

* **Call to Worship:** *Psalm 95:1-2,6-7*
Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
**Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.**
Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;
**for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture,
the flock under his care.**

* **God's Greeting**

* **Come, Let Us Praise the Lord**
Come, let us praise the Lord, with joy our God acclaim,
His greatness tell abroad and bless his saving Name.
Lift high your songs before his throne
To whom alone all praise belongs.

In worship bow the knee, our glorious God confess;
The great Creator, he, the Lord our Righteousness.
He reigns unseen: his flock he feeds
And gently leads in pastures green.

Come, hear his voice today, receive what love imparts;
His holy will obey and harden not your hearts.
His ways are best; and lead at last,
All troubles past, to perfect rest.

* **O God, You Are My God**
O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You!
O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You!
I will seek You in the morning,
And I will learn to walk in Your ways;
And step by step You'll lead me,
And I will follow You all of my days. *Repeat All*

* **Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)**
Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed. *Refrain*

* indicates to stand if able

Refrain: My chains are gone, I've been set free.
My God, my Savior has ransomed me,
And like a flood His mercy rains,
Unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures. *Refrain*

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine.
But God, who called me here below,
Will be forever mine. Will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.

GEMS Litany

Leader: Jesus invites us to follow Him. Young and old, boys
and girls, all peoples and nations are invited to
receive His love and to live like Him.

GEMS: *Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did*
(1 John 2:6).

Leader: To walk in His steps, we look to Jesus and learn from
Him. We remember His love, words, and ways!

**ALL: Jesus is our Savior who rescues and forgives.
He is Immanuel who walks with us and guides us.
He is our Teacher who shows us how life works best.**

GEMS: *Jesus acted justly, loved mercy, and walked humbly*
with God! (Micah 6:8)

Leader: To walk in His steps, we look to Jesus and listen to
Him. We remember who He says we really are.

**ALL: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has
come: The old has gone, the new is here! (2 Cor. 5:17)**

GEMS: *Jesus says we are accepted, loved, and have a place*
to belong. He says we matter to Him!

**ALL: To walk in His steps we will remember who Jesus is,
remember who Jesus says we are, and then step in
and love and live like Him.**

GEMS Year-in-Review

Jesus Loves Me #226:1,3 (HFG)
Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong, they are weak but He is strong.

Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

Jesus, take this heart of mine,
Make it pure and wholly Thine;
On the cross You died for me,
I will try to live for Thee.

Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

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

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Ministry of Music:

It's All About You/Jesus Lover of My Soul

Offering: GEMS

Morning Prayer

* **Thy Word**

Refrain: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.
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And a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, and I think I've lost my way,
Still You're there right beside me.
Nothing will I fear as long as You are near.
Please be near me to the end. *Refrain*

* **Scripture:** *Acts 1:12-14 (ESV)* pg. 1139

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called
Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey
away. ¹³ And when they had entered, they went up to the
upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and
James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and
Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot
and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴ All these with one accord
were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the
women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

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

Message: *How to Wait on the Lord*

Prayer

*** Take Time to be Holy** #457:1,3 (HFG)

Take time to be holy, speak often with God;
Find rest in Him always, and feed on His Word.
Make friends of God's children,
Help those who are weak;
Forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy, let Him be Thy Guide;
And run not before Him, whatever betide.
In joy or in sorrow, still follow Thy Lord,
And, looking to Jesus, still trust in His word.

*** God's Blessing**

*** Go, My Children, With My Blessing**

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me;
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you;
Here his tender comfort stilled you,
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

How to Wait on the Lord

Acts 1:12-14

Don't wait passively, wait actively, do the last thing He told you.

Don't wait alone, wait with others in worship and fellowship.

Don't wait impatiently, wait persistently devoting yourself to prayer.



GEMS Sunday

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington

April 29, 2018

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Worship services are broadcast live in the church basement 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: Wes V

Music: Cheryl K, Michelle T, Nancy Z

Offering: GEMS is a ministry to 1st – 8th grade girls in First church and to this community and is led by Amy V, Gail B and several other women in the congregation.

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Implications and applications.