



Risen Christ Lutheran Church

10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 1, 2021 9:30am

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

- Ephesians 4:2-3 -



ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION – (2nd & 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” and “common” cups of wine. (Note: White Grape Juice is 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! You can also take advantage of Online Giving by visiting www.RisenChrist.info

A WORD TO OUR GUESTS – Welcome and thank you for coming. Brochures can be found at each door. Please complete a Worship Card and place it in the offering plate. Pastor will send you a welcome card. Please indicate that you "desire" a call for any further contact.

Large Print Bulletins – Available from an usher.

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/Lobby (“Narthex”)

For Children – Children’s Book Cart for Worship: Available in the Welcome Area.

As We Gather – Jesus had just miraculously fed the crowd. Amazed, they wanted more. Perhaps they imagined that Jesus had come to feed the entire world and solve the problem of famine forever. But Jesus had a surprise for them. While it would be a wonderful thing to feed everyone in the world, something would be missing. People would still be in need of forgiveness of sin, and they would still need hope for life beyond the grave. They would still need a more deeply nourishing food than food for their stomachs. Yes, Jesus fed hungry people with food for their stomachs. But He also gave them much more. God had given the Israelites manna in the wilderness; now God was giving them a new manna to satisfy their deepest hunger. He was giving them His only Son, Jesus, who declared to all, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to Me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in Me shall never thirst.” We come to church perhaps expecting to connect with friends, sing songs, and get on with our summer activities; instead we get Jesus, the bread of life, to feed us with forgiveness, with hope, and with renewed energy to feed the world, both body and soul.

Pre-service Music by *Mr. and Mrs. Alan and Eileen Young*

Welcome, Announcements, and Share the Peace

Invocation

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

Opening Sentences

John 6:34–35

- P** Jesus said, "I am the bread of life;
C **whoever comes to Me shall not hunger,**
P and whoever believes in Me shall never thirst."
C **Lord, give us this bread always.**

Beautiful Savior

1. Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee,
Truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

2. Fair are the meadows,
Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

3. Fair is the sunshine,
Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.

4. Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
Praise, adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine!

Confession and Absolution

- P** Let us confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean.**
- P** We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
- C** **We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**
- P** We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment.
- C** **For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**
- P** Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
- C** **so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.**
- C** **Amen.**
- P** God brought the Israelites from slavery and death to freedom and life by bringing them through the sea. God brought you from sin and death to freedom and life by your Baptism into Christ. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

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***

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray.

Gracious Father, You provided manna and quail for the Israelites in the desert long ago. Now You give to us the food that nourishes us more deeply than any other food, the bread of life, Your Son, Jesus Christ, to forgive our sins and to bind us together as the Body of Christ in the world. Feed us with this bread always; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 16:2–15

²And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, ³and the people of Israel said to them, "Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily."

⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, "At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against the LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?" ⁸And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD."

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, 'Come near before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.'" ¹⁰And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹And the LORD said to Moses, ¹²"I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

¹³In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. ¹⁴And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

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

Psalm

Psalm 145:10–21

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.

¹⁵The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.

¹⁶You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷The LORD is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works.

¹⁸The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

¹⁹He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them.

²⁰The LORD preserves all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

²¹My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,

and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

Epistle

Ephesians 4:1–16

¹I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. ⁷But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it says,

"When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men."

⁹(In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) ¹¹And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. ¹⁵Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Second Article of the Apostles' Creed (On the Redeemer and Redemption)

C **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.**

Here I Am to Worship

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

***CHORUS: So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me***

King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor ***CHORUS***

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
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To see my sin upon that cross

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Verse

John 6:35b

P Alleluia. I am the bread of life;
C **whoever comes to Me shall not hunger,**
P and whoever believes in Me shall never thirst.
C **Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

John 6:22–35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

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

²²On the next day the crowd that remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. ²³Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. ²⁴So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus.

²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?"

²⁶Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not labor for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal."

