



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 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.

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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 – Only a few Israelites in Moses’ time remembered the promises God made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. In the meantime, they were languishing in their servitude. But God had plans for their freedom; He would take them to a land of milk and honey. The Church after Jesus’ ascension was impatiently awaiting His return. In the meantime, they had to deal with a pagan society and even false teachings within their group. But our Lord’s promise to return is sure, validated by His resurrection from the dead. For those who have gone before us, the meantime is over; they live to God in eternity. In the meantime, that sure promise of gracious blessings in eternity and our Lord’s presence with us now carry us through to the day when we join them around the throne. Meanwhile, today is another day on which to join the psalmist and praise the name of the Lord.

Call to Worship – *“Indescribable” (Lyrics projected onto the chancel walls)*

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Based on Exodus 3:6–8, 14–15

- P** In the name of the Father and of the I Son and of the Holy Spirit,
- C** **the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob,**
- P** who has surely seen the affliction of His people,
- C** **who has come down to deliver them,**

- P** whose name is I AM WHO I AM,
C **who is to be remembered throughout all generations.**

“Revelation Song”

1. Worthy is the, Lamb who was slain
Holy, Holy is He;
Sing a new song to Him who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat. **2x**

***CHORUS: Holy, Holy, Holy
is the Lord God Almighty
Who was, and is, and is to come
With all creation I sing
praise to the King of Kings
You are my everything and I will adore You.***

2. Clothed in rainbows of living color,
Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder;
Blessing and honor,
strength and glory and power be
to You the only wise King. ***CHORUS***

Filled with wonder, awe-struck wonder,
At the mention of your name;
Jesus your name is power, breath and living water
Such a marvelous mystery Yeah... ***CHORUS***

Confession and Absolution

- P** When God called out to Moses from the burning bush, Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.
- C** **We, having sinned against God in our thoughts, words, and deeds, cannot come into God's presence as we are, helpless in our fallen sinful condition. Forgive us, almighty Creator.**
- P** When God promised Moses that he would serve Him on Mount Horeb, Moses asked to know the name of God.
- C** **And we, who bear the name of God from our Baptism, have failed to reflect His grace, love, and mercy in our daily living. Forgive us, gracious Savior.**
- P** When God told him to go Pharaoh, Moses could only say, "Who am I that I should go?"
- C** **We have put our personal desires ahead of God and the people around us. Forgive us, strengthening Spirit.**

Silence for reflection on the Word of God and our sinful condition.

P God promised Moses that he and the Israelites, freed from slavery in Egypt, would worship on that mountain. Because of Jesus' sacrifice, we have been freed from our sins. God now graciously invites us to worship Him here in time and hereafter in eternity. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

1. I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever living head.
2. He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.
3. He lives to bless me with His love;
He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.
4. He lives, my kind, wise, heavenly friend;
He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

Introit

Ps. 115:2– 4, 8, 17–18; antiphon: Ps. 115:11

You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!

He is their help and their shield.

Why should the nations say,

"Where is their God?"

Our God is in the heavens;

he does all that he pleases.

Their idols are silver and gold,

the work of human hands.

Those who make them become like them;

so do all who trust in them.

The dead do not praise the LORD,

nor do any who go down into silence.

But we will bless the LORD

from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!

**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.**

You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!

He is their help and their shield.

5. He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

6. He lives all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that My Redeemer lives!

7. He lives to grant me rich supply;
He lives to guide me with His eye;
He lives to comfort me when faint;
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

8. He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 3:1–15

P God called Moses to tell Pharaoh that He would free the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, and He has called us to spread the news that in Christ He has freed us from our sins. Our place between our gracious God and the people around us parallels that of Moses; therefore, we shall all speak the words of Moses in the Reading.

L Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. And Moses said,

C I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned.

L When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush,

P Moses, Moses!

C Here I am.

P Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground. I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.

L And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said,

P I have surely seen the affliction of My people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to Me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.

L But Moses said to God,

C **Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?**

P But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.

C **If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you," and they ask me, "What is His name?" what shall I say to them?**

P I AM WHO I AM. Say this to the people of Israel: "I am has sent me to you." Say this to the people of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is My name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.

Psalm

Psalm 148; antiphon: v. 13

L Let them praise the name of the Lord, for His name alone is exalted;
His majesty is above earth and heaven.

L Praise the Lord!

I *Praise the Lord from the heavens;*

II *praise Him in the heights!*

I *Praise Him, all His angels;*

II *praise Him, all His hosts!*

I *Praise Him, sun and moon,*

II *praise Him, all you shining stars!*

I *Praise Him, you highest heavens,*

II *and you waters above the heavens!*

L Let them praise the name of the Lord!

