

\* **Call to Worship:** *Psalm 90:1,2,12,14*  
*Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.*  
*Before the mountains were brought forth,*  
*or ever you had formed the earth and the world,*  
*from everlasting to everlasting you are God.*  
**So teach us to number our days**  
**that we may get a heart of wisdom.**  
**Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,**  
**that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

\* **God's Greeting**

\* **Great Is Thy Faithfulness** #98:1,3 (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*

\* **All Glory Be to God on High** #247:1,2,3 (PH)  
(tune of *God, the Father of Your People*)

All glory be to God on high, and peace on earth from heaven,  
And God's goodwill unfaillingly be to his people given.  
Almighty God, you are our King:  
We worship you, our thanks we bring,  
We praise you for your glory.

O Lamb of God, Lord Jesus Christ,  
Whom God the Father gave us,  
Who for the world was sacrificed upon the cross to save us,  
At God's right hand you intercede  
For those who for your mercy plead;  
Receive the prayer we offer.

You only are the Holy One who came for our salvation,  
And only you are God's true Son who was before creation.  
You only, Christ, as Lord we own,  
And with the Spirit you alone share in the Father's glory.

\* indicates to stand if able

**Lenten Reading**

**Call to Confession:** *Jeremiah 3:21-22a*

**Prayer of Confession:**

**Father, we confess we quickly and easily forget you**  
**in our day to day lives.**  
**We confess we daily live as if there is no God,**  
**as if we have no faith in you.**  
**Forgive us for our sins,**  
**and give us willing hearts and minds to return to you.**  
**Amen.**

**Words of Response:** *Jeremiah 3:22b*

**Yes, we will come to you, for you are the Lord our God.**

\* **I Come to the Cross**

I come to the cross seeking mercy and grace,  
I come to the cross where You died in my place.  
Out of my weakness and into Your strength,  
Humbly, I come to the cross.  
Your arms are open, You call me by name.  
You welcome this child that was lost.  
You paid the price for my guilt and my shame.  
Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come to the cross.

(Children 3 years old – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to  
Children's Church in the Ed. Building during this song.)

**Offertory Prayer**

**Offering:** Al & Julie

**Morning Prayer**

**Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying** #625 (PH)

Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Send us love, send us power, send us grace!

\* **Scripture:** *II Peter 1:1-2 (ESV)* pg. 1275

<sup>1</sup> *Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ,*  
*To those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with*  
*ours by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:*  
<sup>2</sup> *May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the*  
*knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *Grace and Peace to You from Peter*

**Prayer**

\* **Spirit Divine, Inspire Our Prayer** #421:1,2,3 (PH)

Spirit Divine, inspire our prayer  
And make our hearts your home;  
Descend with all your gracious power;  
Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Come as the light; reveal our need,  
Our hidden failings show,  
And lead us in those paths of life  
Whereon the righteous go.

Come as the fire and cleanse our hearts  
With purifying flame;  
Let our whole life an offering be  
To our Redeemer's name.

**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

**Apostles' Creed**

pg. 813 (PH)

**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 a holy catholic church,**  
**the communion of saints;**  
**the forgiveness of sins;**  
**the resurrection of the body;**  
**and the life everlasting.**  
**AMEN.**

***I Know That My Redeemer Lives***

#295:1,2,3 (HFG)

*A love offering for Bethany Christian Services  
will be received during this song.*

I know that my Redeemer lives:  
What joy the blest assurance gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;  
He lives, my everlasting Head.

He lives, to bless me with His love;  
He lives, to plead for me above;  
He lives, my hungry soul to feed;  
He lives, to help in time of need.

He lives, and grants me daily breath;  
He lives, and I shall conquer death;  
He lives, my future to prepare;  
He lives, to bring me safely there.

**\* God's Blessing**

**\* *I Know That My Redeemer Lives***

#295:4 (HFG)

He lives, all glory to His Name;  
He lives, my Savior, still the same;  
What joy the blest assurance gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives! Amen.

