



# Risen Christ Lutheran Church

## Reformation Sunday

October 31, 2021 9:30am



*"Unless I am convinced by the testimony of the Holy Scriptures or by evident reason-for I can believe neither pope nor councils alone, as it is clear that they have erred repeatedly and contradicted themselves-I consider myself convicted by the testimony of Holy Scripture, which is my basis; my conscience is captive to the Word of God. Thus I cannot and will not recant, because acting against one's conscience is neither safe nor sound. God help me. Amen." – Martin Luther's words spoken in 1521*

**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** – Jesus calls us to abide in His Word. To abide means to dwell or be at home. Are you at home in Jesus’ Word? Is it the place where you long to be? Jesus’ Word is the only place in all the world where we can find the absolute guarantee of sins forgiven, hope restored, and new life granted as children of God the Father. Today, Jesus mercifully calls us to come to Him, confess our sins, and be filled with His pardon and peace. He will renew us by His Word, strengthen us at His Table, and send us forth with His blessing to proclaim to all creation: “So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed” (John 8:36).

**About Our Guest Preacher Today** – Hesham grew up in a world of bitter animosity between Muslims and Christians, which he experienced personally in a physical attack when only about 7. By age 13 he was recruited by an extremist Muslim group and later fought against Christians in the 1975 war in Lebanon. He was preparing to become a Muslim Preacher (Imam) when a car accident laid him up for a year. In 1980, in his first semester in college, his brother was killed by Christian militia. Hicham's response was to study by day, and by night take out his revenge in attacks on Christians. However, hearing the Sermon on the Mount, in a course of cultural studies (in college), brought him to faith. Later, Hicham earned an M.A. in the history of the Arabs and did Ph.D studies in the history of Islam. Hicham finished his pastoral education at Concordia, Fort Wayne, IN, and is currently in the Ph. D program there. Hicham is ordained as an LCMS minister and is pastor of Salam Christian Fellowship. He also works as a missionary to the Muslims.

**Pre-service Music**

## Welcome and Announcements

### Invocation and Opening Sentences

John 8:31–32

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

**P** Jesus said, "If you abide in My word, **C** you are truly My disciples,

**P** and you will know the truth, **C** and the truth will set you free."

### A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A sword and shield vic -  
2 No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, re -  
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land All threat'ning to de -  
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, No thanks to foes, who



to - rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And wins sal -  
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom God Him -  
mour us, We trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They can - not  
fear it; For God Him - self fights by our side With weap - ons



va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe Has sworn to  
self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be? The Lord of  
o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage; In bat - tle  
of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house, Goods, hon - or,



work us woe. With craft and dread - ful might He  
hosts is He, Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord, God's  
we'll en - gage. His might is doomed to fail; God's  
child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way, They



arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.  
on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
can - not win the day. The King - dom's ours for - ev - er!

## Confession and Absolution

John 8:36

**P** With humble hearts, let us approach our Father's throne of grace.

*Silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Savior*

**P** Together, we pray:

**C** **Gracious Father, because our entire lives are to be ones of repentance, we bow before You and confess our sins. We have turned away from the truth of Your Word, choosing to go our own way. By what we have thought, by what we have done, and by what we have failed to do, we have broken Your commands and are deserving of Your wrath and punishment. By the mercy of Christ, Your Son, set us free from our captivity. Enable us by Your Holy Spirit to live under You in Your kingdom and to serve You in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Amen.**

**P** Just as Christ is risen from the dead, He lives and reigns to all eternity! It is most certainly true that He died and rose again for you to make you right with God, to adopt you as children of the heavenly Father, and to set you free from sin and death. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** "So if the Son sets you free, **C** **you will be free indeed!**"

## Introit

*Psalm 34:1–2, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46*

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]  
**and shall not be put to shame.**

I will bless the LORD at all times;  
**his praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

My soul makes its boast in the LORD;  
**let the humble hear and be glad.**

Come, O children, listen to me;  
**I will teach you the fear of the LORD.**

The LORD redeems the life of his servants;  
**none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.**  
**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.**

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]  
**and shall not be put to shame.**

## Salutation and Prayer of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people.

**C** **Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth,**

**P** protect and deliver us in times of temptation,

**C** **defend us against all enemies,**

**P** and, through the abiding Word of Your Son,

**C** **set us free from our sin that we may know Your saving peace;**

**P** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** **Amen.**

## First Reading

*Revelation 14:6–7*

<sup>6</sup>Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. <sup>7</sup>And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

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

## Psalm

*Psalms 46; antiphon: v. 7*

**C** **The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

**P** God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**C** **Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**

**P** though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

**C** **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

**P** God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.

**C** **The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; He utters His voice, the earth melts.  
The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

**P** Come, behold the works of the LORD, how He has brought desolations on the earth.

**C** **He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; He burns the chariots with fire.**

**P** "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

**C** **The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

## Epistle

*Romans 3:19–28*

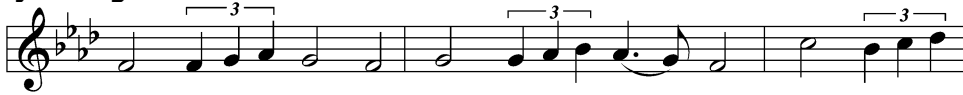
<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup>It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

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

### Thy Strong Word



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy  
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as  
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed  
 night and deep as death, Broke the light of  
 Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we



light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.  
 Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.  
 press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to



Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

### Verse

Luke 12:32

**P** Alleluia. Fear not, little flock,

**C** for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Alleluia.

# Holy Gospel

John 8:31–36

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter. **G** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." <sup>33</sup>They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free?'"

