



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**

**I Chronicles 29:10-14** Therefore David blessed the Lord in the presence of all the assembly. And David said: "Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever. Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name. But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you."

**Psalms 28:7** The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

**Psalms 50:23** The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me; to one who orders his way rightly I will show the salvation of God!"

**Psalms 107:1, 21-22** Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!  
<sup>21</sup> Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man!  
And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving, and tell of his deeds in songs of joy!

**1 Corinthians 15:57** But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**II Corinthians 2:14** But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere.

**II Corinthians 9:15** Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

**Ephesians 5:4** Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving.

**Colossians 2:6-7** Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

**Colossians 3:15-17** Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. 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. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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

**Philippians 4:6** Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-18** Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

**I Timothy 2:1-2** First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, 2 for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.

**I Timothy 4:4-5** Everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, 5 for it is made holy by the word of God and prayer.

**Hebrews 13:15** Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.

**Revelation 7:12** Saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

**Revelation 11:17** We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, who is and who was, for you have taken your great power and begun to reign.

## **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.]

### ***Now Thank We All Our God***

Written by Martin Rinkart around 1630 in the midst of a plague that took the lives of 4,500 people in his city, including his wife.

Now thank we all our God  
with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done,  
in whom his world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms  
has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us,  
to keep us in his grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills  
of this world in the next.

All praise and thanks to God  
the Father now be given,  
the Son and Spirit blest,  
who reign in highest heaven  
the one eternal God,  
whom heaven and earth adore;  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.

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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.*

Holy Father, God of all blessings, source of all life, giver of all grace, we bless you and praise you for the gift of life, for breath that sustains us, for food that nourishes us, for the love of family and friends with whom we share your gifts and grace.

In this year that has been like no other, we find ourselves now trying to celebrate a Thanksgiving like no other. Our gatherings may be smaller, our places to gathering different than usual, certain loved ones are absent, in some cases the oldest ones in our families are the most absent and most isolated. Help us to look to you and see all the reasons we have for giving thanks.

We offer to you now our sacrifice of thanksgiving. You are the great God, above all gods. You are good and gracious, full of steadfast love and covenant kindness. You do not treat us as we deserve but give to us more than we could ever ask or imagine. You have filled our lives with so many good things.

Above all you have given us your only Son to be our Savior from sin and death and hell. Thank you for revealing Jesus to us and showing us the Gospel of His great grace. Thank you for your Word of Truth, for your indwelling Holy Spirit, your Church on earth, the glorious fellowship of the saints.

Thank you for healing and health we have enjoyed and hear our prayers for all those touched by the Covid virus and any other disease. Thank you, Jesus, that while you were on earth you showed your great power to heal from physical, mental, and spiritual diseases. Minister to those who are isolated from family and friends in this time of quarantine. Comfort them with your presence and peace.

We turn to you for healing and to deliver us from danger. Give extra strength to those who minister to and care for the sick, quicken the process for finding a cure. And grant to all of us a fresh reminder of how frail and uncertain and short this life is, that we might number our days and gain a heart of wisdom that leads to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we offer to you all our praise and thanksgiving, Amen.