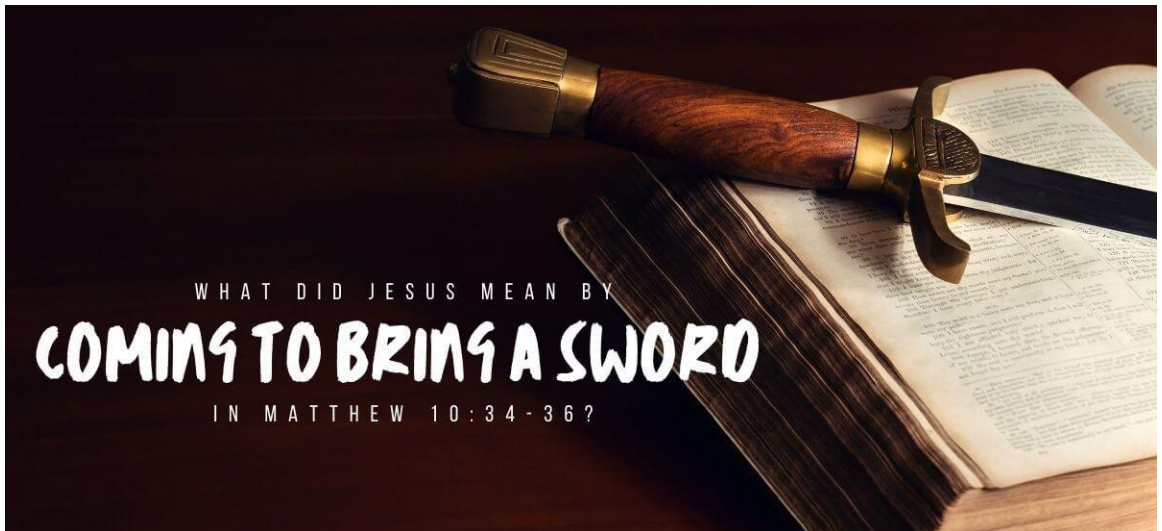




Risen Christ Lutheran Church
5th Sunday after Pentecost Worship
July 2, 2023 9:30am

**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

Peace in our time would be a wonderful thing to experience, as countless things in life are anything but peaceful. From our stresses and circumstances to the sins that surround us and others, can peace ever be attained? It is not from lack of trying. Politicians attempt to create and even make promises of peace, relationships that were strained can become mended, and turmoil can be overcome at times. But does it last? We know in this world it doesn’t, but there is a peace that does last. Jeremiah is inspired to speak of false peace among his people, but only the Lord can truly bring it. As the Paul writes about the anything-but-peaceful lives of sin, we are reminded of peace that only comes from God’s forgiveness in Christ. Even as Jesus speaks of the sword He comes to bring, it doesn’t bring “peace on earth.” As we hear God’s Word, may we be drawn today and always to a peace that is beyond our understanding come by and through Christ’s victory for us as we await eternal joys in Him.

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Opening Sentences

Matthew 10:39–40

- P** Our Savior Jesus Christ speaks in today’s Gospel, “Whoever finds his life will lose it,
C and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.
- P** “Whoever receives you receives Me,
C and whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me.”

Lift High the Cross


Refrain




Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till



all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,
2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied
4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,



Refrain

Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.
As Thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to Thee.

5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. **Refrain**

6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! **Refrain**

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Confession and Absolution

Matthew 16:24; 22:37; Mark 12:30–31

- P** You call us, Lord, to follow, and, as we follow, to “love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”
- C** We confess that we have put love for other things above You in our hearts, souls, and minds.

