

Rev. Rennie Kaufmann – Pastor Karen Kaufmann – Administrator Miss Esther Kaufmann – Student Ministries Coordinator and Worship Arts Assistant Risen Christ Lutheran Church 46250 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170 734.453.5252 www.risenchrist.info **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 <u>www.RisenChrist.info</u>

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 are weak, but He is strong." We sing these words in the familiar song "Jesus Loves Me." It is the strength that is in Jesus that Paul desires for Timothy. This strength comes from trusting in the promises of the Gospel, namely that we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Even if faced with persecution for speaking God's Word, this strength can sustain the people of God. When we are weak, God is faithful to keep His promises—for He cannot deny Himself.

Pre-service Worship

Welcome and Announcements

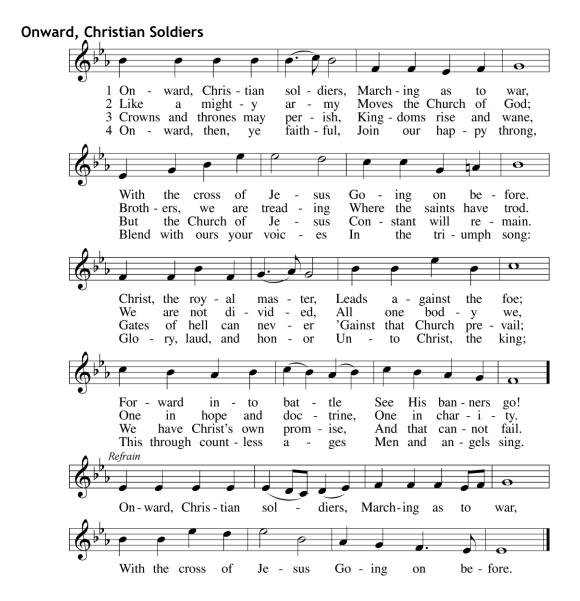
Invocation and Opening Psalms

- \mathbf{P} In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- **P** Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God!
- **G** My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.
- P Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!
- I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.
- P When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.

ALL – 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.

P Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God!

Ps. 34:2-4, 17; antiphon: Ps. 48:1



Confession and Absolution

- P Faithful and loving God,
- We confess that we are sinners by nature as well as by choice. We have willfully turned away from Your faithful love and embraced shadow and death instead. We admit our powerlessness to return to You, and we believe that in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, You have decisively acted to forgive, heal, and restore us to life. By Your Spirit, make what Jesus has done real in our lives this day.

- People dearly loved, God hears your cry for mercy and answers when you call. 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.
- C Amen.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

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

Almighty God, Your favor is shown to Your people through the grace that is in Christ Jesus. Strengthen us to endure hardship, to run the race in the manner of pilgrims, and to labor in Your harvest until You call us home; for You are always faithful, and You always keep Your promises; 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

Ruth 1:1–19a

¹In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. ²The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. ³But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, ⁵and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

⁶Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the LORD had visited his people and given them food. ⁷So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. ⁸But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹The LORD grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!" Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. ¹⁰And they said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." ¹¹But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? ¹²Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, ¹³would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the LORD has gone out against me." ¹⁴Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

¹⁵And she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." ¹⁶But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. ¹⁷Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you." ¹⁸And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more.

¹⁹So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem. And when they came to Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them. And the women said, "Is this Naomi?"

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

Psalm

Psalm 111

¹Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,

in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

²Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

³Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

⁴He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful. ⁵He provides food for those who fear him: he remembers his covenant forever.

⁶He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

⁷The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy;

⁸they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. ⁹He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.

Holy and awesome is his name!

¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

Epistle

2 Timothy 2:1–13

¹You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, ²and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. ³Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. ⁵An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. ⁶It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. ⁷Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

⁸Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, ⁹for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. ¹¹The saying is trustworthy, for:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him; ¹²if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; ¹³if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father, There is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not; As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

<u>CHORUS:</u> Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided, Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon and stars in their courses above, Join with all nature in manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. <u>CHORUS</u>

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide; Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! **CHORUS**

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Verse

Luke 5:15

Luke 17:11-19

Alleluia. Now even more the report about Him went abroad, and great crowds gathered to hear Him and to be healed of their infirmities. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

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

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee.

