

# Risen Christ Lutheran Church

## 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Worship , August 9, 2020

**ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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** – Job suffered losses that few of us could endure: his livelihood, his family, and his own health. At Jesus' invitation, Peter exited the boat and began to walk to Jesus, until he started sinking. Both Job and Peter call to mind the words from a hymn, "When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down." We all have those "sinking down" times in our lives. This is why today's Gospel is so uplifting. When Peter was sinking down, "Jesus immediately reached out His hand and took hold of him" (Matthew 14:31). In Holy Baptism, Jesus reaches out His hand and takes hold of us. The hymnwriter also pens, "Christ laid aside His crown for my soul." There is no moment of sinking down where God in Christ Jesus does not reach out His hand and take hold of us. We gather in worship, then, as those who at times are sinking down, of whom Jesus has taken hold. Therefore, "to God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing!" *LSB 543*

## Call to Worship – When Morning Gilds the Skies

1. When morning gilds the skies,  
My heart awaking cries,  
“May Jesus Christ be praised!”  
Alike at work and prayer  
To Jesus I repair,  
May Jesus Christ be praised!

2. Does sadness fill my mind?  
A solace here I find,  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
Or fades my earthly bliss?  
My comfort still is this,  
May Jesus Christ be praised!

3. The night becomes as day  
When from the heart we say,  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
The powers of darkness fear  
When this sweet chant they hear,  
May Jesus Christ be praised!

4. Ye nations of mankind  
In this your oneness find,  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
Let all the earth around  
Ring joyous with the sound,  
May Jesus Christ be praised!

5. Be this, while life is mine,  
My canticle divine,  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
Be this the eternal song  
Through all the ages long,  
May Jesus Christ be praised!

## Welcome and Announcements

### Invocation and Opening Sentences *Romans 10:9–10*

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

**C** Amen.

**P** If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord

**C** and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead,

**P** you will be saved.

**C** For with the heart one believes and is justified,

**P** and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

**C** Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

## Lord I Lift Your Name on High

*Lord I lift your name on high  
Lord I love to sing your praises  
I'm so glad you're in my life  
I'm so glad you came to save us.*

You came from heaven to earth,  
to show the way  
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay  
From the cross to the grave,  
from the grave to the sky  
Lord I lift your name on high.

## Confession and Absolution

**P** Lord of all creation, whose ways are beyond human understanding, we come to You today with sin to confess.

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

**P** Our thinking and acting like we know more than You,

**C we confess to You, Lord.**

**P** Our sometimes wavering faith in Your goodness to us,

**C we confess to You, Lord.**

**P** Our being paralyzed by fear when the storms of this life rage,

**C we confess to You, Lord.**

**P** All of our sins, those of which we are aware, and those known only to You,

**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 34:4–8; antiphon: v. 1*

**P** I will bless the Lord at all times;

**C His praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

**P** I sought the Lord, and He answered me

**C and delivered me from all my fears.**

**P** Those who look to Him are radiant,

**C and their faces shall never be ashamed.**

**P** This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him

**C and saved him out of all his troubles.**

**P** The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him,

**C and delivers them.**

**P** Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!

**C Blessed is the man who takes refuge in 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** I will bless the Lord at all times;

**C His praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

## Salutation and Prayer of the Day

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

**P** Gracious heavenly Father, Your Son reaches out His hand and takes hold of us when our weak faith threatens to pull us down to the depths of despair. Move us to reach out graceful hands to our neighbors when they near despair, so that we may reflect Christ's love and Your name may be glorified in all creation; 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

*Job 38:4–18*

<sup>4</sup>“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

<sup>5</sup>Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it?

<sup>6</sup>On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone,

<sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

<sup>8</sup>“Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb,

<sup>9</sup>when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band,

<sup>10</sup>and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors,

<sup>11</sup>and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed’?

<sup>12</sup>“Have you commanded the morning since your days began,

and caused the dawn to know its place,

<sup>13</sup>that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it?

<sup>14</sup>It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment.

<sup>15</sup>From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken.

<sup>16</sup>“Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep?

<sup>17</sup>Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?

<sup>18</sup>Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this.

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

## Psalm 18: 1 – 6

**L** <sup>1</sup>I love you, O LORD, my strength.

**C** <sup>2</sup>**The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.**

**L** <sup>3</sup>I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.

**C** <sup>4</sup>**The cords of death encompassed me; the torrents of destruction assailed me;**

**L** <sup>5</sup>the cords of Sheol entangled me; the snares of death confronted me.

**C** <sup>6</sup>**In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I cried for help.**

**From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears.**

## Epistle

*Romans 10:5–17*

<sup>5</sup>For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. <sup>6</sup>But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup>or “‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup>But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. <sup>11</sup>For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

<sup>14</sup>But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?

<sup>15</sup>And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" <sup>16</sup>But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" <sup>17</sup>So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

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

**The Second Article of the Apostles' Creed** (*Redemption*)

**ALL – 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.**

**P** *What does this mean?*

**C** **I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from all eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord,**

**who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,**

**that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,**

**just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.**

**This is most certainly true.**

**Lord, I Need You**

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

**2.** 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**

**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**

**3.** 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*

## Verse Matthew 14:27

Alleluia. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." Alleluia.

