



Risen Christ Lutheran Church

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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 – What is your favorite family tradition? Perhaps it is an annual celebration such as Halloween, Thanksgiving, or Christmas. Perhaps it is a more common tradition—an old family recipe or a favorite game. Traditions are passed down from generation to generation. They are often wonderful and meaningful. But sometimes we pass down traditions that are not good for us or the world. The Israelites had passed down traditions related to divorce and giving that were not what God had intended. Jesus rightly criticizes such traditions. Today we consider the most trustworthy tradition that we continually pass from generation to generation: Jesus.

Preservice Music *by Mr. and Mrs. Alan and Eileen Young*

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

- P** In the name of our almighty and merciful God,
- G** **Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King

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.
I was lost in utter darkness 'til You came and rescued me;
I was bound by all my sin when Your love came and set me free;
Now my soul can sing a new song, now my heart has found a home;
Now Your grace is always with me and I'll never be alone.

***CHORUS: Come Thou Fount, come Thou King,
Come Thou precious Prince of Peace;
Hear Your bride, to You we sing;
Come Thou Fount of our blessing***

O 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. ***CHORUS***

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I was bound by all my sin when Your love came and set me free;
Now my soul can sing a new song, now my heart has found a home;
Now Your grace is always with me and I'll never be alone.

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Salutation and Prayer of the Day

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

Almighty and merciful God, You who cleanse us from all sin so that we may rejoice in Your salvation, cleanse Your Church of all false teachings and error. Guide us ever to hold to Your Word of truth in all matters of faith and life, 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 29:11–19

¹¹And the vision of all this has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed. When men give it to one who can read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot, for it is sealed." ¹²And when they give the book to one who cannot read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot read."

¹³And the Lord said:

“Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips,
while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men,
¹⁴therefore, behold, I will again do wonderful things with this people, with wonder upon wonder;
and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish,
and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden.”

¹⁵Ah, you who hide deep from the LORD your counsel, whose deeds are in the dark,
and who say, “Who sees us? Who knows us?”

¹⁶You turn things upside down! Shall the potter be regarded as the clay,
that the thing made should say of its maker, “He did not make me”;
or the thing formed say of him who formed it, “He has no understanding”?

¹⁷Is it not yet a very little while until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field,
and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest?

¹⁸In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book,
and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see.

¹⁹The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD,
and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 14, paraphrased

- I Men:** “There is no God,” the foolish hearts demand.
II Women: *Not one of them does good throughout the land.*
- I Men:** The Lord looks down. Do any understand?
II Women: *Not one of them obeys the Lord’s command.*
- I Men:** They all have turned aside and do no good.
II Women: *They do not know the Lord as they all should.*
- I Men:** They do not call on God as well they could.
II Women: *They shame God’s people as their livelihood.*
- I Men:** But God is with the righteous in their cause,
II Women: *All those who trust in God and heed His laws.*
- I Men:** He is their refuge. All the meek He draws
II Women: *Restoring fortunes, cleansing all their flaws.*
- I Men:** Salvation comes! A Savior! Zion’s choice!
II Women: *Let all God’s people lift their voice! Rejoice!*

Epistle

Ephesians 5:21–33

- L** Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.
II Women: *Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, His body, and is Himself its Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.*

- I Men:** Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her, that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that He might present the church to Himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of His body.
- L** "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. However,
- I Men:** let each one of you love his wife as himself,
- II Women:** *and let the wife see that she respects her husband.*
- L** This is the Word of the Lord. **G Thanks be to God.**

The Power of Your Love

Lord I come to You
 Let my life be changed renewed
 Flowing from the grace that I've found in You
 And Lord I've come to know the weaknesses I see in me
 Will be stripped away by the power of Your love

***CHORUS: Hold me close let Your love surround me
 Bring me near draw me to Your side
 And as I wait I'll rise up like the eagle
 And I will soar with You Your Spirit leads me on
 In the power of Your love***

Lord unveil my eyes
 Let me see You face to face
 The knowledge of Your love as You live in me
 And Lord renew my mind as Your will unfolds in my life
 In living every day by the power of Your love *Chorus 2x*

*And I will soar with You
 Your Spirit leads me on
 In the power of Your love*

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Nicene Creed

- G I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**
- And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;**

**who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.**

**And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.**

**And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

Verse

Jeremiah 15:16a

**Alleluia. Your words were found, and I ate them, and Your words became to me a joy and the
delight of my heart. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Mark 7:1–13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

