth be shaking, every heart be quaking, Jesus calms my fear.  
Fires may flash and thunder crash; yea, though sin and hell assail me, Jesus will not fail me.

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### **God's Blessing**

#### *Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God*

Now blessed be the Lord our God, the God of Israel,  
For He alone does wondrous works: His glorious deeds excel;  
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And blessed be His glorious name through all eternity;  
The whole earth let His glory fill: Amen! so shall it be;  
The whole earth let His glory fill: Amen! so shall it be.

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Music: Ken Q

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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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