

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
September 20, 2026 ~ 6:00 p.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 118:1, 24*

*Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!
This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

Opening Prayer

Joyful, Joyful

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother – all who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us, brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

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Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

Jesus, the very thought of Thee with sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far Thy face to see, and in Thy presence rest.

No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the memory find,
A sweeter sound than Thy blest name, O Savior of mankind.

O Hope of every contrite heart, O Joy of all the meek,
To those who fall, how kind Thou art! How good to those who seek!

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Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

O soul, are you weary and troubled? No light in the darkness you see?
There's light for a look at the Savior, and life more abundant and free!

Refrain: Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace.

His word shall not fail you – He promised; believe Him, and all will be well:
Then go to a world that is dying, His perfect salvation to tell! *Refrain*

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Profession of Faith: *1 Thessalonians 4:14-18*

**For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again,
even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.
For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord,
that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord,
will not precede those who have fallen asleep.**

**For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command,
with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God.
And the dead in Christ will rise first.**

**Then we who are alive, who are left,
will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air,
and so we will always be with the Lord.**

Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Offering: Mission and Outreach Fund

Evening Prayer

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

My faith has found a resting place, not in a manmade creed;
I trust the ever living One, that He for me will plead.

Refrain: I need no other evidence, I need no other plea,
It is enough that Jesus died, and rose again for me.

My soul is resting on the Word, the living Word of God,
Salvation in my Savior's name, salvation through His blood. *Refrain*

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Scripture: *I Thessalonians 1:1*

¹ *Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,*
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

I Thessalonians 3:5-7

⁵ *For this reason, when I could bear it no longer, I sent to learn about your faith, for fear that somehow the tempter had tempted you and our labor would be in vain.*

⁶ *But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and has brought us the good news of your faith and love and reported that you always remember us kindly and long to see us, as we long to see you—⁷ for this reason, brothers, in all our distress and affliction we have been comforted about you through your faith.*

I Thessalonians 4:1-4

¹ *Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. ² For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. ³ For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; ⁴ that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor.*

I Thessalonians 5:1-2, 8, 15-18

¹ *Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ² For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.*

⁸ *But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.*

¹⁵ *See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. ¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *A Walk Through the Bible – I Thessalonians*

Rejoice, the Lord is King

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

The Lord, our Savior, reigns, the God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains, he took His seat above:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

God's Blessing

Rejoice, the Lord is King

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord the judge shall come
And take His servants up to their eternal home:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

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