

## GATHERING

\* **Call to Worship:** *Psalm 100*

*Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.*

**Worship the LORD with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.**

*Know that the LORD is God.*

*It is he who made us and we are his;*

**We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

*Enter his gates with thanksgiving*

*and his courts with praise;*

*give thanks to him and praise his name.*

**For the LORD is good and his love endures  
forever; his faithfulness continues through all  
generations.**

\* **God's Greeting**

\* **We Praise You, O God** #237:1,2,3 (PH)

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;

In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.

We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you;

We bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our fathers, we bless you;

Through life's storm and tempest

Our guide you have been.

When perils o'er take us, you never forsake us.

And with your help, O Lord, our battles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer;

Our songs of thanksgiving to you we now raise.

Your strong arm will guide us, our God is beside us.

To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praised!

\* **Let All Things Now Living** #389 (HFG)

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving

To God the Creator triumphantly raise,

Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,

Who guideth us on to the end of our days.

His banners are o'er us, His light goes before us,

A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,

'Til shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,

As forward we travel from light into light.

His law He enforces: the stars in their courses,  
The sun in His orbit, obediently shine;  
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
The deeps of the ocean proclaim Him divine.  
We too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing,  
With glad adoration a song let us raise,  
'Til all things now living unite in thanksgiving  
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

\* **Now Thank We All Our God**

#454 (PH)

Now thank we all our God  
With heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things had done,  
In whom His world rejoices;  
Who from our mothers' arms  
Has blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love,  
And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God  
Through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts  
And blessed peace to cheer us,  
To keep us in his grace,  
And guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all ills  
Of this world in the next.

All praise and thanks to God  
The Father now be given,  
The Son and Spirit blest,  
Who reign in highest heaven  
The one eternal God,  
Whom heaven and earth adore;  
For thus it was, is now,  
And shall be evermore.

**Special Music:** *Canon of Thanks*

~ First Chord

## GIVING

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Thanksgiving Offering:** *Envelopes*

\* **There is a Redeemer**

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

*Refrain:* Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,  
And leaving Your Spirit  
Till the work on earth is done.

Jesus my Redeemer, name above all names,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
Hope for sinners slain. *Refrain*

When I stand in glory, I will see His face,  
And there I'll serve my King forever, in that holy place.

*Refrain*

## HEARING

\* **Scripture:** *1 Thessalonians 5:12-22* pg. 1239

<sup>12</sup>Now we ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. <sup>13</sup>Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other.

<sup>14</sup>And we urge you, brothers, warn those who are idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone. <sup>15</sup>Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else.

<sup>16</sup>Be joyful always; <sup>17</sup>pray continually; <sup>18</sup>give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

<sup>19</sup>Do not put out the Spirit's fire; <sup>20</sup>do not treat prophecies with contempt. <sup>21</sup>Test everything. Hold on to the good. <sup>22</sup>Avoid every kind of evil. (NIV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *The Attitude of Gratitude*

\* **Praise and Thanksgiving** #631:1,3 (PH)

Praise and thanksgiving let everyone bring  
Unto our Father for every good thing.  
All together, joyfully sing!

May we go out from here sharing God's love.  
Help us in coming days our faith to prove.  
All together, joyfully sing!

## SENDING

\* **God's Blessing**

\* **Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow** #637 (PH)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen. Amen.

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**Pastor:** *Barry Blankers and Robert Woodyard*

**Organ:** *Michael Plagerman*

*– grandson of Perlene Hoekema*

**Piano:** *Janis Plagerman – daughter of Perlene Hoekema*

**Trumpet:** *Valerie Anker*

**Offering:** *All loose money and unmarked envelopes will be given to Christian School Tuition Assistance.*

## Sermon Notes

*First Christian Reformed Church  
of Lynden, Washington*

**Always giving thanks to  
God the Father for  
everything ...**



Ephesians 5:20

*Thanksgiving Day  
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10:00 Morning Service*

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