¹²And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." ¹⁴When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

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

Sermon – "Our Need to be Grateful"

- **1.** In the midst of circumstances and problems beyond our control, there is always something to be thankful for.
- 2. Gratitude needs to be expressed.
- 3. Gratefulness to God is shown by knowing Him, following Him, and making Him known.
 - a. By knowing our faith... knowing God's Word...
 - i. being in regular attendance with our home congregation
 - ii. being in personal and group Bible Studies
 - b. ...in how we bring Jesus to the world in <u>words and deeds</u>... outside these walls. "Getting the church out of the church to be the church!"
- **4.** "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

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 pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- <u>MEN –</u> Faithful and loving God, You have taken us like Ruth from being alone and brought us into the family of Your people. You continue to strengthen us like Timothy with Your favor that is ours through Baptism into Christ Jesus, renewing us again today with the promises of Your Gospel and the food of resurrection life that is the body and blood of Jesus.

G Hear us, O God!

<u>WOMEN –</u> Faithful and loving God, remember all people in positions of civil authority in this world. Grant that they may come to know and to believe that You are good and You love Your whole creation, remembering especially before You our president, our governor, and our township supervisor, that trusting in Your faithful love, they may find strength to serve the people of the world in wisdom, justice, and peace.

C Hear us, O God!

<u>MEN –</u> Faithful and loving God, remember all pastors and church workers, remembering especially before You Matthew, our Synod president, Jamison, our district president, as well as all the faithful baptized who speak of Jesus in our daily vocations and callings. Season our speech with grace that we may speak of Your truth lovingly and speak of Your faithful love truthfully.

Hear us, O God!

Faithful and loving God, remember all people who suffer with sickness, injury, or any afflictions of body, mind, or spirit, remembering especially before You whom we name quietly in our hearts. Use Your strengthening favor and powerful Word to minister healing and peace according to Your will. For You are always good, and we are in Your hands.

G Hear us, O God!

<u>WOMEN –</u> Faithful and loving God, remember all people who mourn and their loved ones who now rest in Your presence. Grant to each of us the strength of Your favor that we may run the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who will one day by His mighty Word call us out of our graves and into the glorious light of the reign of God.

G Hear us, O God!

▶ For all these things and whatever else You know that we need, we ask You, faithful and loving God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lift Up Your Hearts

P The Lord be with you
P The Lord be with you
C And also with you
P Lift up your hearts

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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

- Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior.
- **Q** With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.
- Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, and strengthened by Your gracious favor, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit.
- **G** Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament.
- **P** Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end.
- **G** Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us.
- To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

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.
- 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

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.
- C Amen.

Communion

O The Blood sung by Miss Esther Kaufmann

O the blood crimson love Price of life's demand Shameful sin placed on Him The Hope of ev'ry man

<u>CHORUS:</u> O the blood of Jesus washes me O the blood of Jesus shed for me What a sacrifice that saved my life Yes the blood it is my victory

Savior Son Holy One Slain so I can live O see the Lamb the great I Am Who takes away my sin

BRIDGE: O the blood of the Lamb O the blood of the Lamb O the blood of the Lamb The precious blood of the Lamb What a sacrifice that saved my life Yes the blood it is my victory

O what love no greater love Grace how can it be That in my sin yes even then He shed His blood for me

<u>ENDING</u>: What a sacrifice that saved my life Yes the blood it is my victory

You Are My King (Amazing Love)

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken I'm accepted You were condemned I'm alive and well Your Spirit is within me Because you died and rose again

<u>CHORUS:</u> Amazing love how can it be That You my king would die for me Amazing love I know it's true It's my joy to honor You In all I do I honor You

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken I'm accepted You were condemned I'm alive and well Your Spirit is within me Because you died and rose again **CHORUS**

> **<u>BRIDGE</u>**: You are my king Jesus You are my king **REPEAT**

Amazing love how can it be That You my king would die for me Amazing love I know it's true It's my joy to honor You In all I do I honor You

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The More I Seek You

The more I seek You The more I find You The more I find You The more I love You

<u>CHORUS:</u> I wanna sit at Your feet Drink from the cup in Your hand Lay back against You and breathe Feel Your heart beat This love is so deep It's more than I can stand I melt in Your peace (It's overwhelming)

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Post-Communion Thanksgiving

- Thank You, Lord Jesus, for feeding us here with Your precious body and blood. Use this divine Meal to strengthen us with Your gracious favor that we may be enabled to endure hardship, trusting in Your faithfulness and following where You lead us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C 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.

Forever

Give thanks to the Lord Our God and King His love endures forever For He is good He is above all things His love endures forever Sing praise sing praise

With a mighty hand And an outstretched arm His love endures forever For the life that's been reborn His love endures forever Sing praise sing praise

Sing praise sing praise

<u>CHORUS:</u> Forever God is faithful Forever God is strong Forever God is with us Forever forever

From the rising to the setting sun His love endures forever And by the grace of God We will carry on His love endures forever Sing praise sing praise

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Benedicamus and Benediction

- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- **G** Thanks be to God.
- C Amen.

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