



Risen Christ Lutheran Church  
8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Worship  
July 23, 2023 9:30am

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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](http://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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**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** – God’s plans are far beyond our understanding. Even His divine existence sends our minds reeling. No wonder that Jesus’ disciples, and we who follow them, cannot figure out why He lets His and our spiritual enemies live with us. But because we have been given faith by the Holy Spirit, and although we cannot understand God’s plans, in the death and resurrection of Christ, our Lord, we trust His divine wisdom. We have the firstfruits of the Spirit and know that the Spirit intercedes for us. Thus, even in the groans of our prayers, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. In sure hope, we wait for the day when we shall “shine like the sun” in our Father’s kingdom.

**Preservice Music** by Jennifer Kirk

**Welcome and Announcements**

### **Call to Worship – Do It Again**

Walking around these walls  
I thought by now they’d fall  
But you have never failed me yet  
Waiting for change to come  
Knowing the battle’s won  
For you have never failed me yet

***CHORUS: Your promise still stands  
Great is your faithfulness  
Faithfulness  
I’m still in your hands  
This is my confidence  
You’ve never failed me yet***

I know the night won't last  
 Your word will come to pass  
 My heart will sing your praise again  
 Jesus you're still enough  
 Keep me within your love  
 My heart will sing your praise again **CHORUS**

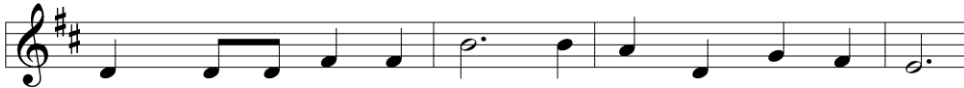
**BRIDGE:** I've seen you move  
 You move the mountains  
 And I believe  
 I'll see you do it again  
 You made a way  
 Where there was no way  
 And I believe  
 I'll see you do it again **CHORUS**

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## Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✝}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

## Crown Him with Many Crowns



1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;  
 3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,  
 4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave  
 5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a - bove,



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.  
 Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
 And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.  
 Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The won-drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And  
 No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But  
 His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who  
 Crown Him with man - y crowns As thrones be - fore Him fall; Crown



hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 down-ward bend their won-d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.  
 Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is king of all.

## Confession and Absolution

1 John 1:8–9

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **We confess, gracious God, that we groan not only because of sin in the world, but our failure to trust You for all that we need. We have not waited patiently; we have demanded reasons from You; we have sought to excuse ourselves. Yet You have given us the Spirit, who intercedes for us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us to hope not in ourselves but in the resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.**
- P** The promises of God are sure; one day creation will be set free from corruption. Your sins were taken to Christ's cross, where you were redeemed as God's beloved children. 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.**

## Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us pray.  
O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment,
- C** **we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter;**
- P** 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

Isaiah 44:6–8

<sup>6</sup>Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

"I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god.

<sup>7</sup>Who is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before me, since I appointed an ancient people. Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.

<sup>8</sup>Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it?

And you are my witnesses! Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any."

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

## Psalm

Psalm 119:57–64; antiphon: v. 89

HETH

<sup>57</sup>The LORD is my portion; I promise to keep your words.

**<sup>58</sup>I entreat your favor with all my heart; be gracious to me according to your promise.**

<sup>59</sup>When I think on my ways, I turn my feet to your testimonies;

**<sup>60</sup>I hasten and do not delay to keep your commandments.**

<sup>61</sup>Though the cords of the wicked ensnare me, I do not forget your law.

**<sup>62</sup>At midnight I rise to praise you, because of your just and righteous decrees.**

<sup>63</sup>I am a companion of all who fear you, of those who keep your precepts.

**<sup>64</sup>The earth, O LORD, is full of your steadfast love; teach me your statutes!**

## Epistle

Romans 8:18–27

<sup>18</sup>For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup>For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. <sup>23</sup>And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

<sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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

## Christ Be My Leader



1 Christ be my Lead - er by night as by day; Safe through the  
2 Christ be my Teach - er in age as in youth, Drift - ing or  
3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife; Death can - not



dark - ness, for He is the way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my  
doubt - ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though  
hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor



fu - ture His care, Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.  
shift - ing as sand, Doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.  
sin and its stain Can touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

## Gradual and Verse

*Romans 11:33, 36; Matthew 13:35b*

**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. I will open My mouth in parables;

**C** **I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world. Alleluia.**

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43*

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

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

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, <sup>25</sup>but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. <sup>26</sup>So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. <sup>27</sup>And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' <sup>28</sup>He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' <sup>29</sup>But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup>Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" . . .

