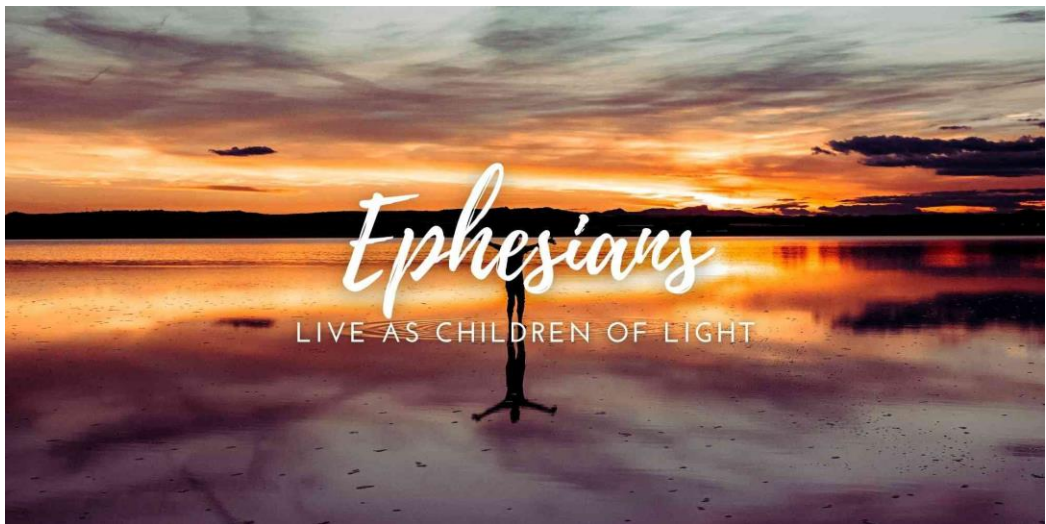




Risen Christ Lutheran Church

11th Sunday after Pentecost

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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 – As we live out each day, we reflect on our faith in our words and actions. Each of us is an example of the Christian life as we struggle to live in forgiving love toward one another, and also as we continue to trust in the forgiveness Christ won for us. In today’s Old Testament Reading, Elijah almost gives up, but he is strengthened with miraculous food. Then in the Epistle, Paul provides a list of what our life in Christ should look like because of our new birth in Baptism. In the Gospel, Jesus spells out the connection between receiving His body and blood in the Lord’s Supper and living in hope each day. He is the bread of life from heaven, who enables each of us to discard our old ways, live in the new life of God’s forgiving love, and adorn ourselves with gladness.

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

Invocation

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

G Amen.

Opening Sentences

Psalm 34:4-5

- 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** Let us then go to God, confessing our sins, confident of His grace and mercy.

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 power 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!

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Gracious Father, Your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world.

C **Help us each day to put away our old nature and walk in love, as Christ has loved us,**

P through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 19:1–8

L At times we fall into our old ways, fearful of many things, not unlike Elijah. But God provided miraculous nourishment for the prophet then, even as He gives us Christ's body and blood in His Supper.

The Old Testament Reading is from 1 Kings, chapter 19:

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there. But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying,

C **"It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers."**

L And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him,

P "Arise and eat."

L And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again. And the angel of the Lord came again a second time and touched him and said,

P "Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you."

L And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.

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

Gradual

Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.

L Fear the Lord, you His saints, **C** **for those who fear Him lack nothing!**

L Many are the afflictions of the righteous, **C** **but the Lord delivers him out of them all.**

Epistle

Ephesians 4:17—5:2

¹⁷Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. ¹⁸They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. ¹⁹They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. ²⁰But that is not the way you learned Christ!— ²¹assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus,

²²Put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires,

²³and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

²⁵Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. ²⁶Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and give no opportunity to the devil. ²⁸Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. ²⁹Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³²Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

¹Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ²And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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

Nicene Creed

C 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

John 6:51a, b

- P** Alleluia. I am the living bread that came down from heaven.
C **If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

John 6:35–51

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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. ³⁶But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. ³⁷All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. ³⁸For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

⁴¹So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴²They said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" ⁴³Jesus answered them, "Do not grumble among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the Prophets, 'And they will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me— ⁴⁶not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

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

Give Us Clean Hands

We bow our hearts we bend our knees
Oh Spirit come make us humble
We turn our eyes from evil things
Oh Lord we cast down our idols

***CHORUS: Give us clean hands give us pure hearts
Let us not lift our souls to another
Give us clean hands give us pure hearts
Let us not lift our souls to another
And oh God let us be a generation that seeks
That seeks Your face oh God of Jacob
And oh God let us be a generation that seeks
That seeks Your face oh God of Jacob***

“Believers are Called to Imitate God” *based on Ephesians 4:17—5:2*

1. We are Called to do the extraordinary! This is our Baptismal Calling, to love as God loves... to make it your end goal, to endeavor and struggle through your life to be LIKE God.
2. Ephesians 4:17-19
3. It is a good and effective prayer to pray, “Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner. Please, make me be like you.” This prayer aligns with God’s desire and command. God honours this prayer.
4. Ephesians 4:20-23
5. When you doubt your salvation and His promises, recognize that it is God Himself who is making you aware of the need to consistently turn to Him. It is the Holy Spirit Himself who grants you repentance through His own working inside of you through His Holy Word. There is evidence God is working in and through you – you see your need for daily repentance and you are now able to share His truth with others!
6. Ephesians 4:25-29
7. Ephesians 4:30-32
8. Ephesians 5:1,2