²⁸Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" ²⁹Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰So they said to him, "Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform?" ³¹Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" ³²Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to You, O Christ.**

"Walking in a Manner Worthy of the Calling to Which We've been Called." OUTLINE

1. *"Walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which we've been called, with all humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."*
2. Our "Baptismal Calling" = our Christian walk and talk being God's Image Bearers, bearing His image wherever we are in every moment of our lives.
3. There is life and death – a way of life and a way of death. Either you walk in a manner of your calling, or you don't. You can't do both. You are walking in the light toward the Lord of Life, or you are walking in darkness away from Him toward death. You cannot choose life and keep life on your own, by your own strength. On your own, you will fail and perish. As children of God, you are empowered daily to repent and turn back to Christ.
4. The world will define your "calling" by pointing you to your degrees, status, stuff, and things you do. All that is fleeting, has no eternal value (apart from Jesus), and there is no lasting comfort and hope in all that.

5. Remember whose you are. Instead of a mirror, look to the cross. You are called, equipped, and kept in your Baptismal Calling by His Word. So now, you are called to walk in a manner worthy of your calling, and that calling is in your baptismal identity in which Jesus' righteousness is counted as your own.
6. Walking in your Baptismal Calling is not a "got to do" but a "get to do," saying "yes" to the Holy Spirit's prompting in you, responding in grateful, humble obedience because of God's free gifts of grace, mercy, and righteousness.
 - a. Gentleness, patience, humility, self-control, etc. are gifts from God – fruits of the Holy Spirit.
 - b. These are not prescriptions to be saved but are a description of the saved!
7. Our natural human sin-distorted human nature is curved inward, self-centered.
8. Turn your eyes upon Jesus and the cross! Jesus said, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." This describes who and what Jesus is – and in your baptism, by the Holy Spirit working in you, this describes you and all who are in Christ.

My Tribute

How can I say thanks for the things
 You have done for me
 Things so undeserved
 Yet You give to prove Your love for me
 The voices of a million angels
 Could not express my gratitude
 All that I am and ever hope to be
 I owe it all to Thee

***CHORUS: To God be the glory
 To God be the glory
 To God be the glory
 For the things He has done
 With His blood He has saved me
 With His pow'r He has raised me
 To God be the glory
 For the things He has done***

***BRIDGE: Just let me live my life
 Let it be pleasing Lord to Thee
 And should I gain any praise
 Let it go to Calvary***

***With His blood He has saved me
 With His pow'r He has raised me
 To God be the glory
 For the things He has done***

Prayer of the Church

- P** Called to one hope—one Lord, one faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of all—let us pray for the Church, the world, and for all people in need.

That the Church, nourished by the bread of life and bearing with one another in love, may continue to build on the foundation of Jesus, the prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers toward maturity in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

MEN – That nations throughout the world may be places of stability, peace, and care for the general welfare of their citizens. That our government leaders—national, state, and local—may carry out the tasks entrusted to them with humility and wisdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

WOMEN – That those who serve in our military and their families may be kept safe from harm. That victims of terrorism, persecution, violence, and warfare may be delivered from these horrors. That our enemies would no longer wish us harm, but instead seek peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

MEN – That those who are sick in body or mind—those who are hospitalized, those facing surgery, those receiving ongoing treatments, and those who are convalescing—may experience the peace of Christ beyond understanding. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

WOMEN – That those who travel for business or pleasure may arrive safely at their destinations. That summer vacationers may experience refreshment, rest, and renewal. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

MEN – That the people of Risen Christ Lutheran Church may labor not only for food that perishes but for the food that endures to eternal life, and that believing in Jesus, the bread of life, we may be joined together in one Body, built up in the love of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

P Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever.

- 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.

Offering – DURING THE OFFERING: Whether you are a visitor or a member, please turn in a Worship Card so we may know whom the Lord has served with His Word.

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

CHORUS: *Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul*
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes ***CHORUS***

2. You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find ***CHORUS***

3. And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore ***CHORUS***

ENDING: Jesus, I'll worship Your holy name
Lord, I'll worship Your holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name
Jesus, I'll worship Your holy name
I'll worship Your holy name

Benediction

- P** You have been fed with the bread of life. You are maturing into the full stature of the fullness of Christ. You are no longer tossed to and fro and carried by every wind of doctrine. You are being built up into the Body of Christ in love.

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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