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

P Now when the Pharisees gathered to [Jesus], with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, they saw that some of His disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. (For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands, holding to the tradition of the elders, and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) And the Pharisees and the scribes asked Him, "Why do Your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" And He said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written,

C **'This people honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me; in vain do they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'**

P You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men." And He said to them, "You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.' But you say,

C **'If a man tells his father or his mother, "Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban"' (that is, given to God) –**

P then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

“The Light and Guidance of God’s Law to His Narrow Path” based on Mark 7:1–13

OUTLINE

1. Whose footprints do you see?
2. Jesus is asked by religious leaders, “Why do your disciples not walk in the traditions of our fathers?” And Jesus responds... (see today’s Gospel reading)
3. Traditions... some are good... but some can lead down a wrong path into an empty religion of works righteousness, walking alone and apart from Jesus, and actually miss serving and loving God and others... Traditions can actually take the place of God.
4. If Jesus rewrote the poem Footprints for these religious leaders, He would point to the fact that there was only one set of footprints in their empty, religious life, and those weren’t God’s footprints. Those set of footprints were only **their** own footprints and on a path with a destination which was not salvation and heaven bound!
5. What would your own version of the Footprints Vision look like to you? What has been your path? Have you always invited Jesus everywhere and in everything you’ve done?
6. – “The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.” *Psalm 19:7,8*
– “Your Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.” *Psalm 119:105*
7. God’s Law not only lights and guides me in the way I need to go, the light and guidance of the Law helps me be able to examine myself.
 - In its light I can see that I have strayed.
 - It shows me that without repentant faith in Jesus I am a totally lost and condemned sinner.
 - All paths of this world and all solo-steps lead to destruction except for the path and steps of repentant faith in Jesus.
 - It shows us where and when we’ve strayed and reminds us that He doesn’t leave us there alone to perish.
 - The light and guidance of His Law leads me right back to the Cross and to Jesus.
8. Through the Holy Spirit I am guided to repent. In this desire and act to turn around I am comforted by the fact that it is God Himself who has not abandoned me but has moved me to turn back to Him. And as I humbly turn back to confess and repent that I have strayed from God’s Will and path for me, it is there that I see Jesus’ single set of footprints as He carries me back to His safety and narrow path... He sets me down on that path again, a path that leads to eternal life... a path of unconditional love and total forgiveness where He walks beside me and picks me up as needed.

"I'll Meet You Where You Are" by Rennie Kaufmann
(Sung as if Jesus was singing and speaking these words to you...)

I know you hurt and I know you cry.
I feel each tear as each year passes by.
Here I am. I've always been.
Just call my name. Please let me in.

***I'll meet you where you are
I'll take you to where I am
You can't mend your aching heart, but I can.
I'll take you as you are.
Just lay your life in my hands.
You can't change you, but I can.***

I've been hurt and oh I've cried.
And with each tear I shed you were on my mind.
So there you are. What will you do?
Just call my name. I will come to you.

***I'll meet you where you are
I'll take you to where I am
You can't mend your aching heart, but I can.
I'll take you as you are.
Just lay your life in my hands.
You can't change you, but I can.***

I know it's hard to see eternity when you can't see past today.
When you're through with tryin' let me show you the way.

***I'll meet you where you are
I'll take you to where I am
You can't mend your aching heart, but I can.
I'll take you as you are.
Just lay your life in my hands.
You can't change you, but I can.***

Confession and Absolution

P Let us draw near to God with repentance and faith, trusting His promise to draw near to us with forgiveness and life.

Gracious Father, You gather us together in Your family through faith in Jesus Christ.

C **We are Your children, Father, brothers and sisters in Christ.**

P Yet by our fallen sinful nature and by our own disobedience, we have in word and actions turned away from You, our loving God, and turned our backs on our fellow members.

C **Forgive us, Father, for Jesus, our Brother, has paid for our sins.**

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- P** Gracious Father, You gather us together in families as mothers, fathers, sons, and daughters.
- C** **You have placed us in our families to be loved and cared for and to love and care for one another.**
- P** Yet by our fallen sinful nature and by our own disobedience, we have in word and actions failed to love our own family members as You have loved us.
- C** **Forgive us, Father, for Jesus, our Brother, has paid for our sins.**
- P** Children of God, loved by the Lord, Jesus Christ has indeed taken Your sins to the cross and paid for every one. By His resurrection from the dead He raises you from death in your sins to life in His forgiveness. By the power of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, your sins are forgiven. God strengthen you in His love and forgiveness that you may share those blessings in your family and in the family of God.
- C** **Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

