

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
October 4, 2026 ~ 6:00 p.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: *from Psalm 24:7-10*

Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Who is he, this King of glory?

The Lord Almighty, He is the King of glory.

Opening Prayer

To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things He hath done! So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice.

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,

And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. *Refrain*

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. *Refrain*

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I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

I love Thy kingdom, Lord, the house of Thine abode,
The Church our blest Redeemer saved with His own precious blood.

I love Thy Church, O God! Her walls before Thee stand,
Dear as the apple of Thine eye, and graven on Thy hand.

Beyond my highest joy I prize her heavenly ways,
Her sweet communion, solemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.

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I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever, I will sing, I will sing. I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord. With my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness, Your faithfulness;
With my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations.

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever, I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

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Profession of Faith

We believe in God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope by His grace (2 Thess. 2:16).

We trust that the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven in flaming fire with His mighty angels, bringing justice to those who do not know God and granting relief to those who suffer for His kingdom (2 Thess. 1:6–9).

We thank God, chosen from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth, called by the Gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. We stand firm and hold fast to the traditions and teachings we were taught, whether by word or letter (2 Thess. 2:13–15).

Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Evening Prayer

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Blessed Jesus, at your word we are gathered all to hear you. Let our hearts and souls be stirred
Now to seek and love and fear you. By your gospel pure and holy, teach us, Lord, to love You solely.

All our knowledge, sense, and sight lie in deepest darkness shrouded,
Till your Spirit breaks our night with your beams of truth unclouded.
You alone to God can win us; You must work all good within us.

Glorious Lord, yourself impart; Light of Light, from God proceeding,
Open lips and ears and heart; help us by your Spirit's leading. Hear the cry your church now raises;
Lord, accept our prayers and praises.

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Scripture: *II Thessalonians 1:1-4*

¹ *Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,*

To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: ² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ *We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. ⁴ Therefore we ourselves boast about you in the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith in all your persecutions and in the afflictions that you are enduring.*

II Thessalonians 1:6-7

⁶ *Since indeed God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you, ⁷ and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels.*

II Thessalonians 1:10-12

¹⁰ *When he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed. ¹¹ To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power, ¹² so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

II Thessalonians 3:11-13

¹¹ *For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. ¹² Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.*

¹³ *As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

I Set My Hope on Jesus

When this life of trials tests my faith, I set my hope on Jesus.
When the questions come and doubts remain, I set my hope on Jesus.
For the deepest wounds that time won't heal, there's a joy that runs still deeper.
There's a truth that's more than all I feel. I set my hope on Jesus.

Refrain: I set my hope on Jesus, my rock, my only trust. Who set His heart upon me first, I set my hope on Jesus.

Though the world call me to leave my Lord, I set my hope on Jesus.
Though it offer all its vain rewards, I set my hope on Jesus.
Though this heart of mine is prone to stray, give me grace enough to finish.
'Till I worship on that final day, I set my hope on Jesus.

Refrain: I set my hope on Jesus, my rock, my only trust. Who set His heart upon me first, I set my hope on Jesus.

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God's Blessing

My Friends, May You Grow in Grace

My friends, may you grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior.

My friends, may you grow in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.

To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.

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