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

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

## Thy Strong Word



4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth  
5 Give us lips to sing Thy glo - ry, Tongues Thy  
△ 6 God the Fa - ther, light - cre - a - tor, To Thee



forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -  
mer - cy to pro - claim, Throats that shout the  
laud and hon - or be. To Thee, Light of



ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.  
hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy ho - ly name.  
Light be - got - ten, Praise be sung e - ter - nal - ly.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! May the  
Ho - ly Spir - it, light - re - veal - er, Glo - ry,



Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
light which Thou dost send Fill our songs with  
glo - ry be to Thee. Mor - tals, an - gels,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
al - le - lu - ias, Al - le - lu - ias with - out end!  
now and ev - er Praise the ho - ly Trin - i - ty!

*Sermon by Rev. Hesham Shehab, LC-MS Pastor and Missionary in Illinois (see Bio on page 2)*

## **Special Offering for Missionary Work through Salam Lutheran Church**

*(see enclosed envelope in your bulletin place in plate as you leave)*

### **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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

### **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.

Lord Jesus, You have freed us from the captivity to sin and death, from the delusion of trying to earn and maintain our own righteousness, and from the chains of condemnation and fear. That is why we rejoice in Your Word: If the Son sets you free,

**C you will be free indeed!**

**MEN** – Lord Jesus, only Your mercy and grace enable us to know, find, and live in the freedom of Your eternal Gospel. Send Your Spirit upon Your Church that we continue in the truths of the Reformation, and that, to all the peoples of the world, we proclaim this truth: If the Son sets you free,

**C you will be free indeed!**

**WOMEN** – Lord Jesus, free us from self-centeredness and pride. Turn our focus toward You first in faith and then toward others in love. Bless all who serve You and others in their homes, in the church, in the workplace, and in our community to rejoice in knowing that if the Son sets you free,

**C you will be free indeed!**

**ALL** – Lord Jesus, You proclaim freedom for the captives and recovery for those with infirmities. Grant Your healing, in both soul and body, to those we name before You (quietly to ourselves). Rejoicing in Your healing touch, grant that all who receive Your Good News boldly say: If the Son sets you free,

**C you will be free indeed!**

**MEN** – Lord Jesus, for these and all other concerns we have, please hear and answer our prayers according to Your gracious will

**C** that we live each day in the freedom we have come to know. 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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## Proper Preface

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, for the Good News of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, which is being proclaimed in all the world and has been revealed to us also. On this day He overcame Satan, sin, and death that we may be made righteous in Your sight by grace through faith in Christ alone. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With joyful hearts, we receive the truth that sets us free.

We are free to know You, free to worship You, and free to abide in Your Word!

Gather us together from every nation, tribe, language, and people to celebrate at the Table of our crucified and risen Savior and receive Him as He comes to us in His body and blood. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## The 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  $\text{†}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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  $\text{†}$  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.**

## Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C Amen.**

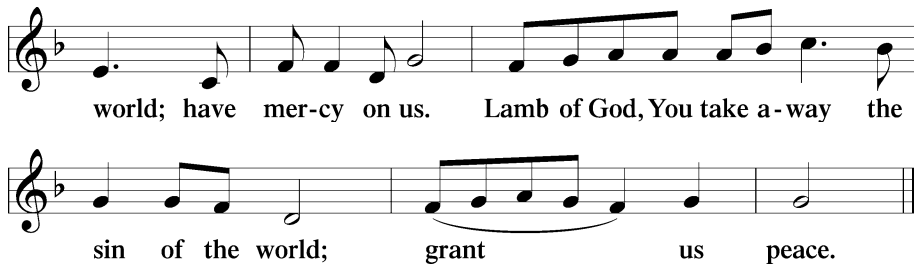
## Agnus Dei



**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## Communion

### Thy Word Is a Lamp

***REFRAIN: Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet***

***And a light unto my path.***

***Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet***

***And a light unto my path.***

1. When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,  
Still You're there right beside me.  
And nothing will I fear as long as You are near.  
Please be near me to the end. Refrain

2. I will not forget Your love for me, and yet  
My heart forever is wandering.  
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side;  
And I will love You to the end. Refrain

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## Lamb of God

1. 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. Refrain

2. 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**

**CHORUS: O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,**

***I love the holy Lamb of God!***

***O wash me in His precious blood,***

***My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.***

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3. 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**

## Above All

Above all powers, above all kings  
Above all nature and all created things  
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man  
You were here before the world began

Above all kingdoms, above all thrones  
Above all wonders the world has ever known  
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth  
There's no way to measure what You're worth

***Crucified, laid behind the stone***  
***You lived to die, rejected and alone***  
***Like a rose, trampled on the ground***  
***You took the fall and thought of me above all***

## Prayer

**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.**

### Mighty To Save

1. Ev'ryone needs compassion  
Love that's never failing  
Let mercy fall on me  
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness  
The kindness of a Saviour  
The hope of nations

***CHORUS: Saviour***  
***He can move the mountains***  
***My God is mighty to save***  
***He is mighty to save***  
***Forever Author of salvation***  
***He rose and conquered the grave***  
***Jesus conquered the grave***

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2. So take me as You find me  
All my fears and failures  
Fill my life again  
I give my life to follow  
Ev'rything I believe in  
Now I surrender ***CHORUS***

***BRIDGE:*** Shine your light and  
let the whole world see  
We're singing  
For the glory  
of the risen King  
Jesus  
Shine your light and  
let the whole world see  
We're singing  
For the glory of the risen King

## Benediction

*John 8:31–32, 36; Numbers 6:24–26*

- P** Jesus said, "If you abide in My word, **G** you are truly My disciples,  
**P** and you will know the truth, **G** and the truth will set you free.  
**P** So if the Son sets you free, **G** you will be free indeed."  
**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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.  
**G** Amen.

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