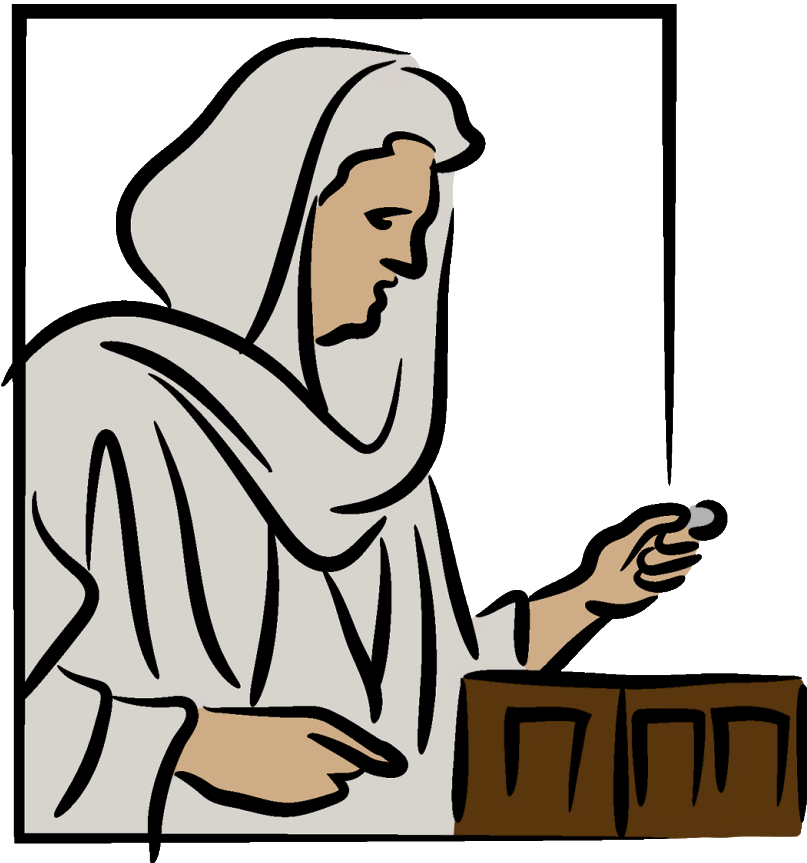




Risen Christ Lutheran Church
Sunday Worship 9:30am
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ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION – (2nd & 4th Sundays) We believe: that Christ’s body and blood are truly present for forgiveness and spiritual strength, that God desires our sincere confession, continuous seeking 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 – Today, we hear in the Old Testament Reading, in the Psalm, and in the Gospel of God’s tender care for people who are widowed. God promised to provide flour and oil for the widow of Zarephath through the ministry of the prophet Elijah. Jesus praised a poor widow as she gave all she had to live on, in contrast to the wealthy, who gave only a portion of their abundance. The psalmist declares, “The Lord . . . upholds the widow and the fatherless.” We hear in these portions of God’s Word how important He regards those who are weak and have little or no means of support. Widows are among the little ones who are great in God’s kingdom. For this reason, James reminds us, “Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world” (James 1:27).

Pre-service Music

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation and Opening Sentences

Psalm 146:1–2, 5, 9

P In the name of the Father and of the $\cdot\ddot{\iota}$ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

- P** Praise the Lord!
C **Praise the Lord, O my soul!**
- P** I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
C **I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**
- P** The Lord watches over the sojourners;
C **He upholds the widow and the fatherless.**
- P** Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
C **whose hope is in the Lord his God.**

Revelation Song

1. Worthy is the, Lamb who was slain
 Holy Holy is He
 Sing a new song to Him who sits on
 Heaven's mercy seat

***CHORUS: Holy Holy Holy
 is the Lord God Almighty
 Who was and is and is to come
 With all creation I sing
 praise to the King of Kings***

You are my everything and I will adore You

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2. Clothed in rainbows of living color
 Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder
 Blessing and honor strength and
 glory and power be
 to You the only wise King ***CHORUS***

3. Filled with wonder awestruck wonder
 At the mention of your name
 Jesus your name is power, breath and living water
 Such a marvelous mystery Yeah...

Confession and Absolution

Romans 2:4; Isaiah 42:3

- P** Father of all kindness and mercy,
C **we confess to You that we are sinful by nature, and we try to play God in many ways. Instead of praying, "Thy will be done," and meaning it, we try to seize control of our own lives and do things our own way. In the process, we hurt ourselves and others. These forces of destruction are driving us away from You, and we are powerless to help ourselves. Even though we deserve every bit of the mess we have made, we ask You to be merciful to us. We ask Your forgiveness for Jesus' sake. Please use Your power to help us and set us free.**
- P** Beloved in the Lord, it is not anger, but God's kindness that is meant to lead us to repentance. Therefore, in full confidence that "a bruised reed He will not break, and a faintly burning wick He will not quench" (Isaiah 42:3), as a called and ordained servant of Jesus, 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. 107:1–2, 41–42; antiphon: Ps. 107:8

Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of men!

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!

Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
whom he has redeemed from trouble.

He raises up the needy out of affliction
and makes their families like flocks.

The upright see it and are glad,
and all wickedness shuts its mouth.

**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.**

Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of men!

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Grant us so firmly to believe in Your Son, Jesus, that our faith may never be found wanting; 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 17:8–16

⁸Then the word of the LORD came to him, ⁹"Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you." ¹⁰So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink." ¹¹And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." ¹²And she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die." ¹³And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son." ¹⁴For thus says the LORD the God of Israel, "The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth." ¹⁵And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

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

Psalm

Psalm 146:1–10; antiphon: 9a

ALL – The Lord watches over the sojourners; He upholds the widow and the fatherless.

L Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

C **I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

ℒ Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

☩ **When his breath departs he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.**

ℒ Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, who made heaven and earth,

☩ **the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;**

ℒ who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

☩ **The Lord sets the prisoners free;**

ℒ the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

☩ **The Lord watches over the sojourners;**

ℒ He upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked He brings to ruin.

☩ **The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!**

ALL – The Lord watches over the sojourners; He upholds the widow and the fatherless.

Epistle

Hebrews 9:24–28

²⁴For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, ²⁶for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, ²⁸so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

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

Verse

2 Corinthians 8:9

Alleluia. You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you by His poverty might become rich. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 12:38–44

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

☩ **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³⁸In his teaching [Jesus] said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces

³⁹and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, ⁴⁰who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

⁴¹And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. ⁴³And he called his disciples to him and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. ⁴⁴For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

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

Grateful Stewardship *based on Mark 12:38-44*

1. Yup! Money and giving is actually something that's in the Bible!
2. But, giving and money is not the theme here!
 - a. It's primarily about trusting in God and His sovereignty, His Word, Will, and direction.
 - b. Secondly, it is about stewardship... that is – proper stewardship – the proper use of not only EVERYTHING we are and have, and proper thankfulness for everything God has done and provided for us.
3. The poor widow, in faith and trust, gave all she had left to live on to the Lord.
4. God doesn't need you or what you have to give. He **wants** you in relationship with Him, but all you have is already His! God cares about your heart and that your heart is in the right place when you choose to give.
5. God knows your situation and heart and your motivation. He knows your stewardship.
6. Our lesson primarily focuses on faith and trust, which then bears fruit that can be seen in our living... our actions... our stewardship!
7. First Fruits.
8. The meaning of the First Commandment – “We should fear, love, and trust God above all things.” Ultimately, this is what today's lesson is about.
9. The reason why we live, learn, and work is to serve God and people. This is your highest calling, in whatever your profession... being a proper steward, and good caretaker of all God has created us to be, all the talents, interests, time, and resources and gifts He has given freely... no matter how young or old you are... to use everything in praise and worship of the Lord and in service to others... and especially to use all you are and all He has richly given you to reach out to those who do not know Jesus as Lord... those who desperately need to know the life and salvation that is in Christ and the sacrifice He made for them.
10. At the heart of love and stewardship is sacrifice. Without faith and trust in Jesus, all living, doing and sacrifices mean nothing.
11. In Jesus we have saving faith, ultimate meaning and purpose, incredible destiny... and trusting and believing in this reality of who we are and whose we are, we will bear the fruit God wants in every area of our lives.
12. As we know the Lord more through faithful attendance in Church, through the hearing and study of His Word, we will be able to understand and see things through the lens of the cross... then we'll understand clearer that the sacrifices we make are “get-to-dos”, not chores and “got-to-dos”.

I Give You My Heart

This is my desire to honor You.
Lord, with all my heart, I worship You!
All I have within me, I give You praise!
All that I adore is in You.

*Lord I give You my heart,
I give You my soul,
I live for You alone.
Every breath that I take,
Every moment I'm awake,
Lord, have Your way in me.*

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Prayers of God's People

P With all of our heart and soul, mind and strength, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, hear our prayer.

MEN – For the whole Church, that the gifts of all creation may be used wisely by God's children as a witness to the world.

C Lord, hear our prayer.

WOMEN – For the nations, that God would be sovereign over our leaders that His will may be done on earth as it is in heaven, despite the workings of the old evil foe.

C Lord, hear our prayer.

MEN – For the fruits of the earth, that the harvest may be celebrated as a blessing from God's merciful hand and that we would continue to trust in God to bring us first fruits in the year to come.

C Lord, hear our prayer.

WOMEN – For favorable weather and for those who travel, that God's holy angels would guard and protect them.

C Lord, hear our prayer.

MEN – For those who rejoice today, that they may know God's love in their joyful days, and that needless fears would subside.

C Lord, hear our prayer.

WOMEN – For those who mourn, that they may, in time, know the comfort that God has promised them.

C Lord, hear our prayer.

MEN – And for those who are sick, hospitalized, injured, and enduring treatments; and for increased wisdom and patience of their caregivers, that all may firmly believe God's strength in the midst of weakness.

C Lord, hear our prayer.

P Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who taught 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.

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.

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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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.
- G** **Amen.**

Postlude Music

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