



Risen Christ Lutheran Church  
7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Epiphany  
February 20, 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. 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** – The new life in Christ we have been given is full of blessings, peace, and joy. But this new life is not without its challenges to be lived out in this world. Today we hear two of the seemingly impossible commands of our Lord: “Love your enemies” and “Judge not.” Left on our own, we think enemies deserve retaliation and words of judgment. But in Christ we have been given a new heart and spirit. It was, after all, while we were yet sinners that Christ died for us. That’s the same self-giving love that we now show to others because we are witnesses to the Lord’s great and abundant mercy for all sinners. Having received such grace and mercy from God for ourselves, we are set free to bring that same grace and mercy to others.

## **Pre-service Music**

### ***Welcome and Announcements***

#### ***Call to Worship – “Called Me Higher” sung by Esther***

*I could just sit I could just sit  
And wait for all Your goodness  
Hope to feel Your presence  
And I could just stay I could just stay  
Right where I am and hope to feel You  
Hope to feel something again*

*I could hold on I could hold on  
To who I am and never let You  
Change me from the inside  
I could be safe oh I could be safe  
Here in Your arms and never leave home  
Never let these walls down*

***CHORUS 1: But You have called me higher  
You have called me deeper  
And I'll go where You will lead me Lord  
You have called me higher  
You have called me deeper  
And I'll go where You will lead me Lord  
Where You lead me***

***Interlude***

*Where You lead me Lord*

***BRIDGE:*** I will be Yours oh  
I will be Yours for all my life  
I will be Yours oh  
I will be Yours for all my life  
I will be Yours oh  
I will be Yours for all my life  
So let Your mercy  
Oh I will be Yours Lord  
And I will be Yours for all my life  
So let Your mercy  
*Light the path before me*

***CHORUS 2: (Oh) 'Cause You have called me higher  
You have called me deeper  
And I'll go where You will lead me Lord  
Oh 'cause You have called me higher  
You have called me deeper  
And I'll go where You will lead me Lord***

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## Invocation and Opening Sentences

*Adapted Psalm 37:4; 103:13*

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

**C** Amen.

Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart.

**As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear Him.**

Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;

**fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way.**

Fret not yourself because of evildoers;

**be not envious of wrongdoers!**

For they will soon fade like the grass

**and wither like the green herb.**

Trust in the LORD, and do good;

**dwelt in the land and befriend faithfulness.**

Delight yourself in the LORD,

**and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

Commit your way to the LORD;

**trust in him, and he will act.**

**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.**

Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;

**fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way.**

### **This I Believe (The Creed)**

1. Our Father everlasting  
The all creating One  
God Almighty  
Through Your Holy Spirit  
Conceiving Christ the Son  
Jesus our Saviour

#### ***CHORUS 1: I believe in God our Father***

***I believe in Christ the Son***

***I believe in the Holy Spirit***

***Our God is three in One***

***I believe in the resurrection***

***That we will rise again***

***For I believe in the Name of Jesus***

2. Our judge and our defender  
Suffered and crucified  
Forgiveness is in You  
Descended into darkness  
You rose in glorious life  
Forever seated high ***CHORUS 1***

**BRIDGE:** I believe in You  
I believe You rose again  
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

**CHORUS 2:** *I believe in life eternal  
I believe in the virgin birth  
I believe in the saints' communion  
And in Your holy Church  
I believe in the resurrection  
When Jesus comes again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus  
Back to CHORUS 1*

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## Salutation and Prayer of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray.

O Lord, make us instruments of Your peace that we share with all other people the gift of Your love and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

*Genesis 45:3–15*

<sup>3</sup> Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.

<sup>4</sup>So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup>And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup>For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup>And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup>So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. <sup>10</sup>You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup>There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.' <sup>12</sup>And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. <sup>13</sup>You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." <sup>14</sup>Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. <sup>15</sup>And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

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

## Introit

*Psalm 37:1–5; antiphon: vv. 7a, b*

**C** **Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for Him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way.**

**I** *Fret not yourself because of evildoers; be not envious of wrongdoers!*

**II** *For they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb.*

**C** **Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.**

**I** *Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart.*

**II** *Commit your way to the LORD; trust in Him, and He will act.*

**C** **Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for Him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way.**

