



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.*

In honor of this being the 100th devotional I have chosen Psalm 100, also appropriate for Thanksgiving week. And I have chosen the hymn called Old Hundredth, the versification of Psalm 100. This hymn was sung at the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953. She is the oldest reigning monarch in world history at 94.

Scripture

Psalm 100:1-5

- ¹ Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
- ² Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!
- ³ Know that the Lord, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- ⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!
- ⁵ For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

Song

Psalm 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.]

All People That on Earth Do Dwell (Old Hundredth)

All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the LORD with cheerful voice.
Serve him with joy, his praises tell,
come now before him and rejoice!

Know that the LORD is God indeed;
he formed us all without our aid.
We are the flock he surely feeds,
the sheep who by his hand were made.

O enter then his gates with joy,
within his courts his praise proclaim!
Let thankful songs your tongues employ.
O bless and magnify his name!

Because the LORD our God is good,
his mercy is forever sure.
His faithfulness at all times stood
and shall from age to age endure.

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Prayer

***II Chronicles 7:14** If my people, who are called by my Name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.*

My sermon at our Thursday Thanksgiving Day service at 10 am is “No Blanket Prayers of Thanksgiving.” My challenge is for us to be specific in our giving thanks. In preparation of that I encourage you to write down 100 specific things you are thankful for. You can make this a family project. See if you can fill up the rest of this page. See Psalm 148 for inspiration.

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