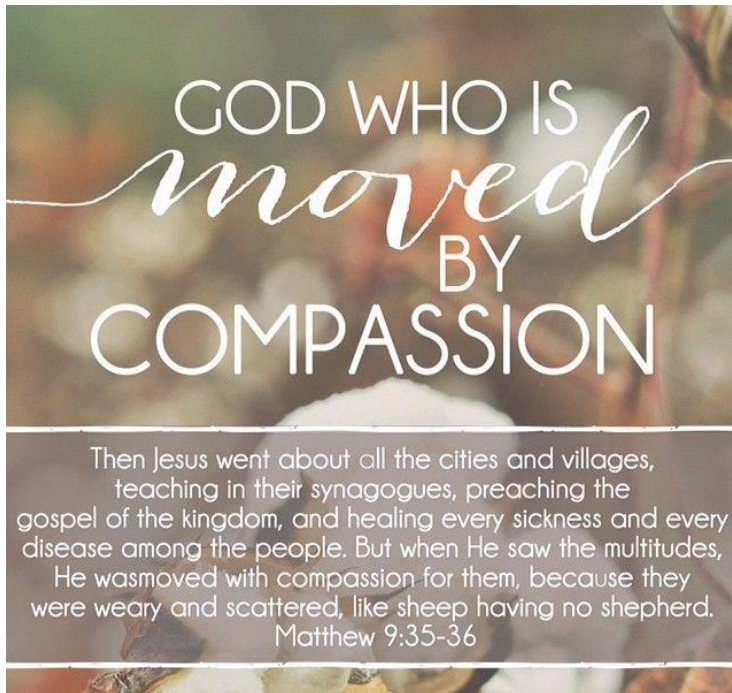




Risen Christ Lutheran Church
3rd Sunday after Pentecost Worship
June 18, 2023 9:30am

**YOU ARE IN GOD'S SANCTUARY.
PLEASE SIT QUIETLY AND PREPARE FOR 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 Gather

The history of celebrating Father’s Day in the United States begins with a church service held in West Virginia in 1908, which recalled and honored the fathers who had perished in a coal mine disaster in the area in the previous year. Two years later, a more general annual observance was begun at a YMCA in Spokane, Washington. But it was not until 1972 that the day was declared to be a national holiday. Among the many qualities of positive fatherhood celebrated on Father’s Day is a sense of compassion. Many centuries ago, the psalmist wrote: “As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear Him” (Psalm 103:13). Each week in worship we recall and give thanks for the compassionate love of our God, the eternal Father, who bears His people on eagles’ wings and crowns them with steadfast love and mercy.

Welcome and Announcements

Father’s Day Blessing

Invocation

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

G Amen.

Opening Sentences

Psalm 31:1, 14–15a, 16

- P** In You, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;
C **in Your righteousness deliver me!**
- P** But I trust in You, O LORD; I say, “You are my God.”
C **My times are in Your hand.**
- P** Make Your face shine on Your servant;
C **save me in Your steadfast love!**

Be Thou My Vision

1. Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart,
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
2. Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word,
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord;
Thou my great Fa-ther, I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.
3. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou on-ly, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.
4. High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heav'n's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

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Confession and Absolution

- P** O God our Father, since You have set forth the way of life for us in Your beloved Son, we confess with shame our slowness to learn of Him, our failure to follow Him, and our reluctance to bear the cross.
C **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**
- P** Forgive us the poverty of our worship, our neglect of fellowship and of the Means of Grace, our hesitating witness for Christ, or evasion of responsibility in Your service, and our imperfect stewardship of Your gifts.
C **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**
- P** Forgive us that we have been thoughtless in our judgments, hasty in condemnation, grudging in forgiveness, slow to seek reconciliation, and unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.
C **Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us.**
- P** Upon this your confession and by the command of our Lord, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**
- P** Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in ☩ peace.
C **Amen.**

Introit for Pentecost 3

Psalm 67:4–7; antiphon: v. 3

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you!

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you!

The earth has yielded its increase;

God, our God, shall bless us.

God shall bless us;

let all the ends of the earth fear him!

**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.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you!

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty, eternal God, in the Word of Your apostles and prophets You have proclaimed to us Your saving will. Grant us faith to believe Your promises that we may receive eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 19:2–8

²[The people of Israel] set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, ³while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: ⁴You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; ⁶and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.”

⁷So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ⁸All the people answered together and said, “All that the LORD has spoken we will do.” And Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 100

L **Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!**

I *Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!*

II Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

C Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!

I Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

II For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.

Epistle

Romans 5:6–15

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.

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

The Power of Your Love

Lord I come to You
Let my life be changed renewed
Flowing from the grace that I've found in You
And Lord I've come to know the weaknesses I see in me
Will be stripped away by the power 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
In the power of Your love***

Lord unveil my eyes
Let me see You face to face
The knowledge of Your love as You live in me
And Lord renew my mind as Your will unfolds in my life
In living every day by the power of Your love *Chorus 2x*

*And I will soar with You
Your Spirit leads me on
In the power of Your love*

Gradual and Verse

Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b; Matthew 9:37b–38

P Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
C and His greatness is unsearchable.

P On Your wondrous works, I will meditate,
C and I will declare Your greatness.

P Alleluia. The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few;
C therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.
Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 9:35—10:20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth and tenth chapters.
C Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁵Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

¹And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. ²The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷And proclaim as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' ⁸Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay. ⁹Acquire no gold nor silver nor copper for your belts, ¹⁰no bag for your journey, nor two tunics nor sandals nor a staff, for the laborer deserves his food. ¹¹And whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it and stay there until you depart. ¹²As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town. ¹⁵Truly, I say to you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah than for that town.

¹⁶"Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues, ¹⁸and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles. ¹⁹When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. ²⁰For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you."

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

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

1. How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

2. Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

3. I will not boast in anything
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

Sermon – “Moved by Compassion” (*“splugchnizomai”... gut-wrenching... moved on your insides!*)

Apostles' Creed

Nicene Creed

- ☩ 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.**

Offering – ONLINE GIVING available at www.RisenChrist.info – 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.

Prayer of the Church

☩ Let us pray for the whole people of God in Jesus Christ and for all people according to their needs.

MEN – We pray for the whole Church throughout the world that, as people united in faith and active in love, we may witness to the Good News that is ours in Christ Jesus. We pray for all nations of the earth, that in those places where strife and discord rule there may be times of peace and reconciliation, and for our own nation that it may be an ensign of hope.

WOMEN – We bring our special petitions today to God's throne of grace as we pray for our families, especially as on this Father's Day we honor our fathers, grandfathers, and great-grandfathers, thanking God for the blessings that are received from all caring parents in every generation. And we thank God, our heavenly Father, for listening to our petitions and responding to them.

P We pray for the varied situations of daily life in which we are placed, especially in our workplaces and neighborhoods, that we be peace bringers in all of our actions and words, and we pray for the special needs of this day, remembering those who are ill and those who mourn and for all those matters on our hearts this day, [*including...*].

For all those saints who have completed their earthly journeys in faith and have left us a legacy of love, we thank You, Lord, and faithfully commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us to pray:

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.**

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 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

***CHORUS: 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
sing praise sing praise ***CHORUS***

Benediction

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.**