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for anyone who is unable to worship in the sanctuary.  
The sanctuary is equipped with an assistive listening system.  
Please switch hearing aids to "T" to use this system.

Pastor: Robert W

Prayer: Brian V, Jim A

Readers: Len & Bev H

Music: Lee V, Nancy Z

Offering: Al & Julie are serving in Belgium with Operation  
Mobilization (OM). OM is a mission organization working in  
over 100 countries to bring God's word to people who haven't  
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people who experience other infertility/pregnancy/childbirth  
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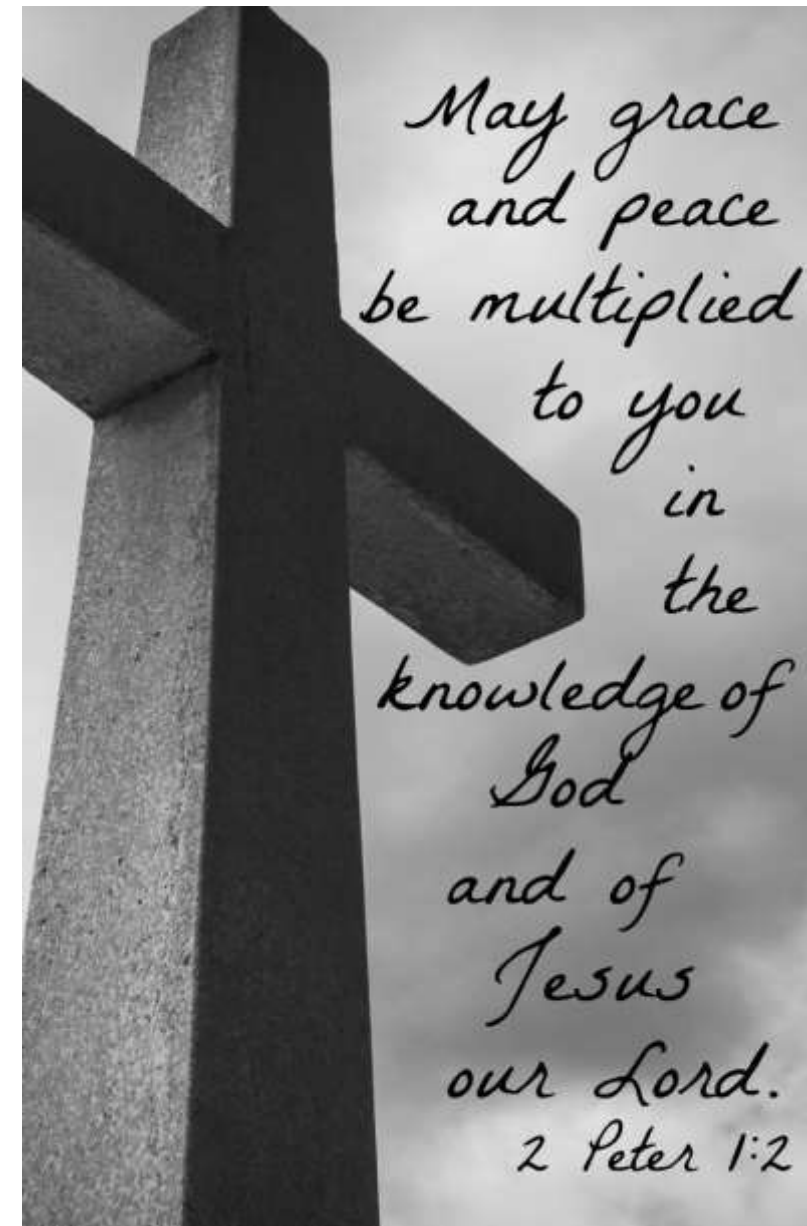
***Grace and Peace to You from Peter***

*II Peter 1:1-2*

Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ.

To those with a faith from Jesus Christ.

May grace and peace be multiplied to you in Jesus our Lord.



**First Sunday in Lent**

First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

February 18, 2018

10:30 a.m. Worship Service