C **For He commanded and they were created.**

L And He established them forever and ever;

C **He gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.**

I *Praise the Lord from the earth,*

II *you great sea creatures and all deeps,*

I *fire and hail, snow and mist,*

II *stormy wind fulfilling His word!*

I *Mountains and all hills,*

II *fruit trees and all cedars!*

- I *Beasts and all livestock,*
- II *creeping things and flying birds!*
- I *Kings of the earth and all peoples,*
- II *princes and all rulers of the earth!*
- I *Young men and maidens together,*
- II *old men and children!*
- L Let them praise the name of the Lord,
- I *for His name alone is exalted;*
- II *His majesty is above earth and heaven.*
- L He has raised up a horn for His people,
- I *praise for all His saints,*
- II *for the people of Israel who are near to Him.*

C Praise the Lord! Let them praise the name of the Lord, for His name alone is exalted; His majesty is above earth and heaven.

Epistle

2 Thessalonians 2:1–8, 13–17

¹Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, ²not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. ³Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, ⁴who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. ⁵Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? ⁶And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. ⁷For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. ⁸And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming.

¹³But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. ¹⁴To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter.

¹⁶Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, ¹⁷comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

This I Believe

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

***CHORUS: 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***

BRIDGE (2x): I believe in You
I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

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 ***CHORUS***

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Verse

Luke 20:38

- P** Alleluia. He is not God of the dead, but of the living,
C for all live to Him. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 20:27–40

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

²⁷There came to [Jesus] some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection,
²⁸and they asked him a question, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. ²⁹Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died without children. ³⁰And the second ³¹and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died. ³²Afterward the woman also died. ³³In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife."

³⁴And Jesus said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, ³⁶for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God,

being sons of the resurrection. ³⁷But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. ³⁸Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him." ³⁹Then some of the scribes answered, "Teacher, you have spoken well." ⁴⁰For they no longer dared to ask him any question.

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

Sermon – “Life There After Life Here”

“I Can Only Imagine” *sung by Esther Kaufmann*

1. I can only imagine
What it will be like
When I walk by Your side
I can only imagine
What my eyes will see
When Your face is before me
I can only imagine

CHORUS: Surrounded by Your glory

***What will my heart feel
Will I dance for You Jesus
Or in awe of You be still
Will I stand in Your presence
Or to my knees will I fall
Will I sing hallelujah
Will I be able to speak at all
I can only imagine
I can only imagine***

2. I can only imagine
When that day comes
And I find myself standing in the Son
I can only imagine
When all I will do
Is forever forever worship You
I can only imagine
I can only imagine **CHORUS**

ENDING: I can only imagine
when all I will do
Is forever
forever worship You
I can only imagine

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I love to tell the Story

1. I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

***REFRAIN: I love to tell the story,
'twill be my theme in glory,
To tell the old, old story
of Jesus and His love.***

2. I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems
Than all the golden fancies
of all our golden dreams.
I love to tell the story, it did so much for me;
And that is just the reason I tell it now to thee. ***REFRAIN***

3. I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat
What seems, each time I tell it,
more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
The message of salvation
from God's own holy Word. ***REFRAIN***

4. I love to tell the story,
for those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting
to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory,
I sing the new, new song,
'Twill be the old, old story
that I have loved so long. ***REFRAIN***

Prayer of the Church

- P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

ALL – That we would acknowledge again with great joy Jesus' resurrection from the dead, as we offer praise and thankful hearts for His victory over sin, death and the grave, let us pray to the Lord:

- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

MEN – For pastors, that they would be faithful in the preaching of the Word and the administration of the Sacraments; and for congregations, that they would receive these gifts in thankfulness that Christ was rejected by sinners so that we may be welcomed into His kingdom, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

WOMEN – For those good works that flow from faith in God’s precious Son, that everything His children do in thought, speech and action would bring glory and honor to the name of Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

MEN – For the Holy Spirit to guard and keep us, that God’s children may resist temptation and that the devil, the world and our sinful nature would not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

ALL – For all in authority over us, especially those who work to bring peace and justice, that God would supply them with His blessing; that they may be inclined to His will and walk according to His commandments; and that He would grant wisdom to our citizens and competence to our leaders, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

WOMEN – For all in trying circumstances: the sick, the suffering, the dying, the mourning, that our God would comfort them with His divine promises and grant His healing peace, until we all are gathered into His everlasting joy, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

ALL – For the Holy Spirit, that as we hear and trust God’s Word read and preached purely, that neither cross nor trial may shake our confidence in the Lord’s promises and mercy, revealed to us in the beloved Son, who gave Himself into death that we may live, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P *(Prayers for the upcoming election this week)*

P O Lord, You are not a God of the dead but of the living; with You live all those who have departed this life in faith. Receive our thanks for their witness, and lead us also to be found faithful and be declared worthy of eternal life with them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, 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.

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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Benediction

P The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the great I am—the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

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