



Risen Christ Lutheran Church
4th Sunday after Pentecost Worship
June 25, 2023 9:30am

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PLEASE SIT QUIETLY AND PREPARE FOR WORSHIP.**



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.

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For Children – Children’s Book Cart for Worship: Available in the Welcome Area.

As We Gather

It is not easy to live in this world as a believer in the one true God. Faith is challenged, truth is questioned, and persecution is faced. Though hardships and challenges are there and will continue, we are reminded this is nothing new since the fall into sin. The Lord doesn’t leave us though in midst of doubt and despair as we deal with division and even danger. He gives His presence and assures His lasting promises. In the Old Testament, the prophet Jeremiah and his people faced hardships, yet they modeled how our witness and testimony can be ones of boldness and confidence as we sing to and praise the Lord, for He “delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers” (Jeremiah 20:13). As Paul would face countless challenges in his Gospel proclamation to the ends of the earth, he reminds us that, even amid the battle of sin, we have received grace and that the “free gift of God is eternal life” (Romans 6:23). Jesus also reminds us that as divisiveness and persecution can be expected even from those closest to us, because of His everlasting promises we are able to “fear not.” The psalmist also assures that the Lord remains our refuge and our fortress. The world around us won’t change until Christ returns, but the Lord doesn’t change either. In and through Him, with faith and confidence we keep our trust.

Pre-service Music *by Jennifer Kirk*

Welcome and Announcements

Today's Guest Preacher (Seminar luncheon after church, too! Please let Pr. Rennie know if you'd like to attend to make sure we have enough seats and food!) *Rev. Nader Hanna* – Rev. Nader Hanna, Executive Director of Salam Ministries, lived and served the Lord in Egypt, Lebanon, Cyprus, and the USA. Nader is a trainer and a coach of cross-cultural Disciple Making Movements DMMs, and an evangelist to Middle Easterners and Muslims. Nader and his wife, Amy, have a 20 -year-old son, Hadi. Nader and Amy have been full time in ministry for the past 20 years producing and broadcasting Christian TV and radio programs to the Arab/Muslim world and leading outreaches, discipleship programs, and leadership trainings. He is currently partnering with Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) in audiovisual production and training churches in evangelism, spiritual formation, cross cultural ministry, apologetics, Islam and making disciples among Muslims, and Engaging the occults. He partners with Mariners Church in Irvine leading Mariner's outreach to Middle Easterners. He also leads NAME (North Africa Middle East) Ministry Group at Saddleback Church in Lake Forest where he provides training for those who desire to reach the unreached. In partnership with the Pacific Southwest District PSD and Mission of Christ Network MCN, Faith Lutheran Church in Huntington Beach CA, holds his call as the LCMS Associate Pastor for Mission Outreach, sending him to work with churches and communities in Southern California to help edify the Body of Christ and do the work of mission.

Call to Worship – “King of Kings”

1. In the darkness we were waiting
 Without hope without light
 Till from Heaven You came running
 There was mercy in Your eyes
 To fulfil the law and prophets
 To a virgin came the Word
 From a throne of endless glory... To a cradle in
 the dirt

***CHORUS: Praise the Father
 Praise the Son
 Praise the Spirit three in one
 God of Glory
 Majesty
 Praise forever to the King of kings***

2. To reveal the kingdom coming
 And to reconcile the lost
 To redeem the whole creation
 You did not despise the cross
 For even in Your suffering
 You saw to the other side
 Knowing this was our salvation
 Jesus for our sake You died

3. And the morning that You rose
 All of heaven held its breath
 Till that stone was moved for good
 For the Lamb had conquered death
 And the dead rose from their tombs
 And the angels stood in awe
 For the souls of all who'd come
 To the Father are restored

4. And the Church of Christ was born
 Then the Spirit lit the flame
 Now this Gospel truth of old
 Shall not kneel shall not faint
 By His blood and in His Name
 In His freedom I am free
 For the love of Jesus Christ
 Who has resurrected me ***CHORUS***

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Invocation

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

C Amen.

Come, Thou Almighty King



1 Come, Thou al - might - y King, Help us Thy
2 Come, Thou in - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred
△ 4 To Thee, great One in Three, E - ter - nal



name to sing; Help us to praise; Fa - ther all -
might - y sword; Our prayer at - tend. Come and Thy
wit - ness bear In this glad hour! Thou, who al -
prais - es be Hence ev - er - more! Thy sov-'reign



glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
peo - ple bless, And give Thy Word suc - cess,
might - y art, Now rule in ev - 'ry heart,
maj - es - ty May we in glo - ry see,



Come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
And let Thy righ - teous - ness On us de - scend.
And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

Confession and Absolution

Matthew 10:23; 11:28; 16:24; 25:34; Revelation 22:20

P We come before our Lord in confession, even as Jesus invites us to come to Him. "Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

C **Gracious Lord, we confess we have not always sought rest for ourselves nor our burdened souls in You, instead seeking refuge in the temporary things of this world. Forgive us.**

P Jesus says, "If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me."

C **Lord, we confess we have not come nor followed as You desire, nor denied ourselves, instead at times denying the cross and faith You have graciously given. Forgive us.**

P In a parable, Jesus says, “Come, you who are blessed by My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.”

