First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

October 18, 2026 ~ 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 33:1-3*

Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him.
Praise the Lord with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.
Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy.

God's Greeting

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood.
Jesus, out of every nation, has redeemed us by His blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us; faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received Him when the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget His promise, "I am with you evermore"?

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Like a River Glorious

Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace,
Over all victorious in its bright increase;
Perfect, yet it floweth fuller every day;
Perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way.

Refrain: Trusting in the Father, hearts are fully blest,
Finding, as he promised, perfect peace and rest.

Hidden in the hollow of His blessed hand,
Never foe can follow, never traitor stand;
Not a surge of worry, not a shade of care,
Not a blast of hurry touch the spirit there. *Refrain*

Every joy or testing comes from God above,
Given to His children as an act of love;
We may trust Him fully all for us to do –
Those who trust Him wholly find Him wholly true. *Refrain*

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Statement of Belief: 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.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: *Psalm 33:20-22*

We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.
In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name.
May your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in you.

Hallelujah for the Cross

Up to the hill of Calvary, my Savior went courageously.
And there He bled and died for me, hallelujah for the cross.
And on the day the world was changed, a final perfect Lamb was slain.
Let earth and heaven now proclaim, hallelujah for the cross.

Refrain: Hallelujah for the war He fought. Love has won, death has lost.
Hallelujah for the souls He bought. Hallelujah for the cross.

What good I've done could never save, my debt too great for deeds to pay.
But God, my Savior made a way, hallelujah for the cross.
A slave to sin, my life was bound, but all my chains fell to the ground
When Jesus' blood came flowing down; hallelujah for the cross. *Refrain*

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Offertory Prayer and Offering: Building the Future

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: *Proverbs 3:5-7*

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.
6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.
7 Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.

Proverbs 8:34
Blessed is the one who listens to me, watching daily at my gates, waiting beside my doors.

Proverbs 14:29
Whoever is slow to anger has great understanding, but he who has a hasty temper exalts folly.

Proverbs 16:9, 32
9 The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps.
32 Whoever is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city.

Proverbs 19:2
Desire without knowledge is not good, and whoever makes haste with his feet misses his way.

Proverbs 20:22
Do not say, "I will repay evil"; wait for the Lord, and he will deliver you.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Message: *Wisdom for Waiting*

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone, my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song,
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ, I stand.

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Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

In Christ Alone

(A Love Offering will be received for World Renew- Nepal Flood Relief)

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God, in helpless Babe.
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on the cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again.
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine. Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me.
From life's first cry, to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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God's Blessing

All Hail, King Jesus

All hail, King Jesus! All hail, Emmanuel!
King of kings, Lord of lords, Bright Morning Star.
And throughout eternity I'll sing His praises,
And I'll reign with Him throughout eternity.

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Pastors: Zac H, Robert W
Prayer: Brian K
Music: Brian K, Jack P, Ken Q, Lisa Q

Offering will be received for Building the Future, which is always in place to fund future building projects of our church.
Love Offering will be received for World Renew – Nepal flood relief. For more information, visit www.worldrenew.org.
Nursery is available with a paging system for children under 3 years during worship service in the Education Building.
Children's Church is available for children 3 years – 3rd grade. Children are dismissed to the Education Building during the worship service.
Worship services are also broadcast live in the church basement and streamed online for anyone unable to worship in the sanctuary.
An assistive listening system is available in the sanctuary; to use this system, switch hearing aids to "T".
On the bulletin, * indicates standing and bold font is a response by the congregation. You are invited to join if you feel comfortable.

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