

Risen Christ Lutheran Church

9th Sunday after Pentecost Worship

August 2, 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 – Through the prophet Isaiah God invites one and all to come to Him to eat and to drink without cost, as if to a free banquet. When Jesus feeds the 5,000 families, it is a tangible reminder of the heavenly banquet to which we are invited. We cannot be content that we are included, though, for at the end of the reading from Isaiah, the Lord lifts our eyes to look toward those who do not yet know the promises of God made to Israel and fulfilled in Jesus.

Call to Worship – Jesus Draw Me Ever Nearer

1. Jesus draw me ever nearer
As I labor through the storm.
You have called me to this passage,
And I'll follow though I'm worn.
May this journey bring a blessing,
May I rise on wings of faith;
And at the end of my heart's testing,
With Your likeness let me wake.

2. Jesus guide me through the tempest,
Keep my spirit staid and sure.
When the midnight meets the morning,
Let me love You even more.
May this journey bring a blessing,
May I rise on wings of faith;
And at the end of my heart's testing,
With Your likeness let me wake.

3. Let the treasures of the trial
Form within me as I go.
And at the end of this long passage,
Let me leave them at Your throne.
May this journey bring a blessing,
May I rise on wings of faith;
And at the end of my heart's testing,
With Your likeness let me wake.

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Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

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

G Amen.

Come Let Us Worship

Come let us worship and bow down
Before the Lord Most Holy
Before the King of Glory
Come and lay your burdens down
Before the Friend who's faithful
Before the One who's able
For He is our God
And we are His people
He is our God
And we will never be forsaken

Come let us lift our voice in praise
Unto the Rock of Ages
Unto the God who saves us
Come and glorify His name
All the earth together
All the saints forever
You are our God
And we are Your people

You are our God
And we will be with You

You are our God
And we will be with You forever
Forever
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Come, Thou Almighty King

1. Come, Thou almighty King,
Help us Thy name to sing;
Help us to praise;
Father all glorious, o'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.

2. Come, Thou incarnate Word,
Gird on Thy mighty sword;
Our prayer attend.
Come and Thy people bless,
and give Thy Word success,
And let Thy righteousness
On us descend.

3. Come, holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour!
Thou, who almighty art, Now rule in every
heart,
And ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of power.

4. To Thee great One in Three,
Eternal praises be
Hence evermore!
Thy sovereign majesty
may we in glory see,
And to eternity
Love and adore.

Confession and Absolution

P Although we desire to come into God's presence as the saints He has declared us to be, we bring with us our continual sin-filled, dirty clothes that must be cleaned. Let us therefore confess our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

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

P Gracious heavenly Father,

C **we confess that we have deceived ourselves and each other into thinking that we have loved You completely and each other as ourselves. In our minds, we distort the truth that Your Law reveals. We cannot save ourselves. For Jesus' sake, forgive us, and by Your Holy Spirit, renew in us right hearts that we may walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you. God has promised, "though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow." He has made you ready to come into His presence. 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. *Isaiah 1:18*

C **Amen. The steadfast love of the Lord endures forever.** *Psalms 136:1*

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve to even be in Your holy presence, still You graciously receive us and give us Your Word of Life.

C Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may listen carefully, amend our lives, and invite others to receive Your gifts of life and salvation;

P 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 55:1–5

¹“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live;

and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

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

Psalm

Psalm 136:1–9, 23–26

L ¹Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

C ²**Give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever.**

L ³Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever;

C ⁴**to him who alone does great wonders, for his steadfast love endures forever;**

L ⁵to him who by understanding made the heavens, for his steadfast love endures forever;

C ⁶**to him who spread out the earth above the waters, for his steadfast love endures**

forever;

L ⁷to him who made the great lights, for his steadfast love endures forever;

C ⁸**the sun to rule over the day, for his steadfast love endures forever;**

L ⁹the moon and stars to rule over the night, for his steadfast love endures forever;

C ²³**It is he who remembered us in our low estate, for his steadfast love endures forever;**

L ²⁴and rescued us from our foes, for his steadfast love endures forever;

C ²⁵**he who gives food to all flesh, for his steadfast love endures forever.**

L ²⁶Give thanks to the God of heaven, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Epistle

