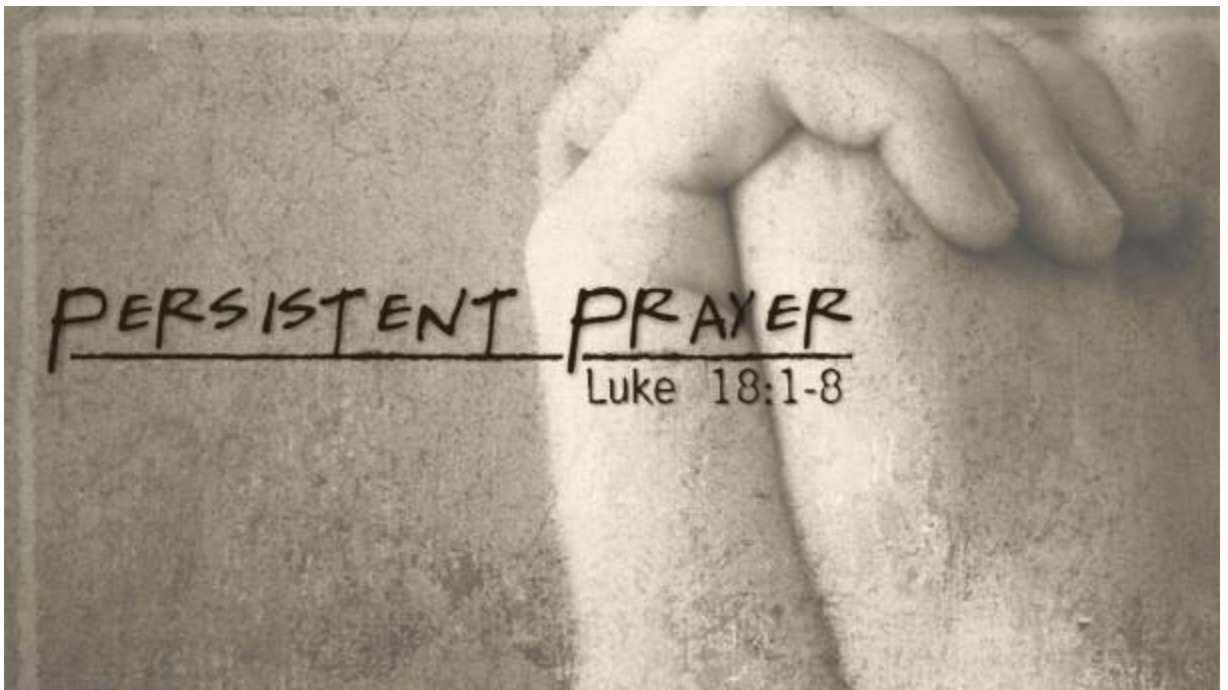




Risen Christ Lutheran Church
Sunday Worship
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ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION – (2nd & 4th Sundays) We believe: that Christ’s body and blood are truly present for forgiveness and spiritual strength, that God desires our sincere confession, continuous seeking and 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 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

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 PREPARE FOR WORSHIP TODAY – We “ought always to pray and not lose heart.” This is how Luke introduces the Gospel today (18:1). Then he records Jesus’ telling of the parable of the persistent widow and the unjust judge. God the Father is kind, gracious, and loving. While we may not always receive the answer we are looking for or according to the time frame we stipulate, our dear Father always delights to hear and answer the prayers of His people. For He is a good God, and He loves us with His whole creation.

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship – “Build My Life”

1. Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You **CHORUS**

2. Jesus the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You
We live for You **CHORUS**

***CHORUS: Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You***

***Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me***

***BRIDGE: I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone ... And I will not be shaken***

Invocation and Opening Sentences

Psalm 121:1-2, 8

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

C Amen.