Confession and Absolution

P Lord God Almighty,

C **we confess that there are times when we have forgotten the hope that is within us. As Elijah feared and fled the forces of Jezebel, so we fear the evil around us. Although incapable of saving ourselves, we attempt to find peace and protection through our own efforts. Assure us of the new life You have given us, made certain in our Baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ.**

P Lord Jesus Christ,

C **we confess that in our daily struggles we often lose awareness of Your presence. We neglect to be faithful in our worship; we fail to recognize the forgiveness, life, and salvation that Your body and blood provide. Renew in us a desire to hear and take to heart Your promise of eternal life.**

P O Holy Spirit,

C **we confess that we fail to exhibit the new life, too often falling back into the old ways we thought we had put behind us. Strengthen us through the Word to see clearly the opportunities You provide to pass on the forgiveness we ourselves have received.**

- P** Our gracious heavenly Father sent His Son to give His life as the sacrifice for our sins. Our Lord Jesus is the bread of life from heaven, coming in the Lord's Supper to assure us of salvation until we join Him in eternity. The Holy Spirit uses Word and Sacrament to nurture our faith as we live out the new life God provides. 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.**

Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us go to our heavenly Father, asking His blessings on the Church around the world, for all people in their various circumstances, and for ourselves.

For the Church, gathered around Word and Sacrament, the visible sign of God's grace and mercy, that clergy and lay leaders be single-minded in the apostolic mission, promote the unity we have in the one Body of Christ, and reflect the inviting love of God in word and deed, let us pray to the Lord.

- C Lord, have mercy.**

MEN – For all our brothers and sisters in Christ, that God would use Word and Sacrament to remind them of their Baptism, assure them of sins forgiven, and move them to daily acts of care and compassion that reflect His boundless love for us, let us pray to the Lord.

- C Lord, have mercy.**

WOMEN – For national leaders and public servants at all levels of government, that God give them wisdom to promote justice and the common good for all their citizens and guidance as they seek peace across their borders, let us pray to the Lord.

- C Lord, have mercy.**

MEN – For armed forces deployed abroad, defending freedom, and for police, fire, and emergency personnel, responding to human and natural crises, that God protect and guide them as they go in harm's way, let us pray to the Lord.

- C Lord, have mercy.**

WOMEN – For those who fish and farm, who develop and produce, who transport and build, that God would use their efforts to be blessings for all, providing food for the hungry and housing for the homeless, let us pray to the Lord.

- C Lord, have mercy.**

MEN – For our congregation, that the Holy Spirit would nurture us as we seek to care for one another in all aspects of our life together, open our eyes to opportunities to share the Gospel with our neighbors through word and deed, and strengthen us to live faithfully when apart from one another, let us pray to the Lord.

- C Lord, have mercy.**

P Heavenly Father, grant these requests and answer them in grace for the sake of Your Son, the bread from heaven, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

- 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** God of grace and mercy, we give thanks that You have not left us in our fallen nature but have sent us Your Son, by whose sacrifice we might have eternal life. Grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruit of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. Help us also to live out that new life each day until we see You face-to-face.

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

New Wine

In the crushing in the pressing
You are making new wine
In the soil I now surrender
You are breaking new ground
(You are breaking new ground)
So I yield to You and to Your careful hand
When I trust You I don't need to understand

***CHORUS: (So) Make me Your vessel
Make me an offering
Make me whatever You want me to be
(God) I came here with nothing
But all You have given me
Jesus bring new wine out of me***

Tag

Jesus bring new wine out of me
Jesus bring new wine out of me

BRIDGE: 'Cause where there is new wine
There is new power
There is new freedom
And the kingdom is here
I lay down my old flames
To carry Your new fire today

I Am the Bread of Life

I am the bread of life
He who comes to me shall not hunger
He who believes in me shall not thirst
No one can come to me
Unless the father beckons

***CHORUS: And I will raise him up
And I will raise him up
And I will raise him up
On the last day.***

The bread that I will give
Is my flesh for the life of the world
And if you eat of this bread
You shall live forever
You shall live forever ***CHORUS***

Unless you eat
Of the flesh of the Son of Man
And drink of his blood,
And drink of his blood,
You shall not have life within you. ***CHORUS***

I am the resurrection, I am the life
If you believe in me
Even though you die
You shall live forever. ***CHORUS***

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

- P** Gracious God, our heavenly Father, in this Sacrament Your Holy Spirit has again assured us of the forgiveness of sins and strengthened our faith for the road ahead. Accompany us, we pray, that we walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, until that day when faith gives way to sight and the new life You have given extends into all eternity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** 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.

In Christ Alone

1. In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

2. In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied -
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

3. There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine -
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand:
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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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.

C Amen.

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

Postlude Music by Mrs. Eileen Young

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