Romans 9:1–5

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit—²that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. ⁵To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

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

Special Song – “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” Saxophone Solo by Jeremy Poegel

King of Glory

Who is this King of glory that pursues me with His love
And haunts me with each hearing of His softly spoken words
My conscience, a reminder of forgiveness that I need
Who is this King of glory Who offers it to me

Who is this King of angels, O blessed Prince of Peace
Revealing things of heaven and all its mysteries
My spirit's ever longing for His grace in which to stand
Who is this King of glory, Son of God and Son of Man

***CHORUS: His name is Jesus, precious Jesus
Lord Almighty, King of my heart, King of glory***

Who is this King of glory with strength and majesty
And wisdom beyond measure, the gracious King of kings
The Lord of earth and heaven, the Creator of all things
He is the King of glory, He's everything to me ***CHORUS***

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Verse Psalm 78:25

- P** Alleluia. Man ate of the bread of the angels;
- G** **He sent them food in abundance. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel Matthew 14:13–21 (Jesus feeds the 5,000.)

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.
- G** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

P Now when Jesus heard this, He withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by Himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed Him on foot from the towns. When He went ashore He saw a great crowd, and He had compassion on them and healed their sick. Now when it was evening, the disciples came to Him and said,

G **“This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.”**

P But Jesus said,

I *“They need not go away; you give them something to eat.”*

P They said to Him,

C "We have only five loaves here and two fish."

P And He said,

I "Bring them here to Me."

P Then He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, He looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then He broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Message by Pastor Rennie

The First Article of the Apostles' Creed (Creation)

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

P *What does this mean?*

ALL – I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

Prayer of the Church

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

When Jesus came ashore, the people flocked to Him. Gracious Lord, grant that Your Church here and around the world may attract those who are truly sheep without a shepherd. Guide, strengthen, and protect clergy and lay leaders to present Your saving Gospel so that many may come to faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

MEN – As the people brought their sick and troubled family and friends, Jesus healed them.

Gracious Lord, bring healing, relief and comfort to all who are beset with physical crises and long term ills, those in mourning, and all who face this day in hunger or in want of clothing or shelter. Lord, in Your mercy,

G hear our prayer.

WOMEN – When it was time for the people to eat, Jesus had them sit down in an orderly fashion.

Gracious Lord, raise up wise leaders, caring public servants, and courageous defenders in our country and in the nations of the world so that justice and freedom may flourish in each land, and peace and harmony may prevail across borders. Lord, in Your mercy,

G hear our prayer.

MEN – Although it seemed that the disciples had resources too small to meet the needs of so many people, Jesus fed them all. Gracious Lord, open our eyes to see the resources with which You have blessed us, and by Your Holy Spirit move us to find ways to serve as many of our neighbors as possible. Lord, in Your mercy,

G hear our prayer.

WOMEN – After all had eaten and were satisfied, the disciples gathered twelve baskets of fragments. Gracious Lord, we ask Your blessings on all who work to put food on the table, those who sow and those who reap, those who transport and those who sell, those who research better agriculture and those who distribute the unused portion, so that we all may be fed from Your bounty. Lord, in Your mercy,

G hear our prayer.

P Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who taught us to pray:

G **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.**

Come Thou Fount (I Will Sing)

Come Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace.
Streams of mercy never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I come.
And I hope by Thy good pleasure safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God.
He to rescue me from danger interposed His precious blood.

***CHORUS: How Your kindness yet pursues me,
How Your mercy never fails me,
Til the day that death shall loose me,
I will sing, oh I will sing!***

Oh to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be.
Let Thy goodness like a fetter bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love,
Here's my heart Lord, take and seal it; Seal it for Thy courts above.

Ending: Prone to wander Lord I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love,
Here's my heart Lord, take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.
Here's my heart Lord, take and seal it;
Seal it for Thy courts above!

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Benediction

P Go into all the world and proclaim the Gospel to the whole creation, and the blessings of God Almighty, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, go with you, now and forever. *Mark*
16:15

G Amen.

Dismissal – USHERS WILL DISMISS EACH ROW BEGINNING FROM THE REAR OF SANCTUARY DURING POSTLUDE

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