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of
2 Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us
4 Fin - ish then Thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and



heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy
ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; Let us all in
all Thy life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re -
spot - less let us be; Let us see Thy



hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
Thee in - her - it; Let us find Thy prom - ised rest.
turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.
great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee,



Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un -
Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in



bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with
and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as
as Thy hosts a - bove, Pray and praise Thee
heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our



Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Confession and Absolution

P Kind and loving Father,

C **we confess to You our sinfulness both of nature and of choice. We often lose heart in the face of obstacles, difficulties, and suffering. We fail to call upon You for help, and we fail to keep trusting in Your goodness. Hear us now for Jesus' sake. Forgive our sins and lead us onward to live each day in Your presence by the aid of Your Holy Spirit.**

P Let it be unto you as you have believed. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Jesus and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. May God continue His faithful work in you both now and at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 32:22–30

²²The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." ²⁷And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 121

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

²My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

³He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

⁴Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

⁵The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

⁶The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

⁷The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

⁸The LORD will keep you going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

Epistle

2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

¹⁴ As for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it

¹⁵and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

¹I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: ²preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

1. Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, let me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

2. When my way grows drear,
Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call;
Hold my hand lest I fall.
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

3. When the darkness appears
And the night draws near
And the day is almost gone,
At the river I stand;
Guide my feet, hold my hand,
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

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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.**

Verse

Luke 18:8

Alleluia. I tell you, He will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on earth? Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 18:1–8

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

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

¹And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. ³And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' ⁴For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'" ⁶And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. ⁷And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? ⁸I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon – “Don’t Give Up. Don’t Give Up Praying!”

1. “And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart.” *Luke 18:1*
2. God wants, hears, and answers the prayers of those who trust Him!
3. God promises to be with us when we hurt.
4. “God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains: it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world.” – C. S. Lewis
5. God promises to be with His children wherever they go.

Way Maker

You are here moving in our midst
 I worship You I worship You
 You are here working in this place
 I worship You I worship You

CHORUS: *(You are) Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
 Light in the darkness my God that is who You are*

You are here touching ev'ry heart
 I worship You I worship You
 You are here healing ev'ry heart
 I worship You I worship You

TAG: That is who You are
 That is who You are
 That is who You are
 That is who You are

You are here turning lives around
 I worship You I worship You
 You are here mending ev'ry heart

BRIDGE: Even when I don't see it You're working
 Even when I don't feel it You're working
 You never stop You never stop working
 You never stop You never stop working **CHORUS**

I worship You yeah I worship You Lord **CHORUS**

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.

MEN – Loving Father, You met Jacob in solitude by the river Jabbok. He wrestled with You, and You blessed him. Sometimes You seem distant and removed from our prayers. Sometimes we persistently ask for the same things over and over. Yet, You graciously invite us to call upon Your name in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks. Even though our lack of understanding causes it to seem like we wrestle with You, help us to trust in Your goodness, that You are always more ready to hear than we are to ask. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

WOMEN – Loving Father, You held Timothy by the Scriptures, making him wise for salvation and granting him to faithfully preach Your strong Word in season and out of season. Grant to all pastors such wisdom and faithfulness that they may rightly distinguish between Your Law and Your Gospel, boldly speaking the beauties of Your mercy to people who will listen. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

MEN – Loving Father, this world is filled with civil authorities and judges both just and unjust. Grant all who serve in positions of public trust insight into Your heart that is attentive to the voices of the poor and needy who cry out for justice. Help both government officials and citizens to support the dignity of all people, regardless of ethnicity, social position, or economic stability. Help all of us poor sinners to persist in crying for justice to You, trusting that You will return according to Your promise and make all things new. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

WOMEN – Loving Father, hear the cries of all people who are sick, injured, or suffering any need of body, mind, or spirit. Answer them, dear Lord, in the way and the time You know to be best. For You are always good, and we are in Your hands. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Loving Father, we give You thanks for all people who are now at rest in Your presence. Bring us at last to rejoice with them in Your gracious presence in the new heavens and new earth, where righteousness dwells; for You live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, now and forever.

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.**

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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. Offering plates are at the sanctuary doors.

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: *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*

3. 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
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
Jesus Yours is the victory whoa **CHORUS**

ENDING: Jesus Christ my living hope
Oh God You are my living hope

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Benedicamus and Benediction

P Let us bless the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

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.

G Amen.

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