First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
November 1, 2026
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Revelation 7:9-10*

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice,
"Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

God's Greeting

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee, Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, Who wert and art and ever-more shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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The Church's One Foundation

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord
She is His new creation by water and the word;
From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

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Reformation Hymn

We will trust God's Word alone, where His perfect will is known;
Our traditions shift like sand while His Truth forever stands.
We will live by faith alone, clothed in merit not our own;
All we claim is Jesus Christ and His finished sacrifice.

Refrain: Glory be, glory be to God alone, through the church He redeemed and made His own.
He has freed us, he will keep us till we're safely home glory be, glory be to God alone!

We are saved by grace alone, undeserved, yet freely shown;
No accomplishment on earth can achieve the second birth.
We will stand on Christ alone, the unyielding Cornerstone;
Nations rage and devils roar, still He reigns forevermore! *Refrain*

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Call to Confession: *Romans 3:23-24*
For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance: *Ephesians 2:19-22*
So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

But For The Cross of Christ
What is the truth that ever anchors me amidst the waves of all my guilt?
That Christ has shed His blood and pardoned me at the cross, at the cross.

Refrain: Behold the cross, there is no greater love. Heaven's Son laid down His life for us.
Oh my soul would be lost with no hope to find, but for the cross of Christ.

He bore my sin, I bear His righteousness. Oh, what a glorious exchange.
The wrath of God laid on the spotless Lamb. Oh what grace, oh what grace. *Refrain*
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Offertory Prayer

Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Offertory Ministry of Music: *Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone*

Congregational Prayer

Speak, O Lord
Speak, O Lord, as we come to You, to receive the food of Your holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today, in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time, that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises, and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built, and the earth is filled with Your glory.
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Scripture: *Mark 10:46-52*
*And they came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. **47** And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" **48** And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" **49** And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart. Get up; he is calling you." **50** And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. **51** And Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" And the blind man said to him, "Rabbi, let me recover my sight." **52** And Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.*

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

Message: *Following on the Road*

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.

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.

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God's Blessing

In Christ Alone

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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Offering will be received for Christian School Tuition Assistance, a fund used to help cover tuition cost of First church families who send their children to Christian schools.
Nursery is available with a paging system for children under 3 years during worship service in the Education Building.
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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