



# Risen Christ Lutheran Church

21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

October 17, 2021 9:30am

**JESUS LOOKED AT THEM  
AND SAID, WITH MEN IT IS  
IMPOSSIBLE, BUT NOT  
WITH GOD; FOR WITH GOD  
ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE.**

**MARK 10:27**

*Rev. Rennie Kaufmann – Pastor      Eileen Young – Music Leader      Karen Kaufmann – Administrator*  
*Miss Esther Kaufmann – Youth Ministries and Worship Arts Assistant*  
*Risen Christ Lutheran Church*  
*46250 Ann Arbor Road Plymouth, MI 48170*  
*734.453.5252 [www.risenchrist.info](http://www.risenchrist.info)*

**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](http://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**

Our Creator has woven the gift of rest into the fabric of His creation. If God Himself enjoyed His day of rest, His Sabbath, shouldn’t we? Rest isn’t a good work that we do to please God. Rest is the absence of our work; it’s receiving the grace that is offered to us through Christ’s work on the cross of Good Friday and the empty tomb of Easter. Today our gracious Father invites us to enter into His rest, His Sabbath, sharing in the benefits of what His Son has done. Jesus has already done the work—savor it! Rest in His presence as He serves you with His living and active.

## **Pre-service Music**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Invocation and Opening Sentences**

*Hebrews 4:9–10*

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

**C** Amen.

**P** There remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God,

**C** **for whoever has entered God’s rest has also rested from his works as God did from His.**

## Confession and Absolution

Matthew 11:28

- P** Today our Father invites us to enter into His presence and experience the gift of His rest. Let us come before Him in repentance and faith.

*(Silence for meditation upon God's Word and our need for Christ's forgiveness.)*

- P** Holy God, merciful Father,

**C** **too often we pull away from the peace You promise to Your children. Forgive us for the ways in which our thoughts, our words, and our actions go against Your will for our lives. For our neglect of You and Your gift of grace, we ask for mercy. In the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, whose work on the cross has secured our place in Your kingdom, renew us and lead us that we may rest in Your presence. Amen.**

- P** Jesus says, "Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Receive the rest for your souls that only Jesus' work has secured. As your pastor, I announce God's saving grace to you and, in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Amazing Grace



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That  
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and  
have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me  
mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall  
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found, Was blind but now I see!  
por - tion be As long as life en - dures.  
safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.  
then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.  
sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

## Introit

Psalm 34:1–4, 17; antiphon: v. 18

- P** The Lord is near to the brokenhearted **C** and saves the crushed in spirit.  
**P** I will bless the Lord at all times; **C** His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

- P** My soul makes its boast in the Lord;      **C** **let the humble hear and be glad.**
- P** Oh, magnify the Lord with me,      **C** **and let us exalt His name together!**
- P** I sought the Lord, and He answered me      **C** **and delivered me from all my fears.**
- P** When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears      **C** **and delivers them out of all their troubles.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.**

## Salutation and Prayer of the Day

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

O God, our Creator, You set in order all things in heaven and on earth for the benefit of Your children. Grant that we rest from our labors and receive the peace Your Son has given; 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

*Ecclesiastes 5:10–20*

<sup>10</sup>He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. <sup>11</sup>When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes? <sup>12</sup>Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep.

<sup>13</sup>There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, <sup>14</sup>and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand. <sup>15</sup>As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand. <sup>16</sup>This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind? <sup>17</sup>Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger.

<sup>18</sup>Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot.

<sup>19</sup>Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God. <sup>20</sup>For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.

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

## Psalm

*Psalm 119:9–16*

- L** How can a young man keep his way pure?      **C** **By guarding it according to Your word.**
- L** With my whole heart I seek You;      **C** **let me not wander from Your commandments!**
- L** I have stored up Your word in my heart,      **C** **that I might not sin against You.**

- L** Blessed are You, O Lord; **C** **teach me Your statutes!**
- L** With my lips I declare **C** **all the just decrees of Your mouth.**
- L** In the way of Your testimonies I delight **C** **as much as in all riches.**
- L** I will meditate on Your precepts **C** **and fix my eyes on Your ways.**
- L** I will delight in Your statutes; **C** **I will not forget Your word.**

## Epistle

*Hebrews 4:1–16*

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. <sup>2</sup>For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. <sup>3</sup>For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said,

“As I swore in my wrath, ‘They shall not enter my rest,’”  
 although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. <sup>4</sup>For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.” <sup>5</sup>And again in this passage he said,

“They shall not enter my rest.”

<sup>6</sup>Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, <sup>7</sup>again he appoints a certain day, “Today,” saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted,

“Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.”

<sup>8</sup>For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. <sup>9</sup>So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, <sup>10</sup>for whoever has entered God’s rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

<sup>11</sup>Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience.

