

Risen Christ Lutheran Church Sunday Worship June 26, 2022 9:30am



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 takin g 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 Non-Alcoholic Wine 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

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Welcome and Announcements

Risen Christ welcomes today our Guest Preacher, Rev. Daniel Lepley, from Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF... Risen Christ's Mortgage Company) Vice President – English District

Invocation

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

Opening Sentences *Luke 9:59; Galatians 5:1, 16; adapted*

- **P** For freedom Christ has set us free;
- stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.
- P Follow Jesus, and walk by the Spirit,
- and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature.





Confession and Absolution

Galatians 3:27-28; Galatians 5:1, 24

- P Jesus says, "Follow Me."
- Often we are not quick to follow, or we choose to go our own way.
- P Jesus looks at a lost world in need of witnesses and says, "Follow Me."
- **@** We look at this lost world in need of the Gospel, and we hesitate and shy away.
- P Jesus knows the temptations and the decisions we face, and He says, "Follow Me."
- We falter on the way, we follow the ways of this world, and we fail to keep God's Law and make ourselves slaves to sin.
- P Let us pray and silently confess our sins to God.

(Silence for reflection.)

Lord God, You have called us to follow Your only-begotten Son, to learn from Him, to live and grow in Him, to tell others of Him, and to be faithful to Him.

- We sin against You and one another in thought, word, and deed. We have become enslaved to those things around us and have failed to live in the freedom You have won for us. For the sake of Jesus Christ, forgive us, and grant us the clear vision of following Him through all the confusion of this world, and bring us by faith to the promise of everlasting life in Your presence. Amen.
- P Jesus says, "Follow Me," and we follow Him as forgiven people with grace to do His will. "For freedom Christ has set us free; . . . those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires." 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. May He who began this good work in you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- G Amen.

Introit

Psalm 85:8-10, 13; antiphon: v. 7

Show us Your steadfast love, O Lord,

and grant us Your salvation.

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,

for He will speak peace to His people, to His saints; but let them not turn back to folly.

Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him,

that glory may dwell in our land.

Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;

righteousness and peace kiss each other.

Righteousness will go before Him

and make His footsteps a way.

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.

Show us Your steadfast love, O Lord,

and grant us Your salvation.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

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

Gracious Lord, as we have been called to follow You, grant Your Spirit that we may daily know we have been set free from the slavery of sin. In response to Your liberating work for our lives now and eternally, grant us hearts to use our freedom to love and serve one another in Your name and to Your glory; 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

1 Kings 19:9b-21

⁹There he came to a cave and lodged in it. And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." ¹¹And he said,

"Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD." And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. ¹²And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. ¹³And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." ¹⁵And the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. ¹⁶And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. ¹⁷And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

¹⁹So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him. ²⁰And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." And he said to him, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?" ²¹And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.

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

Psalm 16

¹Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

²I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

³As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.

⁴The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.

⁵The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

⁶The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

⁷I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

⁸I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

⁹Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

¹⁰For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

¹¹You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Epistle Galatians 5:1, 13–25

¹For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. ¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another. ¹⁶But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

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

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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Verse Luke 9:51

- P Alleluia. When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up,
- He set His face to go to Jerusalem. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel Luke 9:51–62

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the ninth chapter. G Glory to You, O Lord.

⁵¹When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. ⁵³But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem.

⁵⁴And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶And they went on to another village.

⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." ⁶⁰And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶²Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

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

Sermon – "A Faithful Remnant" by Rev. Daniel Lepley, LCEF Vice President – English District (Lutheran Church Extension Fund ... Risen Christ's Mortgage Company)

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light,

very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,

by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures

and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins.

and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life

of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

P Let us lift up our hearts above earthly concerns and look to our heavenly Father for His help as we hear and heed His call to follow.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have made us partakers of Your kingdom by faith in the forgiveness of our sins for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Give to Your whole Church Your light and Your peace as we are nurtured and grow in the faith You give. Keep us focused on the ultimate goal, that through witness and the working of Your Spirit many more may call upon Your name and rejoice in eternal true freedom with You, which has no end. Lord, in Your mercy,

- hear our prayer.
- <u>WOMEN -</u> As we are no longer slaves to sin, in our freedom through Your Spirit, fill us with all the spiritual gifts for service in Your kingdom: love toward You and for one another; the joy and peace of knowing we belong to You; patience, kindness, and goodness in our dealings with our neighbors; and faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control in our conduct. Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.
- <u>ALL</u> For the judgment of the court this week in reversing decisions that have given open sanction to the destruction of human life, let us give thanks to the Lord; and that by it, wickedness may be curbed in every place and heart, Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.
- <u>ALL</u> That God would spare us those punishments that we have deserved, Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.
- <u>MEN –</u> For the citizens of our nation, that compassion and the desire for life may be restored among us, Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- <u>WOMEN –</u> For Your Church and her members, that we would show Your love to the vulnerable, to the despised and to those whose hearts have turned cold, Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.
- <u>MEN –</u> For the world, that the Father would draw every heart to believe in Jesus Christ, who has taken up our fragile flesh and died to free us from the bonds of sin, Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.
- <u>WOMEN –</u> Give to leaders of all nations the desire and will to promote justice and peace in the world. Bless the Word of Your kingdom as it is spread through every land. Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.
- <u>MEN -</u> Guide and direct doctors, nurses, health-care workers, and first responders in our communities that the sick and injured may receive Your healing, comfort, and peace. Today we remember all those known and unknown to us in time of need. Lord, in Your mercy,
- d hear our prayer.
- Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- G Amen.

Lift Up Your Hearts

A The Lord be with you
A The Lord be with you

And also with youAnd also with you

A 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

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The 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 + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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 + 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.
- 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:
- 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.

Pax Domini

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- Amen.

Communion

"Give Me Jesus"

1. In the morning when I rise
In the morning when I rise
In the morning when I rise
Give me Jesus

CHORUS: Give me Jesus
Give me Jesus
You can have all this world
(But give me Jesus)

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- 2. And when I am alone Oh and when I am alone And when I am alone Give me Jesus **CHORUS**
- **3.** And when I come to die Oh and when I come to die And when I come to die Give me Jesus **CHORUS**

Come to The Altar (sung by Miss Esther Kaufmann)

Are you hurting and broken within

Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin

Jesus is calling

Have you come to the end of yourself

Do you thirst for a drink from the well

Jesus is calling

CHORUS: O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling

BRIDGE: Oh what a Savior
Isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia Christ is risen
Bow down before him
For he is Lord of all
Sing alleluia Christ is risen
CHORUS

END: Bear your cross as you wait for the crown Tell the world of the treasure you've found

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"What A Beautiful Name"

 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

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

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Who You Say I Am

1. Who am I that the highest King
Would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh His love for me
Oh His love for me

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

2. Free at last
He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me

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Who the Son sets free Oh is free indeed I'm a child of God Yes I am

In my Father's house There's a place for me I'm a child of God Yes I am

BRIDGE: I am chosen not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me not against me
I am who You say I am

Benediction and Dismissal

Based on Galatians 5:1, 13, 16

- 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.
- For freedom, Christ has set us free! Through love, serve one another, walk by the Spirit, and as we hear and heed Jesus' call, go in peace as you follow Him.
- Thanks be to God!

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