## \* Call to Worship:

In Christ, the God of heaven has made his home on earth. Christ dwells among us and is one with us. Highest of all creation, he lives among the least. He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary. Come now, all who thirst. and drink the water of life. Come now, all who hunger. and be filled with good things. Come now, all who seek, and be warmed by the fire of love.

# \* God's Greeting

### \* Praise Him! Praise Him!

Praise Him! Praise Him! Iesus, our blessed Redeemer! Sing, O earth, His wonderful love proclaim! Hail Him! Hail Him! Highest arch angels in glory; Strength and honor give to His holy name! Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard His children; In His arms He carries them all day long.

Refrain: Praise Him! Praise Him! Tell of His excellent greatness; Praise Him! Praise Him! Ever in joyful song!

Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer! For our sins He suffered, and bled, and died. He, our Rock, our Hope of eternal salvation. Hail Him! Hail Him! Jesus, the Crucified. Sound His praises! Jesus, who bore our sorrows; Love unbounded, wonderful, deep, and strong. Refrain

Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer! Heavenly portals loud with hosannas ring! Jesus, Savior, reigneth forever and ever. Crown Him! Crown Him! Prophet, and Priest and King! Christ is coming, over the world victorious; Pow'r and glory unto the Lord belong! Refrain

# \* O Father, You are Sovereign

O Father, You are sovereign In all the worlds You made: Your mighty word was spoken And light and life obeyed. Your voice commands the seasons And bounds the ocean's shore. Sets stars within their courses And still the tempest's roar.

O Father, You are sovereign in all affairs of man; No powers of death or darkness Can thwart Your perfect plan. All chance and change transcending, Supreme in time and space, You hold Your trusting children Secure in Your embrace.

#### \* Psalm 139:13-16

For you formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.

## \* O Father, You are Sovereign

O Father, You are sovereign! We see You dimly now, But soon before Your triumph earth's every knee shall bow. With this glad hope before us our faith springs up anew: Our sovereign Lord and Savior, we trust and worship You!

Call of Confession: Psalm 139:23-24 Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

**Prayer of Confession** 

**Guide for Grateful Living:** *Ephesians 4:32-5:2* 

### God of Grace

(Children 3 years old  $-2^{nd}$  grade are invited to Children's Church in the Ed. Building during this song.)

God of grace, amazing wonder, irresistible and free; Oh, the miracle of mercy, Jesus reaches down to me. God of grace, I stand in wonder, as my God restores my soul. His own blood has paid my ransom;

Awesome cost to make me whole.

God of grace, who loved and knew me Long before the world began; Sent my Savior down from heaven; Perfect God and perfect man. God of grace, I trust in Jesus; I'm accepted as His own. Every day new grace sustains me, as I lean on Him alone.

God of grace, I stand astounded, Cleansed forgiven and secure. All my fears are now confounded and my hope is ever sure. God of grace, now crowned in glory, Where one day I'll see Your face; And forever I'll adore You in Your everlasting grace.

# **Offertory Prayer**

**Offering:** Lynden Human Life

# **Morning Prayer**

# \* Open Our Eyes, Lord

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus, To reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him. Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen, Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

\* **Scripture:** *Matthew 25:37-40 (ESV)* 

<sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? 38 And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? 39 And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' 40 And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

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This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Message:** Lest We Forget the Least of These

# \* God of Grace and God of Glory

God of grace and God of glory,
On your people pour your power;
Crown your ancient church's story,
Bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; Let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Serving you whom we adore, serving you whom we adore.

# \* God's Blessing

# \* We Receive Your Blessing

We receive Your blessing, we receive Your grace, As we walk in the light shining from Your face. May the peace that You give change the way that we live. We receive Your blessing as we leave this place.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him, above You heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son and praise the Holy Ghost.
We receive Your blessing as we leave this place.

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Pastor: Robert W Reader: Emily A

Prayer: Brian V, Gene T Music: Ken & Lisa Q

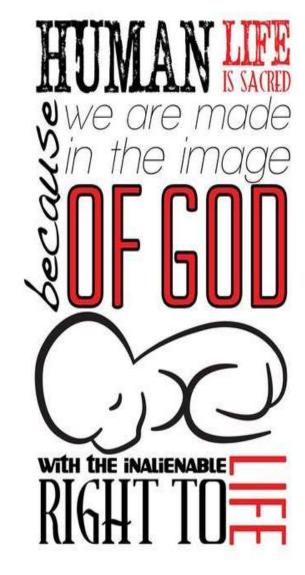
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# Lest We Forget the Least of These

Matthew 25:37-40



# Sanctity of Life Sunday

First Christian Reformed Church Lynden, Washington January 20, 2019 10:30 a.m. Worship Service