



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 – The Christian life is one of humble service. Throughout His earthly ministry, Jesus spoke to the truth that His followers are called not to be served but to be servants. Although servanthood may objectively seem attractive to us, the reality of daily service is frequently far more challenging. Scripture points to the persecution of the prophets and the humiliation and betrayal of Jesus as examples of the cost of servanthood. The simple prayer “Make me a servant, Lord” is one for each Christian to repeat daily.

Pre-service Music

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

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

“King of Kings”

1. In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

***CHORUS: Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory
Majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings***

2. To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died ***CHORUS***

3. And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

4. And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me ***CHORUS***

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Lord Have Mercy

1. Jesus I've forgotten
the words that You have spoken
Promises that burned within my heart
have now grown dim
With a doubting heart I follow
the paths of earthly wisdom
Forgive me for my unbelief
Renew the fire again

2. I have built an altar
where I've worshiped things of man
I have taken journeys
that have drawn me far from You
Now I am returning to Your mercies ever flowing
Pardon my transgressions
Help me love You again

Lord have mercy Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy on me

Lord have mercy Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy on me

I have longed to know You and all Your tender mercies
Like a river of forgiveness ever flowing without end
So I bow my heart before You in the goodness of Your presence
Your grace forever shining
Like a beacon in the night

Lord have mercy Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy on me

Lord have mercy Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy on me

ENDING: Lord have mercy Lord have mercy on us 4x

Confession and Absolution

- P** Let us humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him, and ask His gracious forgiveness.
- C** **We now confess to God almighty, before the whole company of heaven and before one another, that we are sinful human beings by nature and by deed. We have not always put God first. We have used His holy name in ways that do not honor Him. We have been careless in our devotion and have not always honored those set in authority over us. We have done violence to others in word and deed and have not always kept our thoughts, words, and deeds pure and honorable. We have taken what is not ours and have spoken that which is not helpful or true. We have wished for that which is not rightfully ours and have not put the best construction on all things and on all people. We pray God to have mercy on us, to forgive us all our sins, and to bring us to everlasting life. Amen.**
- P** The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. 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.**

Introit

Ps. 37:5–7; antiphon: Ps. 37:4

- P** Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.
- C** **Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.**
- P** He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday.
- C** **Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!**
- P** Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

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

O God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness, grant us humility and childlike faith that we may please You in both will and deed; 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 (Our Sermon Text Today)

Jeremiah 11:18–20

¹⁸The LORD made it known to me and I knew; then you showed me their deeds.
¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter.
I did not know it was against me they devised schemes, saying,
"Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living,
that his name be remembered no more."
²⁰But, O LORD of hosts, who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind,
let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause.

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

Psalm 54

- L** O God, save me, by Your name, and vindicate me by Your might.
- I** Women: O God, hear my prayer; give ear to the words of my mouth.
- II** Men: For strangers have risen against me; ruthless men seek my life; they do not set God before themselves.
- I** Women: Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life.
- II** Men: He will return the evil to my enemies; in Your faithfulness put an end to them.
- I** Women: With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to You; I will give thanks to Your name, O Lord, for it is good.
- II** Men: For He has delivered me from every trouble, and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.

Epistle

James 3:13—4:10

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. ¹⁵This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice.

¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

¹What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? ²You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. ⁴You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

⁵Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? ⁶But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

⁸Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

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

The Potter's Hand

Beautiful Lord, Wonderful Saviour,
I know for sure, all of my days are held in Your hand,
Crafted into Your perfect plan.
You gently call me into Your presence, guiding me by Your Holy Spirit.
Teach me dear Lord to live all of my life through Your eyes.
I'm captured by Your holy calling,
Set me apart, I know You're drawing me to Yourself
Lead me Lord I pray.

***CHORUS: Take me, mold me, use me, fill me,
I give my life to the Potter's hand.
Call me, guide me, lead me, walk beside me
I give my life to the Potter's hand.***

You gently call me into Your presence, guiding me by Your Holy Spirit,
Teach me dear Lord to live all of my life through Your eyes.
I'm captured by Your holy calling,
Set me apart, I know You're drawing me to Yourself
Lead me, Lord I pray. ***CHORUS***

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Verse

Mark 9:35b

Alleluia. If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 9:30–37

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

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

L *[The disciples] went on from there and passed through Galilee. And [Jesus] did not want anyone to know, for He was teaching His disciples, saying to them,*

P "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And when He is killed, after three days He will rise."

L *But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask Him. And they came to Capernaum. And when He was in the house He asked them,*

P "What were you discussing on the way?"

L *But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. And He sat down and called the twelve. And He said to them,*

P "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all."

L *And He took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in His arms, He said to them,*

P "Whoever receives one such child in My name receives Me, and whoever receives Me, receives not Me but Him who sent Me."

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

"Our Blindsides Need Covering!" OUTLINE

1. Our blindsides... we all need help covering those.
2. Jeremiah... and his blindside. Blindsides can be devastating and deadly.
3. Why are blindsides a thing we all suffer from at times? (Sin... passed down from the Fall)
4. God has never said, "I didn't see that coming!" He can't be blindsided.
 - He sees what none of us can see about ourselves, others, and circumstances
 - He knows the dangers laying before us
 - He knows us better than we know ourselves
 - He knows our blindsides and that is why He sent us His Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to redeem us from the consequences of our sin and blindsides.

Prayer of the Church

P Remembering Your love and care of old, we come to You now, O Lord, for these people here assembled and for all people as they have need.

MEN – Great and mighty Lord, as You have always been the refuge of Your people and their protector in time of trouble, so be our refuge and defender now, that we may not be overcome with fears but trust in Your power to save us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

WOMEN – Great and mighty Lord, guide us to seek greatness through the path of service and to raise up the children by our love, protection, and care. We pray especially for the unborn and for the protection and defense of the cause of life against all enemies. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

MEN – Great and mighty Lord, bless Your Church and protect her by Your power against any and all enemies and errors. Give to all pastors, teachers, missionaries, and church workers every grace of Your Spirit that they may fulfill Your bidding and faithfully do the work You have assigned them. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

WOMEN – Great and mighty Lord, bring peace where war, violence, and oppression afflict Your people. Raise up good and honest leaders who will act with justice and integrity, seeking the common good against all threats and dangers. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

MEN – Great and mighty Lord, You look with compassion on all Your people, but especially do we plead on behalf of the sick, the suffering, the grieving, and the dying, that in their need You may supply sufficient grace for them, healing and relief according to Your will, and peace that passes all understanding. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P These and whatsoever things we should ask, we pray to You in the name of Jesus, that we may rejoice in all good things and be kept from every evil. Into Your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who taught us to pray:

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.**

STAY FOR PICNIC, ANNUAL CAR-SHOW, CONCERT, GAMES, AND FELLOWSHIP!!!

Living Hope

1. How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope
2. Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope **CHORUS**

***CHORUS: Hallelujah
praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope***

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
(REPEAT)
Jesus Yours is the victory whoa **CHORUS**

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