<sup>12</sup>For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

<sup>14</sup>Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

CCLI Song # 30639  
 Eleanor Henrietta Hull | Mary Elizabeth Byrne  
 © Words: Public Domain  
 Music: Public Domain

For use solely with the SongSelect® Terms of Use. All rights reserved. www.ccli.com

CCLI License # 140952  
 Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series B, Quarter 4. Copyright © 2018 Concordia Publishing House.  
 All rights reserved. Used by permission.

### **Acknowledgments**

Unless otherwise indicated, all scripture quotations are from *The Holy Bible, English Standard Version*, copyright © 2001 by Crossway Bibles, a division of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved.  
 Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2006 Concordia Publishing House.

## Seek Ye First



1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God, And His  
2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you, Seek and  
3 Man does not live by bread a - lone, But by



right - teous - ness. And all these things shall be  
ye shall find, Knock and the door shall be  
ev - 'ry word That pro - ceeds from the



add - ed un - to you! Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!  
o - pened un - to you, Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!  
mouth of the Lord, Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

Text and tune: © 1972 Maranatha! Music, admin. EMI. Used by permission: Risen Christ Lutheran Church no. 10002690

## Verse

Mark 10:27b

- P** Alleluia. With man it is impossible, but not with God.
- C** **For all things are possible with God. Alleluia.**

## Holy Gospel

Mark 10:23–31

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

<sup>23</sup> Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!"

<sup>24</sup> And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." <sup>26</sup> And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, "Then who can be saved?" <sup>27</sup> Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God." <sup>28</sup> Peter began to say to him, "See, we have left everything and followed you."

<sup>29</sup> Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

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

## Sermon

## As The Deer

1. As the deer panteth for the water  
So my soul longeth after Thee  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship Thee

***CHORUS: You alone are my strength my shield  
To You alone may my spirit yield  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship Thee***

2. You're my friend and You are my brother  
Even though You are a King  
I love You more than any other  
So much more than anything ***CHORUS***

3. I want You more than gold or silver  
Only You can satisfy  
You alone are the real joygiver  
And the apple of my eye ***CHORUS***

CCU Song # 1431  
Martin Nystrom  
© 1984 Universal Music - Brentwood Benson Publishing (Admin. by Brentwood-Benson Music Publishing, Inc.)  
For use solely with the SongSelect® Terms of Use. All rights reserved. www.ccli.com  
CCU License # 140952

## Catechism – *The Third Article of the Apostles' Creed*

**C** 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?*

**C** 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** *Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.*

For the advancement of Christ's kingdom, that we be strong in the Lord and strive to enter into His rest and share this rest with others, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord of the Sabbath, let us rest in You.**

**MEN** – For all those who are clothed in Christ by Holy Baptism, that joined to our Savior and to one another we show forth the goodness of the Gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord of the Sabbath, let us rest in You.**

**WOMEN** – For all pastors, teachers, musicians, missionaries, and other servants of the Church, that their work be a reflection of Christ, whose work enables us to have peace and joy, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord of the Sabbath, let us rest in You.**

**MEN** – For all who serve in positions of leadership in our government, along with those who wear the uniform of our country, that our Savior, upon whose shoulders the government rests, grant them wisdom, comfort, and satisfaction in their labors, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord of the Sabbath, let us rest in You.**

**WOMEN** – For all who are broken in body, mind, and spirit, that the Lord would bind up their wounds and grant them full healing and restoration, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord of the Sabbath, let us rest in You.**

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy and grace, for the sake of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, 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.**

### **Be Thou My Vision**

1. Be Thou my vision  
O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me  
Save that Thou art  
Thou my best thought  
By day or by night  
Waking or sleeping  
Thy presence my light

2. Be Thou my wisdom  
Be Thou my true Word  
I ever with Thee  
And Thou with me Lord  
Thou my great Father  
I Thy true son  
Thou in me dwelling  
And I with Thee one

3. Be Thou my shield  
And my sword for the fight  
Be Thou my dignity  
Be Thou my might  
Thou my soul's shelter  
And Thou my high tow'r  
Raise Thou me heav'nward  
O pow'r of my pow'r

4. Riches I heed not  
Nor man's empty praise  
Thou mine inheritance  
Now and always  
Thou and Thou only  
Be first in my heart  
High King of heaven  
My treasure Thou art

5. High King of heaven  
When vict'ry is won  
May I reach heaven's joys  
O bright heaven's Sun  
Heart of my own heart  
Whatever befall  
Still be my vision  
O Ruler of all

### **Benediction**

*Hebrews 4:9–10*

**P** There remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God,

**C** **for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from His.**

**P** in His presence, we continue our day and begin our week with His blessing:

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.**