C **Lord, we confess we have not always been mindful of Your eternal kingdom, instead focusing on the things of this world. We have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us.**

P Jesus speaks of the day when the “Son of Man comes.” Until that day, as we come before Him in our sin and our shame and with our struggles in this world, He comes to us out of unconditional love with mercy and grace. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Introit for Pentecost 4

Psalm 56:3–4, 10–11; antiphon: v. 13

For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling,
that I may walk before God in the light of life.

When I am afraid,

I put my trust in you.

In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.

What can flesh do to me?

In God, whose word I praise,

in the LORD, whose word I praise,

in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.

What can man do to me?

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.

For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling,
that I may walk before God in the light of life.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

O God, because Your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of Your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in Your eternal love; 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

Jeremiah 20:7–13

⁷O LORD, you have deceived me, and I was deceived;
you are stronger than I, and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughingstock all the day; everyone mocks me.
⁸For whenever I speak, I cry out, I shout, "Violence and destruction!"
For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long.
⁹If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name,"
there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones,
and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.
¹⁰For I hear many whispering. Terror is on every side!
"Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" say all my close friends, watching for my fall.
"Perhaps he will be deceived; then we can overcome him and take our revenge on him."
¹¹But the LORD is with me as a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble;
they will not overcome me. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed.
Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten.
¹²O LORD of hosts, who tests the righteous, who sees the heart and the mind,
let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause.
¹³Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hand of evildoers.

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

Psalm

Psalm 91:1–10

¹He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.
²I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."
³For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence.
**⁴He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.**
⁵You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day,
⁶nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.
⁷A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.
⁸You will only look with your eyes and see the recompense of the wicked.
⁹Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—the Most High, who is my refuge—
¹⁰no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.

Epistle

Romans 6:12–23

¹²Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.
¹⁵What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to

God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, ¹⁸and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Gradual and Verse

Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b; Matthew 10:32

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. Everyone who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before My Father who is in heaven.

C **Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 10:5a, 21–33

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.

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

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, . . .

¹¹“Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, ²²and you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

²⁴“A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

²⁶“So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. ²⁷What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. ²⁸And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³²So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, ³³but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.”

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

Take My Life and Let It Be



1 Take my life and let it be Con - se - crat - ed,
2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways, on - ly
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would



Lord, to Thee; Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them
of Thy love; Take my feet and let them be Swift and
for my King; Take my lips and let them be Filled with
I with - hold; Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry



flow in cease-less praise, Let them flow in cease-less praise.
beau - ti - ful for Thee, Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
mes - sag - es from Thee, Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.
pow'r as Thou shalt choose, Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

- 5 Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne,
It shall be Thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee,
Ever, only, all for Thee.

Message "Lost and Found – Evangelism and the Family of God"

by Guest Preacher Rev. Nader Hanna, LCMS Missionary (See Bio on page #3)

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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.**

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Prayer of the Church

Revelation 22:20

P We pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord our God, You are our refuge and fortress, in whom we make our dwelling place. Strengthen our faith in Your Word, as done through Jeremiah, the apostle Paul, and our Savior, Jesus Christ. Help us to dispel our doubts and unbelief that we be Your witnesses of truth, life, and light. In Your mercy, hear our prayer.

C **Come, Lord Jesus.**

MEN – When we face the many trials and temptations living as Your people, give us strength to show Your mercy and forgiveness. With so many things fleeting and temporary, help us hold to what lasts, which is Your Word, Your promises, and life with You. In Your mercy, hear our prayer.

C **Come, Lord Jesus.**

WOMEN – As we remain in this world, You have given us authorities for our good. Enable us to keep Your commands to honor our fathers and mothers and to be faithful citizens to authorities placed over us in our nation, state, and communities. Grant Your wisdom, truth, compassion, and care upon all those who lead that in this world we and others may in confidence and joy await Your kingdom to come when the Son of Man comes. In Your mercy, hear our prayer.

C **Come, Lord Jesus.**

P For all who are weighed down by sin and shame, point them to the life-giving and forgiving cross of Christ. For those who are weighed down by ailments in this life spiritually, emotionally, or physically, [*especially . . .*], grant Your presence of comfort and peace in times of need. In Your mercy, hear our prayer.

C **Come, Lord Jesus.**

P Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

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C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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.

C **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:

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.

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Communion

Grace Flows Down

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
Amazing love now flowing down
From hands and feet that were nailed to the tree
Grace flows down and covers me

*It covers me
It covers me
It covers me
And covers me*

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Lamb of God

1. Your only Son, no sin to hide
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod
And to become the Lamb of God

2. Your gift of Love they crucified
They laughed and scorned him as He died
The humble King they named a fraud
And sacrificed the Lamb of God

***CHORUS: Oh Lamb of God,
Sweet Lamb of God
I love the Holy Lamb of God
Oh wash me in His precious Blood
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God***

3. I was so lost I should have died
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod
And to be called a lamb of God ***CHORUS***

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Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

***CHORUS: Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name***

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes ***CHORUS***

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find ***CHORUS***

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore ***CHORUS***

ENDING: Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name
Jesus I'll worship Your holy name
I'll worship Your holy name

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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.

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