

# Risen Christ Lutheran Church

## 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – September 6, 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** – Becoming like children is not on most people's list of priorities, yet Jesus holds children up as those who will both enter and become the great ones in the reign of God. Among the duties of those in civil authority, leaders are charged to protect children from wrongdoers. Children are the ones for whom the Shepherd searches and finds and harming them incurs severe consequences. Humbling ourselves like children equips Jesus' followers to work together to resolve conflicts in congregations and homes.

**Preservice Song** – **"This is Amazing Grace"** (*Lyrics on last page of this bulletin*)

**Welcome and Announcements**

## Invocation and Opening Prayer

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*(Please remain seated)* **Preparation for Confession - O Come to The Altar**

*(Sung by Esther Kaufmann)*

1. Are you hurting and broken within  
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin  
Jesus is calling

**Have you come to the end of yourself**

Do you thirst for a drink from the well  
Jesus is calling

***CHORUS: O come to the altar  
The Father's arms are open wide  
Forgiveness was bought with  
The precious blood of Jesus Christ***

2. Leave behind your regrets and mistakes  
Come today there's no reason to wait  
Jesus is calling  
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy  
From the ashes a new life is born  
Jesus is calling ***CHORUS***

***BRIDGE:*** Oh what a Savior  
Isn't he wonderful  
Sing alleluia Christ is risen  
Bow down before him  
For he is Lord of all  
Sing alleluia Christ is risen

***ENDING:***

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown  
Tell the world of the treasure you've found

(Please rise) **Confession and Absolution**

**P** Lord God Almighty,

**C** **When I have a guilty conscience but choose to keep silent, the groaning of my heart makes it feel like my very bones are disintegrating. When I have a guilty conscience, Your hand becomes heavy upon me both day and night. When I have a guilty conscience, my strength dries up like a desert under the scorching heat of summer. I acknowledge my sin to You, and I will not try to cover my iniquity. I confess my transgressions to You, Lord. I ask You, for the sake of Your dear Son Jesus, to be gracious to me and forgive the iniquity of my sin. ref. Psalm 32:4–5**

**P** Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the one against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. Beloved in the Lord, God has heard your confession and declares you blessed, for Christ our Lord has died for you, has taken your sins upon Himself, and has given you His perfect righteousness. Therefore, as an Under-Shepherd of the Good Shepherd, my Lord Jesus Christ, and by His command He gave the night of His Resurrection, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Psalm 32:1–2*

**C** **Amen.**

**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

***CHORUS: 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***

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**Old Testament Reading**

*Ezekiel 33:7–9*

<sup>7</sup>“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

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

**Psalm**

*Psalm 32:1–7*

<sup>1</sup>Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

<sup>2</sup>**Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

<sup>3</sup>For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

**<sup>4</sup>For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

<sup>5</sup>I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**<sup>6</sup>Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.**

<sup>7</sup>You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

## Epistle

*Romans 13:1–10*

<sup>1</sup>Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. <sup>2</sup>Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. <sup>3</sup>For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, <sup>4</sup>for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. <sup>5</sup>Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. <sup>6</sup>For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. <sup>7</sup>Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

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

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 18:1–20*

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

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

<sup>1</sup>At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" <sup>2</sup>And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them <sup>3</sup>and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>5</sup>"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, <sup>6</sup>but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

<sup>7</sup>"Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! <sup>8</sup>And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. <sup>9</sup>And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

<sup>10</sup>“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. <sup>12</sup>What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? <sup>13</sup>And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. <sup>14</sup>So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

<sup>15</sup>“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. <sup>16</sup>But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

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

### You Are My King (Amazing Love)

I'm forgiven  
Because You were forsaken  
I'm accepted  
You were condemned  
I'm alive and well  
Your Spirit is within me  
Because You died  
And rose again

***CHORUS: Amazing love  
How can it be  
That You my King  
Would die for me  
Amazing love  
I know it's true  
It's my joy to honor You  
In all I do I honor You***

***BRIDGE: You are my King  
You are my King  
Jesus You are my King  
Jesus You are my King***

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### Message – “Forgiven to Forgiving” by Pastor Rennie The Third Article (on Sanctification)

**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?*

**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.**

### **Prayer of the Church**

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

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

**MEN** – For kings, presidents, governors, mayors, legislators, judges, and all appointed by God to bear authority in the civil realm, that they receive wisdom to carry out God’s will, that we may lead quiet and peaceful lives, let us pray to the Lord.

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

**WOMEN** – For all who preach the Gospel both here and around the world, that they receive insight from the Holy Spirit to rightly proclaim and apply both Law and Gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

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

**MEN** – For the sick, the dying, and all who suffer in body, mind, or soul, that they receive strength to bear their afflictions with patient endurance, let us pray to the Lord.

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

**WOMEN** – For patience to run the race of life with endurance, that on the Last Day we may enter into the glorious inheritance of the saints in light, let us pray to the Lord.

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

**P** For all these things and whatever else You know that we need, we ask You, dear Father, for the sake of Him who loved us and gave Himself for us, Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God now and forever,

**C** **Amen.**

### **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.**

## This Is Amazing Grace

1. Who breaks the power of sin and darkness  
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger  
The King of Glory the King above all kings

2. Who shakes the whole earth  
with holy thunder  
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder  
The King of Glory the King above all kings

**CHORUS: (Yeah) (Oh) This is amazing grace  
This is unfailing love  
That You would take my place  
That You would bear my cross  
You laid down Your life  
That I would be set free  
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me**

3. Who brings our chaos back into order  
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter  
The King of Glory the King of Glory

4. Who rules the nations with truth and justice  
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance  
The King of Glory the King above all kings

### **CHORUS**

**BRIDGE:** Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave  
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Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy worthy worthy **CHORUS**

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### **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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