

Risen Christ Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship July 5, 2020

REMEMBER Next Sunday, July 12 – bring an outdoor chair as we will have our service outside (weather permitting!).**

ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION(Communion today, then again on July 26 as we resume our regular communion schedule of the 2nd and 4th Sundays): We believe: that Christ's body and blood are truly present for forgiveness and spiritual strength, that God desires our sincere confession, continuous seeking and giving forgiveness and, that being genuine in taking Communion so that we not harm ourselves by taking it in an unworthy manner. If you believe the above, are a baptized believer who trusts in the death and resurrection of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins, and have examined yourself, you are welcome to commune with us. Please talk to Pastor if you have any questions. The bread is offered before the "individual" cups of wine. (Note: White wine and diluted red wine are in the center of the tray.)

OFFERING: Through the offerings of His faithful people, our Lord provides for the ongoing work of His Church. If you are a visitor, we are glad that you came to be served by the Lord this day. If you choose to contribute to the ongoing work of the Gospel, we give thanks that God has moved you to contribute toward the work of sharing the Gospel here in Plymouth and around the world! OFFERING PLATES will be available as after the Benediction, as you depart.

About the Offering For those who are unable to attend our services in person, we miss you and look forward to the time we can worship with you, again! Remember, too, the church does still have bills to pay and still needs the support of our members. You can send your offering to the church thru the mail or you can set up a automate deposit using the website link: <https://www.risenchrist.info/giving/>

May God who hears our prayers, knows are needs, be with you all, and give you peace and comfort.

Regarding Bulletins: PDF and Word Doc versions of Bulletins are available for you to print out at home prior to you coming to church (or for use as you participate in our Online Services). **NOTE:** For those of you who are comfortable with picking up bulletins here, we have some available already printed out here.

Extra Large Print Bulletins - Available from an usher.

REMINDER: The whole service is also projected onto the chancel walls.

Listening Assistance Devices: Available at the Sound Booth.

Parent Room: A row of seating and plenty of area for standing or walking is available in the Welcome Area.

Children's Book Cart for Worship: Available in the Welcome Area.

Call to Worship – "Be Thou My Vision" *piano solo*

Welcome and Announcements

As We Gather – Many things in our lives accentuate the importance of being able to do something by ourselves. We may feel that if we just put in enough of our own effort, we can accomplish anything, including bringing about our own salvation. We may want to pretend that we are self-sufficient; but we are not. Nor do we have to be. Because Jesus has already done the "heavy lifting" to take the burden of sin from us, we can readily and joyfully carry the light burden with the easy yoke that is living in and for Him.

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

Opening Sentences *Matthew 11:28; Isaiah 30:15*

P Jesus says, "Come unto Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

G Alleluia. Alleluia.

P Thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, "In returning and rest you shall be saved;

G in quietness and in trust shall be your strength."

Before You, Lord, We Bow



1 Be - fore You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns a - bove
2 The na - tion You have blest May well Your love de - clare,
4 Earth, hear your Mak - er's voice; Your great Re - deem - er own;



And rules the world be - low, Bound-less in pow'r and love. Our thanks
From foes and fears at rest, Pro - tect - ed by Your care. For this
Be - lieve, o - bey, re - jice, And wor-ship Him a - lone. Cast down



we bring In joy and praise, Our hearts we raise To You, our King!
bright day, For this fair land—Gifts of Your hand—Our thanks we pay.
your pride, Your sin de - plore, And bow be - fore The Cru - ci - fied.

5 And when in pow'r He comes,
Oh, may our native land
From all its rending tombs
Send forth a glorious band,
A countless throng,
With joy to sing
To heav'n's high King
Salvation's song!

God Grants Us the Gift of Forgiveness

P Beloved of God, let us confess together that we have by our heedless thoughts, careless words, and loveless deeds sinned against our gracious God and deserve His punishment now and eternally.

C **Almighty God, we repent of our sins in thought and in word and in deed. Be merciful to us, and for the sake of Jesus grant us Your forgiveness so that, as Your redeemed people, we may find rest in You and with refreshed hearts serve You in time and in eternity.**

P In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Eternal Father, in the words of Jesus Christ, Your Son, You have promised Your people a blessed rest at the end of all of their labors. Grant us grace to live out our days in hopeful anticipation of that gift, working while it is day and carrying out our duties faithfully in this lifetime. Send Your Holy Spirit to direct and counsel us in all things, and bring us at last to Your place of heavenly rest. In the name of Christ, we pray.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Zechariah 9:9–12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 145:1–14

¹I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

²**Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.**

³Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

⁴One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

⁵On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

⁶They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness.

