



Risen Christ Lutheran Church  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany Worship  
January 23, 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](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 weekly services include the same ageless message of salvation proclaimed by Jesus and shared by His apostles and prophets, blessing the people of God with the Word of God. We remember tomorrow St. Timothy, the young associate of Paul, who was given great responsibility. Timothy shepherded some of the first Christians in their lives of faith and witness throughout his ministry. Through messages read from Scripture and spoken in a sermon, we hear the eternal good news that shapes our lives and gives us cause for thankful praise.

## Welcome

### Invocation

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

**C** Amen.

### Call to Worship – “What A Beautiful Name” led by Esther Kaufmann

1. You were the Word at the beginning  
One with God the Lord Most High  
Your hidden glory in creation  
Now revealed in You our Christ

**CHORUS 1: What a beautiful Name it is  
What a beautiful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a beautiful Name it is  
Nothing compares to this  
What a beautiful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus**

2. You didn't want heaven without us  
So Jesus You brought heaven down  
My sin was great Your love was greater  
What could separate us now

**CHORUS 2: What a wonderful Name it is  
What a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a wonderful Name it is  
Nothing compares to this  
What a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus  
What a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus**

**BRIDGE 1: Death could not hold You  
The veil tore before You  
You silence the boast of sin and grave  
The heavens are roaring  
The praise of Your glory  
For You are raised to life again**

**BRIDGE 2: You have no rival  
You have no equal  
Now and forever God You reign  
Yours is the kingdom  
Yours is the glory  
Yours is the Name above all names**

**CHORUS 3: What a powerful Name it is  
What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a powerful Name it is  
Nothing can stand against  
What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus**

## Opening Words of Praise

*Psalm 102:18–22; antiphon: Psalm 102:13*

**C** You will arise and have pity on Zion;  
it is the time to favor her; the appointed time has come.

**II** *Women: Let this be recorded for a generation to come,  
so that a people yet to be created may praise the Lord:*

**I** *Men: that He looked down from His holy height; from heaven the Lord looked at the earth,*

**II** *Women: to hear the groans of the prisoners, to set free those who were doomed to die,*

**I** *Men: that they may declare in Zion the name of the Lord, and in Jerusalem His praise,*

**C** when peoples gather together, and kingdoms, to worship the Lord.

**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.**

**You will arise and have pity on Zion;  
it is the time to favor her; the appointed time has come.**

## Beautiful Savior

1. Beautiful Savior,  
King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love Thee,  
Truly I'd serve Thee,  
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

2. Fair are the meadows,  
Fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer,  
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

3. Fair is the sunshine,  
Fair is the moonlight,  
Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels in the sky.

4. Beautiful Savior,  
Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor,  
Praise, adoration  
Now and forevermore be Thine!

## Salutation and Prayer of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, in Your Son, Jesus Christ, the hoped-for promise of salvation was fully realized. On this day, in this place, help us receive Your Word with open and believing hearts while the truth of Your redeeming Law and Gospel is proclaimed to us. Let the Spirit of the Lord be upon us so that the Scripture once again is fulfilled in our hearing. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit are one God, world without end.

**C** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

*Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10*

<sup>1</sup> All the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel.

<sup>2</sup> So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup> And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law.

<sup>5</sup> And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. <sup>6</sup> And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

<sup>8</sup> They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

<sup>9</sup> And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. <sup>10</sup> Then he said to them, “Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

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

## Psalm

*Psalm 19:7–14*

**L** **The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;  
the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;**

**II** *Women: the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes;*

**I** *Men: the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever;  
the just decrees of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.*

**C** **More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;  
sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.**

**II** *Women: Moreover, by them is Your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.*

**I** *Men: Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults.*

**II** *Women: Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me!  
Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.*

**I** *Men: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight,  
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.*

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 12:12–31a*

<sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup> For the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup> If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup> And if the ear

should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup>If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? <sup>18</sup>But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup>If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

<sup>21</sup>The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." <sup>22</sup>On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup>and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, <sup>24</sup>which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, <sup>25</sup>that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup>If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

<sup>27</sup>Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup>And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup>Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup>Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31</sup>But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

And I will show you a still more excellent way.

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

## Catechism

### *The Second Article of the Apostles' Creed*

**C** **I believe 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 dead.**

**P** What does this mean?

**C** **I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from all eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.**

**This is most certainly true.**

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 4:16–30*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

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

<sup>16</sup>And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. <sup>17</sup>And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

<sup>18</sup>"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind,  
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,

<sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

<sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the  
synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in  
your hearing." <sup>22</sup>And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his  
mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" <sup>23</sup>And he said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me  
this proverb, 'Physician, heal yourself.' What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your  
hometown as well." <sup>24</sup>And he said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. <sup>25</sup>But in  
truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up  
three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, <sup>26</sup>and Elijah was sent to none of  
them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. <sup>27</sup>And there were many  
lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the  
Syrian." <sup>28</sup>When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. <sup>29</sup>And they rose up  
and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so  
that they could throw him down the cliff. <sup>30</sup>But passing through their midst, he went away.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## 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***

