



Risen Christ Lutheran Church  
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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](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** – God has plans for us. Through the words of the prophet Isaiah, the Lord reassures us that He is in control. He has set the course for and shaped the destiny of the world. Knowing that God is in control gives us ongoing opportunity to seek His will and to shape our lives to be in harmony with His Word. God does not just care about people in general; He cares for us individually. Each human life is precious in His sight. As children of the heavenly Father, we live joyfully and securely in all situations.

## Welcome and Announcements

**Call to Worship** – “Oceans” *sung by Miss Esther Kaufmann*

## Invocation and Opening Prayer

### Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



- 1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
- 2 All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heav'n re - flect Thy rays,
- △ 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, Prais - ing Thee, their sun a - bove.  
 Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
 Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, Flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Foun - tain - head of love di - vine:



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.  
 Chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain Call us to re - joice in Thee.  
 Joy - ful, we Thy heav'n in - her - it! Joy - ful, we by grace are Thine!

## Confession and Absolution

*1 Thessalonians 5:23–24*

- P** O God our Father, we admit and confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.
- C** **Have mercy on us, and forgive us, O Lord.**
- P** We confess that we have not always said in our hearts “Thy will be done” when we have been faced with decisions in our lives.
- C** **Have mercy on us, and forgive us, O Lord.**
- P** We confess that Your love has not reached others through us in every situation, and we admit to being thoughtless in our judgments, hasty in condemnation, grudging in forgiveness, slow to seek reconciliation, and unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.
- C** **Have mercy on us, and forgive us, O Lord.**
- P** We confess that we have not always been defenders of the weak and helpless—advocates of those not yet born and those in the final stages of life.
- C** **Have mercy on us, and forgive us, O Lord.**
- P** We confess that we have not used every opportunity given us to witness to the faith that is ours and have let the devil, the world, and our sinful flesh set the agendas for our lives and actions.
- C** **Have mercy on us, and forgive us, O Lord.**
- P** Upon this your confession and by the command of our Lord, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. **C** **Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

*Jeremiah 1:4–10*

<sup>4</sup>Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

<sup>5</sup>“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

<sup>6</sup>Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth.” <sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to me,

“Do not say, ‘I am only a youth’; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak.

<sup>8</sup>Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the LORD.”

<sup>9</sup>Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the LORD said to me, “Behold, I have put my words in your mouth.

<sup>10</sup>See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

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

## Psalm

*Psalm 71:1–6*

**C** **In You, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame!**

**II** Women: In Your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;  
incline Your ear to me, and save me!

**I** Men: Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come;  
You have given the command to save me, for You are my rock and my fortress.

**C** **Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,  
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel man.**

**II** Women: For You, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

**I** Men: Upon You I have leaned from before my birth;  
You are He who took me from my mother’s womb. My praise is continually of You.

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 12:31b—13:13*

<sup>31</sup>But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

<sup>1</sup>If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant <sup>5</sup>or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup>it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup>Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup>Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. <sup>9</sup>For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup>but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. <sup>11</sup>When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. <sup>12</sup>For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

<sup>13</sup>So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

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

## Your Name

As morning dawns and evening fades  
You inspire songs of praise  
That rise from earth to touch Your heart  
And glorify Your Name

***CHORUS: Your Name is a strong and mighty tower  
Your Name is a shelter like no other  
Your Name let the nations sing it louder  
'Cause nothing has the power to save  
But Your Name***

Jesus in Your Name we pray  
Come and fill our hearts today  
Lord give us strength to live for You  
And glorify Your Name ***CHORUS***

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## Holy Gospel

*Luke 4:31–44*

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

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

<sup>31</sup>And he went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the Sabbath, <sup>32</sup>and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority. <sup>33</sup>And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, <sup>34</sup>“Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” <sup>35</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent and come out of him!” And when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm. <sup>36</sup>And they were all amazed and said to one another, “What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!” <sup>37</sup>And reports about him went out into every place in the surrounding region.

<sup>38</sup>And he arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon’s house. Now Simon’s mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf. <sup>39</sup>And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them.

<sup>40</sup>Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. <sup>41</sup>And demons also came out of many, crying, “You are the Son of God!” But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ.

<sup>42</sup>And when it was day, he departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them, <sup>43</sup>but he said to them, “I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose.” <sup>44</sup>And he was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

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

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

## Sermon – “How Do You Respond to God’s Authoritative Word?”

1. The people of both Nazareth and Capernaum are blown away by Jesus’ words, but not in the same way!
  - Folks in Nazareth just saw Jesus as their home-town boy all grown up, hopefully bringing some of His blessings to them.
  - Folks in Capernaum were not only blown away by the authority in His Words, but they also witnessed His authority over creation as He healed and casted out demons.
2. As Jesus is teaching the Word in its purity, Satan shows up and goes on the defensive! Evil recognizes the truth of God’s power, authority, holiness and truth IN THE FLESH and understands it is no match. And it still holds true today that sin, death, the grave and Satan is no match to Jesus for He still has the divine power to destroy them all!
3. We often forget who Jesus is, but the devil and his demons don’t.
4. Jesus has the authority and power over all creation and creation cannot help by respond.
5. Sicknesses with all their symptoms, including fever is ultimately the symptom of the death sentence of sin that corrupts each human who has existed since Adam and Eve.
6. The Author of all Creation and life commands and what else can creation do but obey! Fiery fever... fiery death... demons all flee.
7. Simon-Peter’s Mother-in-law responds to her healing and rising from her death sentence by loving and serving God and neighbors. This is true, humble, repentant, saving faith’s response.

**“You Raise Me Up”** *Saxophone solo by Jeremy Poegel*

### Catechism

*The First Article*

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

**P** What does this mean?

**C** I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

**This is most certainly true.**

## Prayer of the Church

**P** Friends in Christ, lift up your hearts to God and pray as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**MEN** – May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil’s kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith, that the number of Christians be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**WOMEN** – Strengthen us by Your Spirit, according to Your will, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and given to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend all who are in need, praying for them: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**MEN** – Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**WOMEN** – Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and rejoice in a good conscience before You, that no sin ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**MEN** – Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**WOMEN** – And finally, heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** We trust in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, 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.**

## 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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## Benedicamus and Benediction

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

**P** Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold to what is good; return no person evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The almighty God, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you.

**G** **Amen.**

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