⁷They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

⁸The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

¹⁰All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your saints shall bless you!

¹¹They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power,

¹²to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

The LORD is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works.

¹⁴The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

Epistle

Romans 7:14–25a

¹⁴For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Third Article of the Apostles' Creed

A All: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

P What does this mean?

A All: I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

**In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.
In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.
On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.**

I Lift My Eyes Up (Psalm 121)

I lift my eyes up, to the mountains
Where does my help come from?
My help comes from You, Maker of heaven
Creator of the earth.

**CHORUS: O how I need You Lord, You are my only hope,
You're my only prayer.
So I will wait for You, to come and rescue me,
Come and give me life.**

He watches o'er you, He does not slumber,
He will not let you fall.
Both in your coming and in your going,
His presence will not fail. **CHORUS**

The sun won't harm you when there is daylight.
Nor will the moon by night.
The Lord will keep you from every danger,
Both now and evermore. **CHORUS**

Verse Matthew 11:28

Alleluia. Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Alleluia.

Message by Pastor Rennie

Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:25–30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁵At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

We pray for the Church, the community of God's forgiven people, asking that we may be engaged fully in service to God and in ministry to each other. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer and answer it according to Your great goodness.

MEN - We pray for the fellowship we enjoy as God's holy people, asking that we may bring the sacrifices of pure hearts and may worship God in His sanctuary with joy. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer and grant us Your presence.

WOMEN - We pray for those who serve in leadership positions in our national Synod, our district, and our local congregation, that God may work among us through their example and witness so that we may grow in devotion and dedication in Jesus' name. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer and grant Your blessing.

ALL - We make our petitions for the sick and all who this day are in need of our prayers, that their prayers may be soon answered and that they may be supported by God's people as they further await His direction for their lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer and grant our requests according to Your will.

WOMEN - We pray that we may wear the easy yoke placed upon us by our loving Savior with conviction and with cheerful hearts, knowing His abiding care. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer and bless our living to Your glory.

MEN - With thankfulness for the gift of civic liberty, we ask God's blessing on our nation, its leaders, and all who work for security and a sense of community in our world and in our lives. May we cherish the freedoms we enjoy and do all in our power to maintain the public good, mindful of generations yet to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer and guide us into ways of peace.

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord,

C Amen.

Lift Up Your Hearts

P The Lord be with you **C** And also with you

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P Lift up your hearts

(ALL SING)

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks

To the Lord our God

It is right to give Him

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The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Proclamation of Christ

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;

give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Distribution

Lord Have Mercy

Jesus I've forgotten the words that You have spoken
Promises that burned within my heart have now grown dim
With a doubting heart I follow the paths of earthly wisdom
Forgive me for my unbelief
Renew the fire again

***CHORUS: Lord have mercy Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy on me
Lord have mercy Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy on me***

I have built an altar where I've worshiped things of man
I have taken journeys that have drawn me far from You
Now I am returning to Your mercies ever flowing
Pardon my transgressions
Help me love You again

***CHORUS: Lord have mercy Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy on me
Lord have mercy Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy on me***

I have longed to know You and all Your tender mercies
Like a river of forgiveness ever flowing without end
So I bow my heart before You in the goodness of Your presence
Your grace forever shining
Like a beacon in the night ***CHORUS***

Lord have mercy Lord have mercy on us 4x

Lord, I Need You

Lord, I come, I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
Without You I fall apart
You're the One that guides my heart

***CHORUS: Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You***

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are, Lord, I am free
Holiness is Christ in me ***CHORUS***

Teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus, you're my hope and stay ***CHORUS***

*You're my one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You*

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Closing Prayer

America the Beautiful

O beautiful for spacious skies
For amber waves of grain
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain
America America God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea

O beautiful for pilgrim feet
Whose stern impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat
Across the wilderness
America America God mend thine ev'ry flaw
Confirm thy soul in self control
Thy liberty in law

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife
Who more than self their country loved
And mercy more than life
America America may God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness
And ev'ry gain divine

O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears
America America God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea

God Bless Our Native Land

God bless our native land;
Firm may she ever stand
Through storm and night.
When the wild tempests rave,
Ruler of wind and wave,
Do Thou our country save
By Thy great might.

So shall our prayers arise
To God above the skies;
On Him we wait.
Thou who art ever nigh,
Guarding with watchful eye,
To Thee aloud we cry:
God save the state!

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

G **Amen.**

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