

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP OUR CREATOR!

### \* **Call to Worship:** *Psalm 27; John 4:23*

Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

**The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.**

We desire to live in God's house  
and to seek God in His holy temple.

**We have come with shouts of joy,  
to sing and to make music to the Lord.**

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**Teach us your ways and make straight our paths  
in this hour of worship and always.**

### \* **God's Greeting**

### \* **Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him**

Praise the Lord! Ye heavens, adore Him;  
Praise Him, angels, in the height.  
Sun and moon, rejoice before Him;  
Praise Him, all ye stars of light.  
Praise the Lord! for He hath spoken;  
Worlds His mighty voice obeyed.  
Laws which never shall be broken  
For their guidance hath He made.

Worship, honor, glory, blessing,  
Lord, we offer unto Thee.  
Young and old, Thy praise expressing,  
In glad homage bend the knee.  
All the saints in heaven adore Thee;  
We would bow before Thy throne.  
As Thine angels serve before Thee,  
So on earth Thy will be done.

### **More Precious than Silver**

Lord, You are more precious than silver.  
Lord, You are more costly than gold.  
Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds;  
And nothing I desire compares with You.

## WE CONFESS OUR SINS TO OUR CREATOR

### *Why must we confess our sins?*

*(Our World Belongs to God – Articles 14 & 15)*

Early in human history our first parents listened to the intruder's voice. Rather than living by the Creator's word of life, they fell for Satan's lie and sinned! They forgot their place; they tried to be like God. As sinners they feared the nearness of God and hid from Him.

Apart from grace we prove each day that we are guilty sinners. Fallen in that first sin, we fail to thank God, we break His laws, we ignore our tasks. Looking for life without God, we find only death; grasping for freedom outside His law, we trap ourselves in Satan's snares; pursuing pleasure, we lose the gift of joy.

### Prayer of Confession

## OUR CREATOR FORGIVES!

### **Our Assurance:** *Our World Belongs to God* – Article 27

As our substitute He suffered all His years on earth, especially in the horrible torture of the cross. He carried God's Judgment on our sin; His sacrifice removes our guilt. He walked out of the grave, the Lord of life! He conquered sin and death. We are set right with God, we are given new life, and called to walk with Him in freedom from sin's dominion.

### \* **Power of the Cross**

O, to see the pain written on Your face,  
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.  
Every bitter thought, every evil deed  
Crowning Your bloodstained brow.  
This the power of the cross:  
Christ became sin for us.  
Took the blame, bore the wrath;  
We stand forgiven at the cross.

O, to see my name written in the wounds,  
For through Your suffering I am free.  
Death is crushed to death life is mine to live,  
Won through Your selfless love.  
This the power of the cross:  
Son of God slain for us.  
What a love, what a cost!  
We stand forgiven at the cross.

***(Children ages 3 years old – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade may  
leave for Children's Church during this song.)***

## WE PRAY TO OUR CREATOR

### Morning Prayer

## WE GIVE BACK TO OUR CREATOR

**Offering:** Building the Future Fund

**Offertory Prayer**

## WE LISTEN TO THE WORDS OF OUR CREATOR

### \* **Great is Thy Faithfulness** #98:1,2 (HFG)

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father!  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not:  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

*Refrain:* Great is Thy faithfulness,  
Great is Thy faithfulness,  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided –  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow –  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

### \* **Scripture:** *Jeremiah 32:17, 27* pg. 829

<sup>17</sup> *'Ah, Lord GOD! It is you who have made the heavens  
and the earth by your great power and by your  
outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you.*

<sup>27</sup> *"Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh. Is  
anything too hard for me?" (ESV)*

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

**Message: *God of the Impossible***

**Closing Prayer**

### \* **Find us Faithful**

We're pilgrims on the journey of the narrow road,  
And those who've gone before us line the way;  
Cheering on the faithful, encouraging the weary;  
Their lives a stirring testament to God's sustaining grace.

*Refrain*

## Sermon Notes

*Refrain:* Oh may all who come behind us find us faithful;  
May the fire of our devotion light their way.  
May the footprints that we leave  
Lead them to believe,  
And the lives we live inspire them to obey.  
Oh may all who come behind us find us faithful.

Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,  
Let us run the race not only for the prize;  
But as those who've gone before us  
Let us leave to those behind us,  
The heritage of faithfulness  
Passed on through godly lives. *Refrain*

After all our hopes and dreams have come and gone,  
And our children sift through all we've left behind.  
May the clues that they discover,  
And the memories they uncover,  
Become the light that leads them  
To the road we each must find. *Refrain*

### WE DEPART TO SERVE OUR CREATOR!

#### \* God's Blessing

#### \* *Revive Us Again* #574:2,4 (HFG)

We praise Thee, O God, for Thy Spirit of light,  
Who has shown us our Savior and banished our night.

*Refrain:* Hallelujah! Thine the glory! Hallelujah! Amen!  
Hallelujah! Thine the glory! Revive us again.

Revive us again; fill each heart with Thy love;  
May each soul be rekindled with fire from above. *Refrain*

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**Offertory Prayer:** *Brian Vander Woude*

**Organist:** *Lee Van Beek*    **Pianist:** *Dave Korthuis*

**Offering:** *Offerings for the Building the Future Fund are taken periodically to help fund various building projects on the Church grounds. The last major project completed was the parsonage remodel. For more information on church building projects talk to any member of the properties or long range planning committees.*

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## *First Christian Reformed Church of Lynden, Washington*

Ascribe to the  
LORD  
the glory  
due His name;  
**worship**  
the LORD  
in the splendor  
of His holiness.

Psalm 29:2

*November 15, 2006  
10:30 Morning Service*