## Sermon – “Epiphany – Revealing Our Saviour and Ourselves”

1. Epiphany = revealing, bringing something to light, to make known...
2. God reveals Himself through miracles large and small, and also through ordinary means such as His Word, which is just as miraculous!
3. This season of Epiphany also should remind us that we too show the Savior! We can call this “epiphanizing” God in our lives.
4. The Old Testament Israelites responded to God’s Word, in both good and bad ways.
5. The response of the Israelites from Jesus’ hometown of Nazareth → they were oblivious and became downright ornery and murderous when they didn’t hear or get what they wanted!
6. Jesus epiphanized who He was there and then. The people revealed – epiphanized – who ***they*** truly were.
7. Without the Law, there is no Gospel. Without sin shown, there is no Saviour. Jesus used God’s Law and called out their sinful condition and gave them the Gospel, which revealed to them the cure – repentance and trust in Him.
8. How do you (I) respond to God’s Word? Do you strive to have your faith grow and regularly place yourself in front of His Word?
9. Repentant faith responds by endeavouring to trust and keep God’s Word, not ***to be*** saved, but because we are saved in Christ Jesus alone.

### Confession and Absolution

- P** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are known, all desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts and meditations of our minds by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.
- C** Amen.
- P** While assured of God’s great mercy, let us confess together that we, by our heedless thoughts, careless words, and loveless deeds, have sinned against our gracious God and deserve His punishment now and eternally.
- C** **Almighty God, we repent of our sins in thought, word, and deed. Be merciful to us, and for the sake of Jesus grant us Your forgiveness so that, as Your redeemed people, we may find rest in You and with refreshed hearts serve You in time and in eternity.**
- P** 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.
- C** 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. Celebrating the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ through Your Word and Sacrament, we pray for an increase of Your Word in our midst, asking that God’s messengers may continue to speak with power among us and bring all people the good news of sins forgiven. Blessed Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer and respond according to Your gracious will.**



**MEN** – In the same manner that Jesus was faithfully in Your house, O God, direct us to love this place where Your presence dwells and to cherish the fellowship of faith and love that we enjoy as God’s holy people. Blessed Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer and respond according to Your gracious will.**

**WOMEN** – Remembering St. Timothy and other leaders of the first Christians, we ask a special blessing on those who guide the spiritual welfare of God’s people. We pray for those who serve in leadership positions in our national Synod, our district, and our local congregation. Help the Church serve You through the apostles’ example and witness, enabling us to grow in devotion and dedication to Jesus’ name. Blessed Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer and respond according to Your gracious will.**

**MEN** – In this time of prayer, we also make our petitions for the sick, the shut-in, and all who are in need of our intercession, that their prayers may be answered and that they may be supported by God’s people with care. Blessed Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer and respond according to Your gracious will.**

**WOMEN** – In humility, we ask that You help us to do the work of the Holy Spirit, bringing aid to the poor and hope to the oppressed, working for justice in our communities and being agents of peace in our circles of relationships. Blessed Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer and respond according to Your gracious will.**

**MEN** – In gratitude, we remember our sisters and brothers in Christ whose earthly journeys have been completed and who now enjoy the promised Sabbath rest. Guide us in the ways that honor Your kingdom, past, present, and eternal. Blessed Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer and respond according to Your gracious will.**

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

**C** **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

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, King of all creation, and how marvelous is all You have done for Your people in Jesus Christ, our Lord. We thank You for all of creation and for every good gift with which You bless us. Receive our praise, Lord, and grant that all who partake of Christ's holy body and blood this day be filled with Your heavenly peace and joy. Sanctify us in body, soul, and spirit, and finally grant us our place among Your saints in glory. We ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.**

## 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."
- P** 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.**

## The Peace of the Lord

- P** The peace of the  $\text{†}$  Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.**

## Communion

### 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

**CHORUS:** Lord have mercy Christ have mercy  
 Lord have mercy on me  
 Lord have mercy Christ have mercy  
 Lord have mercy on me

3. 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 **CHORUS**

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

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**Lamb of God**



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have  
 2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and  
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have



sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y  
 scorned Him as He died: The hum - ble King they named a  
 brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and



sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.  
 fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.  
 rod, And to be called a lamb of God.

*Refrain*



O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!



O wash me in His pre-cious blood, My Je-sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

**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.**

## **The Power of Your Love**

1. Lord I come to You  
Let my life be changed, renewed  
Flowing from the grace that I found in You.  
And Lord I've come to know  
The weaknesses I see in me  
Will be swept away by the pow'r of Your love.

2. Lord unveil my eyes  
Let me see You face to face  
The knowledge of Your love as You live in me.  
Lord renew my mind  
As Your will unfolds in my life  
In living ev'ry day by the pow'r of Your love.

***CHORUS: Hold me close, let Your love surround me  
Bring me near, draw me to Your side.  
And as I wait, I'll rise up like the eagle  
And I will soar with You  
Your Spirit leads me on by the pow'r of Your love.***

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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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

**G** **Amen.**

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