



# First Christian Reformed Church of Lynden

*From Generation to Generation for the Glory of God*

***God's precious and exceedingly great promises in hard times***

## ***Colossians 3:16***

*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.*

## **Scripture**

***Psalms 119:105*** *Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*

***Psalms 46:1-11*** *God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.*

*2 Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,  
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,*

*3 though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble at its swelling. Selah*

*4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.*

*5 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;  
God will help her when morning dawns.*

*6 The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice, the earth melts.*

*7 The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah*

*8 Come, behold the works of the Lord,  
how he has brought desolations on the earth.*

*9 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;  
he burns the chariots with fire.*

*10 "Be still, and know that I am God.  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth!"*

*11 The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah*

## **Song**

***Psalms 59:16*** *But I will sing of your strength; I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning. For you have been to me a fortress and a refuge in the day of my distress.*

[You can Google the hymn to hear it if you would like to sing along.]

### ***A Mighty Fortress Is Our God***

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing:  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and pow'r are great, and, armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,  
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing.  
You ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;  
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same;  
And he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us;  
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;  
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure,  
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him Who with us sideth;  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;  
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still,  
His kingdom is forever.

### **Prayer**

***Colossians 4:2*** *Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.*

Five Ways to Pray from Voices for the Martyrs:

1. *Pray for the protection of those not infected and for the healing of those who have become infected. Pray that they will trust in God and feel His presence and care each day.*
2. *Pray that Christians around the world and in the U.S. will seek opportunities to advance God's kingdom amid the confusion and fear caused by the pandemic.*
3. *Pray for eternal fruit as Christians in China and other nations reach out to those affected by or fearful of the coronavirus.*
4. *Pray that followers of Christ will see God's goodness amid hardship, sickness and loss caused by the coronavirus and that they will convey His goodness and hope to those around them.*
5. *Pray that this crisis will lead government officials in hostile areas and restricted nations to the truth of the gospel and the hope found only in Jesus Christ.*