- P** You call us, Lord, to follow, and, as we follow, to “love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength,” and to “love your neighbor as yourself.”
- C** **We have not loved You with our whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserves Your present and eternal punishment.**
- P** You call us, Lord, to follow, and tell us, “If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.”
- C** **We have often failed to take up Christ’s cross in our daily living, our witnessing, and our resisting of temptation.**
- P** As we follow in repentance and humbleness,
- C** **for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- P** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C** **Amen.**

Introit

Psalm 89:15–18; antiphon: v. 1

I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.
 Blessèd are the people who know the festal shout,
who walk, O LORD, in the light of your face,
 who exult in your name all the day
and in your righteousness are exalted.
 For you are the glory of their strength;
by your favor our horn is exalted.
 For our shield belongs to the LORD,
 our king to the Holy One of Israel.
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.
 I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray.
 Almighty God, by the working of Your Holy Spirit, grant that we may gladly hear Your Word proclaimed among us and follow its directing; 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 28:5–9

⁵Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD make the words that you have prophesied come true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. ⁷Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.”

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

Psalm

Psalm 119:153–160

RESH

¹⁵³Look on my affliction and deliver me, for I do not forget your law.

¹⁵⁴Plead my cause and redeem me; give me life according to your promise!

¹⁵⁵Salvation is far from the wicked, for they do not seek your statutes.

¹⁵⁶Great is your mercy, O LORD; give me life according to your just decrees.

¹⁵⁷Many are my persecutors and my adversaries, but I do not swerve from your testimonies.

¹⁵⁸I look at the faithless with disgust, because they do not keep your commands.

¹⁵⁹Consider how I love your precepts! Give me life according to your steadfast love.

¹⁶⁰The sum of your word is truth, and every one of your just and righteous decrees endures forever.

Epistle

Romans 7:1–13

¹Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? ²Thus a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. ³Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress.

⁴Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God.

⁵For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. ⁶But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve not under the old written code but in the new life of the Spirit.

⁷What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.”

⁸But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness.

Apart from the law, sin lies dead. ⁹I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. ¹⁰The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. ¹¹For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. ¹²So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

¹³Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

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

In Christ Alone

1. In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

2. In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied -
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

3. There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine -
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand:
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

Gradual and Verse

Romans 11:33, 36; Matthew 10:39

- P** Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!
C **How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!**
- P** For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.
C **To Him be glory forever. Amen.**
- P** Alleluia. Whoever finds his life will lose it,
C **and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 10:34-42

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

³⁴[Jesus said:] "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. ³⁶And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. ³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

⁴⁰"Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. ⁴¹The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. ⁴²And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward."

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

Sermon – “An Other-worldly Peace, Beyond the World’s Understanding”

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.

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

- P** Let us pray for the people of God and for all people according to their needs. Ever-gracious Lord, You have blessed us with time, talents, and abilities to serve others in various vocations. You have also given us the privilege of serving You. As we continue in the joyful job of following You, witnessing Your truth, and living faithfully with Your Word as our guide, grant us continued confidence in Your presence, Your promises, and Your ultimate peace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

MEN – Ever-present Lord, we know in this world we will have trouble. Our Savior speaks of divisions and disturbances even among those closest to us as we bear the name of Your beloved children. In times of trial, grant us a sure faith in Christ’s redemptive work accomplished for us. Even as the sword divides, Your cross brings peace for those who believe that You have overcome this world. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

WOMEN – Ever-providing Lord, You have given us all we need for this body and this life, and have placed authorities over us for order and peace. Even as peace in this world is challenged through wars, skirmishes, and cultural clashes, we have been given a peace beyond all understanding through You. For this nation, we give thanks for the freedoms we are blessed to have as we recognize Independence Day soon. Give safety to all who travel and peace for all who gather. Grant that we appreciate our citizenship here, while also awaiting our true citizenship in heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

P Ever-comforting Lord, so many around us seek peace of mind, peace of soul, and peace of body, including those near and dear to us who have asked for our prayers, [*especially . . .*]. In times of fears, questions, and uncertainty, give Your peace, answers, and confidence according to Your will that hope and comfort be found in You alone. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, 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.**

Closing Sentences

Matthew 10:39–40

P "Whoever finds his life will lose it,
C **and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.**
P "Whoever receives you receives Me,
C **and whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me."**

Who You Say I Am

1. Who am I that the highest King
Would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh His love for me
Oh His love for me

**CHORUS 1: Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am**

2. Free at last
He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me

**CHORUS 2: Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am
In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God
Yes I am**

**BRIDGE: I am chosen not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me not against me
I am who You say I am **CHORUS 2****

Benediction

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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