- P** O Lord, turn us away from the foolish traditions of men that say there is no God.
- C** **We are Your children, Lord. We believe and trust in You.**
- P** O Lord, turn us away from following the corrupt and evil ways of the world.
- C** **We call on You, Lord, to strengthen our faith and our resolve to follow You.**
- P** O Lord, turn our hearts to You. Draw us near in Your love and forgiveness.
- C** **Draw us near to one another in our families and in Your Church.**
- P** O Lord, turn our hearts to the needs of the poor and needy who long for relief.
- C** **Save them, O Lord, from hopelessness and shame, for You are our refuge.**
- P** O Lord, look with kindness on the people of every land. Bless them with peace.
- C** **Dispel every terror, Lord, and let Your salvation go out into all the world.**
- P** O Lord, give healing to the sick, comfort to the distressed, and hope to all who are discouraged.
- C** **Lift us up, O Lord, with Your eternal promises and Your present help in every trouble.**
- P** O Lord, we rejoice in Your salvation. Your every blessing makes us glad.
- C** **We bring our offerings, O Lord, in thankfulness to you. We give our lives in loving service.**
- P** O Lord, give us sincerely repentant and joyful hearts as we come to Your Communion Table.
- C** **Fill us, Lord Jesus, with Your body and blood, Your forgiveness, and Your strength to turn away from sin and live our lives for You.**
- P** O Lord, we thank You for hearing our prayers.
- C** **Grant us all things, O Lord, according to Your steadfast love for us. 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

Based on Psalm 106; 1 Timothy 1:15

- P** Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, **C** **for His steadfast love endures forever!**
- P** Who can utter Your mighty deeds, O Lord? **C** **Who can declare all of Your praise?**
- P** We, like our fathers, have sinned against You.
- C** **We have committed iniquity; we have done wickedness.**
- P** Yet You saved us for Your name's sake;
- C** **You made known Your might power.**
- P** We have become unclean by our acts.
- C** **Yet You have delivered us by Your great mercy.**
- P** Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us as Your people.
- C** **We give thanks to Your holy name and glory in Your praise.**
- P** The saying is trustworthy and deserving full acceptance.
- C** **Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.**
- P** Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,
- C** **for His steadfast love endures forever! 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 † 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 † 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 † Lord be with you always.
- C** **Amen.**

Distribution

Chief of Sinners Though I Be



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His
 2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the
 3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the
 4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in
 5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford By Your Spir - it



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
 heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,
 wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,
 all to me; All my wants to Him are known,
 and Your Word! When my way - ward heart would stray,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
 Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—
 Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to
 All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the
 Keep me in the nar - row way; Grace in time of



to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
 won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.
 walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.
 hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.
 need sup - ply While I live and when I die.

Lamb of God

Your only Son, no sin to hide
 But You have sent Him from Your side
 To walk upon this guilty sod
 And to become the Lamb of God

Your gift of Love they crucified
 They laughed and scorned him as He died
 The humble King they named a fraud
 And sacrificed the Lamb of God

CHORUS: Oh Lamb of God, Sweet Lamb of God

I love the Holy Lamb of God

Oh wash me in His precious Blood

My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God

I was so lost I should have died
 But You have brought me to Your side
 To be led by Your staff and rod
 And to be called a lamb of God ***CHORUS***

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

- P** O God the Father, fountain and source of all that is good,
C **in loving kindness You sent Your only Son to share in our humanity.**
P We thank You that, by all that He accomplished for our salvation, and by the giving of His body and blood to us in this Sacrament,
C **You have given us pardon for our sins and peace in Your forgiveness.**
P O Lord, our God, You will never forsake Your children who trust in You.
C **We look to You to graciously rule in our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit.**
P Enable us by a steadfast faith always to serve You in love and joy,
C **through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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.

Shout to the Lord

My Jesus, my Saviour
Lord there is none like You
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love
My comfort, my shelter
Tower of refuge and strength
Let ev'ry breath, all that I am
Never cease to worship You

***Shout to the Lord, all the Earth, let us sing
Power and majesty, praise to the King
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand
Nothing compares
to the promise I have in You***

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Benediction

- P** The Lord bless and keep you.
The Lord shine upon you.
C **Graciously bless us with love's increase.**
P The Lord smile upon you,
Favor each morning new.
C **Lord, bless our lives with Your true peace. Amen.**

Post-service Music by Mrs. Eileen Young

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