



# 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**

***1 Peter 1:24–25*** *The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever.*

***Psalm 27:1-5, 13-14*** *The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?*

*The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?*

<sup>2</sup> *When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.*

<sup>3</sup> *Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.*

<sup>4</sup> *One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.*

<sup>5</sup> *For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.*

<sup>13</sup> *I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!*

<sup>14</sup> *Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!*

### **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.]

### ***Be still, my soul***

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;  
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
leave to your God to order and provide;  
in ev'ry change he faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly Friend  
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake  
to guide the future as he has the past.  
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;  
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart,  
and all is darkened in the vale of tears,  
then shall you better know his love, his heart,  
who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears.  
Be still, my soul: your Jesus can repay  
from his own fullness all he takes away.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on  
when we shall be forever with the Lord,  
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,  
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

### **Prayer**

*1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for*

Pray for those who are sick and infected, for mercy and healing for those suffering.

Pray for those who are most vulnerable, the least of these.

Pray for the young and strong, for caution and that they not unwittingly spread the virus.

Pray for families with young children at home for the foreseeable future: God, help mothers and fathers to partner together creatively for the care and flourishing of their children. For single parents and parents who cannot stay home from work but must find care for their children.

Pray for the media, that they communicate with appropriate seriousness without causing panic.  
Pray for consumers of media to keep balance, not be over saturated and kept from anxiety.

Pray for employers and employees, facing layoffs and financial hardship.

Pray for those on the frontlines, medical personnel.

Pray for pastors and church leaders trying to minister through social distancing.

Pray for our local, state, and federal governments, for wisdom and compassion.

Pray for a cure and that the virus will end soon.

Pray for a national and global awakening, that there would be more of a fear of God than a fear of the virus, that people would turn to the one true living God in repentance and faith.

Pray God will be glorified and many will find salvation in the name of Jesus.