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 15:21–26, 30–42*

<sup>21</sup>For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

<sup>30</sup>Why am I in danger every hour? <sup>31</sup>I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! <sup>32</sup>What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die." <sup>33</sup>Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals." <sup>34</sup>Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

<sup>35</sup>But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" <sup>36</sup>You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. <sup>37</sup>And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. <sup>38</sup>But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. <sup>39</sup>For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. <sup>40</sup>There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. <sup>41</sup>There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

<sup>42</sup>So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

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

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

## What A Friend We Have In Jesus

### 1. What a friend we have in Jesus

All our sins and griefs to bear  
What a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer  
O what peace we often forfeit  
O what needless pain we bear  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer

### 2. Have we trials and temptations

Is there trouble anywhere  
We should never be discouraged  
Take it to the Lord in prayer  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
Who will all our sorrows share  
Jesus knows our every weakness  
Take it to the Lord in prayer

### 3. Are we weak and heavy laden

Cumbered with a load of care  
Precious Savior still our refuge  
Take it to the Lord in prayer  
Do thy friends despise forsake thee  
Take it to the Lord in prayer  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee  
Thou wilt find a solace there

### 4. Blessed Savior Thou hast promised

Thou wilt all our burdens bear  
May we ever Lord be bringing  
All to Thee in earnest prayer  
Soon in glory bright unclouded  
There will be no need for prayer  
Rapture praise and endless worship  
Will be our sweet portion there

## Verse

*Luke 6:36*

**Alleluia. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. Alleluia.**

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 6:27–38*

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

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

<sup>27</sup>[Jesus said:] "But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup>bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup>To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. <sup>31</sup>And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

<sup>32</sup>"If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup>And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup>And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. <sup>35</sup>But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. <sup>36</sup>Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

<sup>37</sup>"Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup>give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

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

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

## **“Judging, Loving, Showing Mercy and Leading Others Away from Danger”**

1. “Judge not...” – words taken and used out of context. That don’t mean what most think they mean!
  - These words don’t mean that we are not able to or shouldn’t judge between right and wrong.
  - They don’t mean that we are prohibited to discern and judge between good and evil, between good and sin. Yes, we can and should be able to judge well.
2. Jesus referred to judging with a critical attitude... that shows no humility, grace, or mercy... like Pharisees
3. Being merciful, just as your Father is merciful is key to understanding and applying these scriptures to our lives.
4. A key to understanding the other aspect of “Judge not” is that a faithful Christian should know and remember their own status before God. We too have thought, said and done evil things, and ultimately these are all against God and how has God handled it with us? He offers mercy and grace.
5. God the Father is merciful to us through Jesus and because of Jesus. This other-worldly type mercy that God unconditionally gives to us must be shown in and through our lives.
6. In love and humility, we also must proclaim the Truth of God’s Holy Word – both Law and Gospel. The Law that shows our sin and the Gospel that shows our Saviour.
7. It is our God-given responsibility to confront others with their sin – not to condemn them, but out of love, confront in order to call them to repentance and be saved. Love compels us to warn others of danger!
8. We need to be in daily repentance if we are going to humbly and out of love declare the Law and talk about sins of others.
9. Christian loves says, “Stop... you’re about to perish. Turn.”

## **Confession and Absolution**

- P** As the patriarch Joseph received his brothers in spite of their sin because of God’s gracious providence, so we are called this day to be renewed by the forgiveness of our sins. Let us then confess our sins to God our gracious Father.
- C** **Almighty God, we confess that we have sinned against You and against one another by our thoughts, words, and deeds, by what we have done and by what we have failed to do. We have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. By Your grace revealed to us in Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant us Your deliverance and forgiveness. Renew a right heart within us by Your love and mercy. Amen.**
- P** Upon this your confession, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\cdot\bar{\iota}\cdot$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**



## Lord Have Mercy

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

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

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***

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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## Prayer of the Church

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**MEN** - For the Holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**WOMEN** - For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**MEN** - For reasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**WOMEN** - For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**MEN** - For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**WOMEN** - For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Amen.

## 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 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

*Psalm 67:1, 6–7; Numbers 6:24–26*

- P** May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make His face to shine upon us.  
God, our God, shall bless us.
- C** **God shall bless us;  
let all the ends of the earth fear Him!**
- 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.
- C** **Amen.**

## Postlude Music

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