<sup>36</sup>Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." <sup>37</sup>He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, <sup>39</sup>and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup>Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. <sup>41</sup>The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all lawbreakers, <sup>42</sup>and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup>Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear."

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

## Sermon – "The Parable of the Weeds"

## 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 onlybegotten 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.

**Offering** – **ONLINE GIVING** available at [www.RisenChrist.info](http://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.

### Create in Me a Clean Heart

Create in me a clean heart, O God  
and renew a right spirit within me  
Create in me a clean heart, O God  
and renew a right spirit within me

Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord  
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation  
and renew a right spirit within me

## Prayer of the Church

**P** When we look at the storms gathering around us, many people are in dire straits. Let us pray for them, for the Church around the world, and all people in their various circumstances.

For the human powers that be, that God would enable them to make and administer laws to order society within their borders and to establish peace across them, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Hear us, heavenly Father, as we pray in hope.**

**WOMEN** – For the disenfranchised and homeless, the forgotten and oppressed, the unemployed and disheartened, that God would protect and defend them, open doors of opportunity for them, and move them to rely on Him for all their needs, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Hear us, heavenly Father, as we pray in hope.**

**P** For those near and dear to us in their illnesses, anger, grief, or despair, and those whom we name in our hearts now [*pause for silent prayer*], that God would visit, relieve, strengthen, and renew them according to His gracious plan, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Hear us, heavenly Father, as we pray in hope.**

**MEN** – For those who tend flocks and till the soil, who provide transportation and manage shops, who provide protection in their communities and defense of their nation, and who respond to sudden emergencies and work to increase health and wellbeing, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Hear us, heavenly Father, as we pray in hope.**

**P** For ourselves and all who come to the Lord's Table in true faith, that God would bestow on us His forgiveness, life, and salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Hear us, heavenly Father, as we pray in hope.**

**P** These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father,

**C** **grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

## Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

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**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.**



## Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your onlybegotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the allavailing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. 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. 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  $\text{†}$  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  $\text{†}$  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

### **"O Come to The Altar"**

Are you hurting and broken within  
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin  
Jesus is calling  
Have you come to the end of yourself  
Do you thirst for a drink from the well  
Jesus is calling

***CHORUS: O come to the altar  
The Father's arms are open wide  
Forgiveness was bought with  
The precious blood of Jesus Christ***

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes  
Come today there's no reason to wait  
Jesus is calling  
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy  
From the ashes a new life is born  
Jesus is calling

***BRIDGE:*** Oh what a Savior  
Isn't he wonderful  
Sing alleluia Christ is risen  
Bow down before him  
For he is Lord of all  
Sing alleluia Christ is risen ***CHORUS***

***END:*** Bear your cross as you wait for the crown  
Tell the world of the treasure you've found

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### **As The Deer**

**1.** As the deer panteth for the water  
So my soul longeth after Thee  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship Thee ***CHORUS***

**2.** You're my friend and You are my brother  
Even though You are a King  
I love You more than any other  
So much more than anything ***CHORUS***

***CHORUS: You alone  
are my strength my shield  
To You alone may my spirit yield  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship Thee***

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## **Give Me Jesus**

1. In the morning when I rise  
In the morning when I rise  
In the morning when I rise  
Give me Jesus

***CHORUS: Give me Jesus  
Give me Jesus  
You can have all this world  
(But give me Jesus)***

2. And when I am alone  
Oh and when I am alone  
And when I am alone  
Give me Jesus ***CHORUS***

3. And when I come to die  
Oh and when I come to die  
And when I come to die  
Give me Jesus ***CHORUS***

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## **PostCommunion Thanksgiving**

**P** Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in lovingkindness sent Your onlybegotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Mighty to Save

1. Ev'ryone needs compassion  
Love that's never failing  
Let mercy fall on me  
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness  
The kindness of a Saviour  
The hope of nations

***CHORUS: Saviour***  
***He can move the mountains***  
***My God is mighty to save***  
***He is mighty to save***  
***Forever Author of salvation***  
***He rose and conquered the grave***  
***Jesus conquered the grave***

2. So take me as You find me  
All my fears and failures  
Fill my life again  
I give my life to follow  
Ev'rything I believe in  
Now I surrender ***CHORUS***

***BRIDGE*** Shine your light and  
let the whole world see  
We're singing  
For the glory  
of the risen King  
Jesus  
Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing  
For the glory of the risen King

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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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.
- G** Amen.

## Dismissal

- P** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
- G** Thanks be to God.

## Postlude Music by Jennifer Kirk

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