



Risen Christ Lutheran Church
2nd Sunday after Epiphany Worship
January 16, 2022



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 – In today's Gospel, John tells us of a miracle by Jesus that is more than a miracle. It is a sign. The changing of water into wine at the wedding at Cana in Galilee was a significant revealing of His power, so powerful a showing that His disciples believed in Him. We have seen our Lord do so much more than change water into wine. Our lives have been changed from futility to promise. Our eternal destination has been changed from hell to heaven. Jesus is more than a miracle worker. He is the ultimate sign giver who reveals the gracious love of God to people on earth.

Pre-service music

Welcome

Invocation

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

G Amen.

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him Who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the virgin's Son,
The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won which now His brow adorn;
Fruit of the mystic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
The root whence mercy ever flows, the Babe of Bethlehem.

Crown Him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.

Opening Words of Praise

Psalm 36:5–9, antiphon: Song of Songs 2:4

**C [The Lord] brought me to the banqueting house,
and His banner over me was love.**

II *Women: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
Your faithfulness to the clouds.*

I *Men: Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;
Your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast You save, O Lord.*

**C How precious is Your steadfast love, O God!
The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.**

II *Women: They feast on the abundance of Your house,
and You give them drink from the river of Your delights.*

I *Men: For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light do we see light.*

**C 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] brought me to the banqueting house, and His banner over
me was love.**

“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

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***

Confession and Absolution

P Let us now make confession of our sins to God, our gracious heavenly Father.

C **Eternal God, we confess that by nature we are sinful people. We have sinful thoughts, sinful words, and sinful deeds. We have transgressed Your law in many ways by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not always been good to our friends, faithful to our neighbors, or caring to our family members. We deserve Your punishment now and for eternity. O God, in Your mercy, forgive our sin and restore us to a full and joyful relationship with You through the merits of Jesus, our Lord. Direct us by Your Holy Spirit that we may joyfully follow Your will and gladly obey Your Commandments as Your redeemed people.**

P In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. Now may the God of grace and peace sanctify you completely and keep you blameless until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Be at peace.

C **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, You sent Your Son, the Word made flesh, to call us to You. In response to His signs, the disciples believed in Him. In the working of the Holy Spirit, help us to see His signs, to hear His call, to believe in Him, and to follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Public Recognition of Holy Baptism
✠ **of** ✠
Elodie Joy Kaufmann

Elodie Joy was baptized on Sunday afternoon, November 21, 2022. She is the daughter of Risen Christ members Luke and Andrea Kaufmann, Granddaughter of Pr. Rennie and Karen Kaufmann.

Stand

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

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord, from ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates and catechumens. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed and taught in the Small Catechism. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper. They are at all times to be examples to them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor. Kyle and Ally Kaufmann have promised to serve Elodie Joy as sponsors in the Christian faith and they trust that God will enable them to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.

- P** Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. The apostle Peter has declared, "Baptism now saves you," and this promise of salvation is "for you and your children." In Baptism God puts His name on us with the water and His Word so that there may be no doubt that we are surely His by all that Christ has won for us through His saving death and resurrection.
- P** On Sunday, November 21, 2022, Elodie Joy was baptized with water in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, according to Christ's institution and promise. This Baptism was administered here at Risen Christ Lutheran Church by me.

The pastor places his hands on the head of the newly baptized, and while making the sign of the cross during the blessing, olive oil (Chrism) is used to symbolize the sealing with the Holy Spirit for salvation (Eph. 1:13-14):

- P** The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, continue to strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting.
- G Amen.**

The pastor places a white garment on the person while saying:

- P** Elodie Joy, you received this white garment to show that you have been clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covers all your sin. So shall you stand without fear before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the inheritance prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

The pastor lights a baptismal candle from the paschal candle and gives it to the person while saying:

- P** This burning candle symbolizes that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world. Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.
- A** In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and heir with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our Sister in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.
- C Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.**

Stand

- P** Let us pray.
Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted Elodie Joy the new birth in Holy Baptism and made her a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as she has now become Your child, You would keep her in her baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure she may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.**

P Heavenly Father, You sent Your own Son into this world as the child of the virgin Mary. We thank You for the life of this child entrusted to our care. Help us remember that we are all Your children and so love and nurture her that she may attain to the full stature intended for her in Your eternal kingdom, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C Amen.**

P Peace ☩ be with you.

C Amen.

Welcome to new Sister-in-Christ! Family returns to their seat. Congregation sits.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 62:1–5

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. ²The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. ⁵For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 128

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L Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in His ways!

II *Women: You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands;
you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you.
Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house;
your children will be like olive shoots around your table.*

C Behold, thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord.

I *Men: The Lord bless you from Zion!*

May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life!

C May you see your children's children! Peace be upon Israel!

Epistle

1 Corinthians 12:1–11

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed.

²You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. 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.

"Come, Join in Cana's Feast" *Solo by Alan Young*

Holy Gospel

John 2:1-11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.

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

Reader 1: On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited to the wedding with His disciples. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to Him,

Reader 2: "They have no wine."

Reader 1: And Jesus said to her,

P Reader 3: "Woman, what does this have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come."

Reader 1: His mother said to the servants,

Reader 2: "Do whatever He tells you."

Reader 1: Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants,

P "Fill the jars with water."

Reader 1: And they filled them up to the brim. And He said to them,

P "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast."

Reader 1: So they took it. When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him,

C **"Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now."**

I Reader 1: This, the first of His signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested His glory. And His disciples believed in Him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon – “The Saviour Still Supplies His Gifts in Abundance”

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:

We pray for the Church—the Bride of Christ—that through her the message of salvation may be proclaimed and the gifts of God may be shared. Lord of the Church, in mercy,

G hear our prayer.

MEN – We pray for all nations of the world, that there may be an end to hostilities and that times of peace may prevail everywhere. Lord of the world, in mercy,

G hear our prayer.

WOMEN – We pray for our families and our neighbors. May we reach out in every direction with the joyful news of the Gospel, that people may become part of the kingdom of God, now and forever. Lord of the living harvest, in mercy,

G hear our prayer.

MEN – We pray for people suffering from their current conditions and situations, especially for the hospitalized and those who are shut in during this season. We pray for the unemployed, those who are downcast or grieving, and for all those for whom our petitions are desired. Lord of limitless grace, in mercy,

G hear our prayer.

WOMEN – God of all grace, out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy You have given us life and commanded us not to hurt or harm our neighbor in his body. Teach us to care for all unborn children whom You have created in Your image. Grant Your grace to all mothers considering abortion that, by Your Word and Spirit, they may live according to Your will and have the courage to nurture and cherish their children. Surround them with those who will rejoice, and provide for her needs of body and soul. Lord of limitless grace, in mercy,

🗣️ hear our prayer.

MEN – Gracious Father in heaven, look with mercy on your daughters who suffer the guilt and shame of abortion. For the sake of Christ Jesus, our Savior, forgive them all their sins, and remove all feelings of guilt and despair. Protect them from the accusing voices of others and the accusations from within. By Your Spirit increase their faith that they may entrust themselves and their children into Your fatherly hands. Lord of limitless grace, in mercy,

🗣️ hear our prayer.

WOMEN – We pray as a community of the faithful, who remember those who have departed this life in faith. Direct our ways on earth that we complete this life in faith and rejoice together with them eternally together with saints and angels and all the company of heaven. Lord of time and of eternity, in mercy,

🗣️ hear our prayer.

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

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 blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever.

G Amen.

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