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 14:22–33

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

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

<sup>22</sup>Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

<sup>23</sup>And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup>but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup>And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. <sup>26</sup>But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup>But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

<sup>28</sup>And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." <sup>29</sup>He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." <sup>31</sup>Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup>And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup>And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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

## Message by Pastor Rennie

### Prayer of the Church

**P** Trusting in Your promise that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved, we bring our prayers before You, our merciful and almighty Lord.

You send out laborers into the world to proclaim the reign of Jesus. We pray for missionaries in foreign nations as well as in our own nation, that Your Word proclaimed by them will not return empty. For the Church, including this congregation, we ask that You would use us to make Your reign known in this place. We rejoice in Your sending as we cry,

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

**WOMEN** – You extend peace to us like a life-giving river. For cities and towns—those who govern them and the people who dwell in them, we ask that those who work for peace and justice may be strengthened and those who cause turmoil and injustice may repent. We rejoice in Your peace as we cry,

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

**MEN** – You comfort those whose lives are broken. We pray for all who suffer from disease, turmoil in relationships, and death. Amidst their fear, we trust in Your hand of mercy outstretched to them, as it was to Peter, that according to Your will, they may experience wholeness, comfort, and peace. We rejoice in Your comfort as we cry,

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

**WOMEN** – You restore sinners gently. For all of us in the midst of situations where confession and forgiveness are the only way forward, help us willingly and humbly confess our sins and forgive as we have been forgiven. We rejoice in Your forgiveness of sin as we cry,

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

**P** You know all our needs. We pray for anyone in need of our prayers. We rejoice in Your grace as we cry,

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

**MEN** – You have written our names in heaven. We give You thanks for the life and witness of those who have died. Help us to follow their example of faith and good works until that day when our time on this earth has ended, and we join them in heavenly glory as Your promised new creation in Christ. We rejoice in Your gift of eternal life as we cry,

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

**P** For the privilege to carry everything to You in prayer, we give thanks. Jesus told us to ask, seek, and knock to call on the name of the Lord. This we do today, trusting that You hear our prayer and will answer according to Your will in the name of Jesus.

**C** Amen.

### Lift Up Your Hearts

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

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

**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  
Thanks and praise

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### Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end.

Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### **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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  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.**

### **The Peace of the Lord**

- P** The peace of the  $\text{✠}$  Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.**

### **Distribution**

## Come Just As You Are

1. Come just as you are,  
Hear the Spirit call.  
Come just as you are.  
Come and see, (come and see)  
Come receive, (come receive)  
Come and live (come and live) forever.

2. Come just as you are,  
Hear the Spirit call.  
Come just as you are.  
Come receive, (come receive)  
Christ the King, (Christ the King)  
Come and live (come and live) forevermore.

***CHORUS: Life everlasting,  
And strength for today;  
Taste the Living Water,  
And never thirst again.***

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## Near the Cross

1. Jesus, keep me near the cross  
There a precious fountain,  
Free to all, a healing stream,  
Flows from Calvary's mountain.

2. Near the cross, a trembling soul,  
Love and mercy found me;  
There the Bright and Morning Star  
Sheds its beams around me.

***REFRAIN: In the cross, in the cross  
Be my glory ever,  
Till my raptured soul shall find  
Rest beyond the river.***

3. Near the cross! O Lamb of God,  
Bring its scenes before me;  
Help me walk from day to day  
With its shadows o'er me. ***REFRAIN***

4. Near the cross I'll watch and wait,  
Hoping, trusting ever,  
Till I reach the golden strand  
Just beyond the river. ***REFRAIN***

## Holy, Holy, Holy

1. Holy, holy, holy!  
Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning  
our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, Blessed Trinity!

2. Holy, holy, holy!  
All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns  
around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim  
falling down before Thee,  
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

**3. Holy, holy, holy!**  
Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man  
Thy glory may not see,  
Only Thou art holy; There is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

**4. Holy, holy, holy!**  
Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name  
in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, Blessed Trinity!

### Post-Communion Thanksgiving

**P** Almighty God, creator and sustainer of all that exists, in this feast of Your Son, You have again reached out to us in the midst of the storms of our lives to bring peace, calm, and wholeness.

Your hold upon us is strong, and You will never let us go. Guide our paths as we depart from Your table, that we may walk in faith, not fearing those things that cannot do us eternal harm; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### Let All Things Now Living

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
To God the Creator triumphantly raise,  
Who fashioned and made us,  
protected and stayed us,  
Who guideth us on to the end of our days.  
His banners are o'er us,  
His light goes before us,  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
Til shadows have vanished  
and darkness is banished,  
As forward we travel from light into light.

His law He enforces: the stars in their courses,  
The sun in His orbit, obediently shine;  
The hills and the mountains,  
the rivers and fountains,  
The deeps of the ocean proclaim Him divine.  
We too, should be voicing  
our love and rejoicing,  
With glad adoration a song let us raise,  
Til all things now living unite in thanksgiving  
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

### Benediction

**P** To disciples gripped with fear, Jesus said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." In Christ, you have the peace of God which surpasses all understanding to guard your hearts and your minds.

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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