

Risen Christ Lutheran Church

11th Sunday after Pentecost - August 16, 2020

ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION (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.

As We Gather – God's mercy is for all people. God's love for His people in Christ is deep and broad and high indeed! From Isaiah we hear that "the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, 'I will gather yet others to Him besides those already gathered'" (Isaiah 56:8). Paul boldly declares that "God has not rejected His people whom He foreknew," but desires that they receive mercy through the Church (Romans 11:2). Jesus, who makes clear that His mission was first to the lost sheep of the house of Israel, marvels at the faith of one who was doubly an outsider—a Canaanite and a woman! Today's readings challenge our habit of treating strangers and outsiders with suspicion, and invite us to find ways to show the mercy and welcome of God to everyone—even to those we might think are the least likely people in our community to be welcomed by God.

Call to Worship – O Worship the King

O worship the King, all glorious above,
And gratefully sing His wonderful love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

***CHORUS: You alone are the matchless King,
To You alone be all majesty,
Your glories and wonders what tongue can recite?
You breathe in the air,
You shine in the light.***

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

O measureless Might, ineffable Love,
While angels delight to worship above,
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend ***CHORUS***

O worship the King, all glorious above,
And gratefully sing His wonderful love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

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Welcome and Announcements

Invocation and Opening Sentences *Psalm 67:1–3*

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

C Amen.

P May God be gracious to us and bless us

P that Your way may be known on earth,

P Let the peoples praise You, O God;

C and make His face to shine upon us,

C Your saving power among all nations.

C let all the peoples praise You!

How Great Is Our God

The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty,
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice!

He wraps himself in Light, and darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at His voice, trembles at His voice...

**CHORUS: How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God!**

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands,
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end!

The Godhead Three in One, Father Spirit Son,
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb... **CHORUS**

Name above all names, worthy of our praise,
My heart will sing how great is our God! **CHORUS**

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Confession and Absolution

P Merciful and mighty God, we come to You with sins that need to be forgiven.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Our failure to keep justice and do righteousness,

C we confess to You, Lord.

P Our suspicion of and lack of welcome to outsiders and strangers,

C we confess to You, Lord.

P Our arrogance that assumes that we alone are Your treasured people,

C we confess to You, Lord.

P All the ways in which we disobey Your will for our lives,

C we confess to You, Lord.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Introit Psalm 28:1–2, 6–7; antiphon: v. 8

P The Lord is the strength of His people;

C He is the saving refuge of His anointed.

P To You, O Lord, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me,

C lest, if You be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.

P Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to You for help,

C when I lift up my hands toward Your most holy sanctuary.

P Blessed be the Lord!

C For He has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

P The Lord is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped;

C my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to Him.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

P The Lord is the strength of His people;

C He is the saving refuge of His anointed.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lord of all nations, through Your Son, You call people of all tribes, nations, and languages into Your Kingdom of grace. Give us the wisdom and mercy we need to witness to others who might be different than we are; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 56:1, 6–8

¹Thus says the LORD: "Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶"And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,

and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant—

⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples."

⁸The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, "I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered."

L This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

Psalm 67

¹May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

²**that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.**

³Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

⁴**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.**

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

⁶The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.

⁷God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!

Epistle

Romans 11:1–2a, 13–15, 28–32

¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he appeals to God against Israel?

¹³Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them.

¹⁵For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead?

²⁸As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience,

³¹so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy.

³²For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

L This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious,
the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we raise.

2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains
of goodness and love.

3. To all life Thou giveth-
to both great and small-
In all life Thou liveth, the true Life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree
And wither and perish-
but naught changes Thee.

4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render: O help us to see
Tis only the splendor of light that hides Thee.

Verse *Psalm 147:2–3; Isaiah 56:8*

P Alleluia! The Lord builds up Jerusalem;

C **He gathers the outcasts of Israel.**

P He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

C **He will gather yet others to Him besides those already gathered. Alleluia!**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 15:21–28

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

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

²¹ Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon.

²² And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." ²³ But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us."

²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Message by Pastor Rennie

Apostles' Creed

P God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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.

Prayers of the Church

P Trusting in Your promise to be a blessing to all the nations of the world, we bring our prayers before You, our merciful and almighty Lord.

You have gathered people of all nations and languages to churches all over the world. Enable the Church in this and every place to be a blessing to the communities in which we live.

Empower pastors to preach the Word with power, teachers to teach the Word with wisdom, and all believers to serve with love of neighbor. Bless The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod, that together we may shine forth Your light like stars for all the world to see. We give thanks for Your gathering as we cry,

C **O Lord, hear our prayer.**

MEN – You bring peace in the midst of anxiety and trouble. Cause all who govern to do so with reverence, impartiality, and compassion. Watch over our military personnel in harm’s way, and make your comforting presence known to their families. Protect innocent people in war-torn nations. Reconcile us with our enemies. We give thanks for Your peace as we cry,

☞ O Lord, hear our prayer.

WOMEN – You visit those whose strength wanes and whose hope is nearly lost. You healed the daughter of the Canaanite woman. Comfort all who are experiencing anxiety, all who are sick, all who are dying, and all who are mourning. Help them to see that even in the midst of suffering, You are there, and You will never leave nor forsake those in trouble. We give thanks for Your visitation as we cry,

☞ O Lord, hear our prayer.

MEN – You extend mercy to all in need. We pray today for those in need who have requested our prayer. For students who begin school soon, for the teachers and administrators of our community’s schools, and for parents of children, we ask that in a spirit of cooperation our children may grow in knowledge and wisdom. We pray for students returning to colleges and universities and for their parents, that their faith in Christ may be a solid rock and refuge when it seems like the foundations of life are shaking. Grant mercy to all, according to Your will. We give thanks for Your mercy as we cry,

☞ O Lord, hear our prayer.

WOMEN – You provide for the needs of our bodies and souls. Bless the labor of all who set their hands to useful tasks—farmers and business owners, construction workers and accountants, homemakers and retail workers, factory workers and executives. Calm the hearts of the unemployed and underemployed. Grant that our land will produce a good harvest of goods and services that will bless many. Guide our stewardship of the gifts You entrust to us. We give thanks for Your provision as we cry,

☞ O Lord, hear our prayer.

MEN – You promise to gather outcasts from all the ends of the earth, to bring them to Your holy mountain, and make them joyful in Your house of prayer. Help us to be part of Your gathering by welcoming among us those whom the world casts out. We give thanks for Your promise as we cry,

☞ O Lord, hear our prayer.

WOMEN – You were graceful to those who have gone before us in the faith and have now died and abide in Your tender arms in heaven. We thank You for their life and witness, and how Your grace was shown through them. We rejoice in Your grace as we cry,

☞ O Lord, hear our prayer.

☐ For the privilege to carry everything to You in prayer, we give thanks. Jesus told us to ask, seek, and knock. This we do today, trusting that You hear our prayer and will answer according to Your will in the name of Jesus, Who taught us to pray:

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.

Forever

Give thanks to the Lord
Our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good, He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise
Sing praise, sing praise

***CHORUS: Forever, God is faithful
Forever, God is strong
Forever, God is with us
Forever, forever***

From the rising
To the setting sun
His love endures forever
And by the grace of God
We will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise
Sing praise, sing praise

Chorus 2x's

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Benediction

P "Keep justice, do righteousness," says the Lord, who promises to gather yet others to Him
besides those already gathered. *Isaiah 56:1, 8*

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. *Numbers 6:24–26*

C Amen.

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