



Risen Christ Lutheran Church  
11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Worship  
August 13, 2023 9:30am

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PLEASE SIT QUIETLY AND PREPARE FOR WORSHIP.**



***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](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.

**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**

When children cannot understand why they can’t do something, the answer is often, “Because I said so.” As they grow up, they may get the answers they seek. Job did not get an answer, but he kept his faith in his Creator. In the Gospel, the disciples cannot understand Jesus’ walking on the sea, but when He is in the boat with them, they confess, “Truly You are the Son of God” (Matthew 14:33). Though we may ask God, “Why?” and Paul in the Epistle says we cannot understand God’s reasons, we can confess with our mouths and believe in Christ’s resurrection. It is an exercise of the faith God has so graciously given us. Why did He come to earth? He came to save us. In great might He destroyed death itself so that we might live with Him forever. That’s why!

**Preservice Music** *by Jennifer Kirk*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Invocation**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.


**G** Amen.

## Opening Sentences

2 Samuel 22:47; Psalm 18:3, 6, 46

- P** The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock,  
**C** and exalted be the God of my salvation.
- P** I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,  
**C** and I am saved from my enemies.
- P** In my distress I called upon the LORD;  
**C** to my God I cried for help.
- P** From His temple He heard my voice,  
**C** and my cry to Him reached His ears.
- P** The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock,  
**C** and exalted be the God of my salvation.


## From All That Dwell Below the Skies



1 From all that dwell be - low the skies Let the Cre - a - tor's  
2 E - ter - nal are Thy mer - cies, Lord; E - ter - nal truth at -  
△ 3 All praise to God the Fa - ther be, All praise, e - ter - nal



praise a - rise; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
tends Thy Word. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Son, to Thee. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Let the Re - deem - er's name be sung Through ev - 'ry land by  
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore Till suns shall rise and  
Whom with the Spir - it we a - dore For - ev - er and for -



ev - 'ry tongue. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
set no more. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## Confession and Absolution

- P** Let us consider our unworthiness to come before almighty God and confess our sins to Him in the presence of one another.

We confess, Creator Lord, that like Job, we become angry at times with what You have allowed in our lives and we have wondered why.

- C** **Forgive our pride and turn us to humbly rely on Your gracious plans for us.**

- P** We confess, Savior Lord, that unlike Paul, we have neglected people around us who have not accepted Your sacrifice for them.

- C** **Forgive our self-centeredness and inaction, and move us to tell them the Good News as You provide opportunity.**

- P** We confess, Spirit of truth, that like Peter, we have failed to trust You in all things and have been overwhelmed by the storms of life.

- C** **Forgive our weakness of faith and enable us to follow where You lead the way.**

- P** All things in heaven and earth are under God's rule. His almighty power was shown chiefly in sending His Son into this fallen world to destroy the powers of sin, death, and the devil. Your pride, self-centeredness, weakness of faith, and anything else that would separate you from His great love have been forgiven for Jesus' sake. 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.  
Almighty and most merciful God,

- C** **preserve us from all harm and danger**

- P** that we, being ready in both body and soul,  
**C** **may cheerfully accomplish what You want done;**

- 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

*Job 38:4–18*

<sup>4</sup>[The Lord said to Job:] "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?  
Tell me, if you have understanding.

<sup>5</sup>Who determined its measurements—surely you know!  
 Or who stretched the line upon it?  
<sup>6</sup>On what were its bases sunk,  
 or who laid its cornerstone,  
<sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together  
 and all the sons of God shouted for joy?  
<sup>8</sup>Or who shut in the sea with doors  
 when it burst out from the womb,  
<sup>9</sup>when I made clouds its garment  
 and thick darkness its swaddling band,  
<sup>10</sup>and prescribed limits for it  
 and set bars and doors,  
<sup>11</sup>and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,  
 and here shall your proud waves be stayed’?  
<sup>12</sup>“Have you commanded the morning since your days began,  
 and caused the dawn to know its place,  
<sup>13</sup>that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth,  
 and the wicked be shaken out of it?  
<sup>14</sup>It is changed like clay under the seal,  
 and its features stand out like a garment.  
<sup>15</sup>From the wicked their light is withheld,  
 and their uplifted arm is broken.  
<sup>16</sup>“Have you entered into the springs of the sea,  
 or walked in the recesses of the deep?  
<sup>17</sup>Have the gates of death been revealed to you,  
 or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?  
<sup>18</sup>Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth?  
 Declare, if you know all this.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

*Psalm 18:1–16; antiphon: v. 46*

<sup>1</sup>I love you,  
 O LORD, my strength.  
<sup>2</sup>**The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,  
 my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,  
 my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.**  
<sup>3</sup>I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,  
 and I am saved from my enemies.  
<sup>4</sup>**The cords of death encompassed me;  
 the torrents of destruction assailed me;**  
<sup>5</sup>the cords of Sheol entangled me;  
 the snares of death confronted me.

**<sup>6</sup>In my distress I called upon the LORD;  
to my God I cried for help.**

**From his temple he heard my voice,  
and my cry to him reached his ears.**

<sup>7</sup>Then the earth reeled and rocked;  
the foundations also of the mountains trembled  
and quaked, because he was angry.

**<sup>8</sup>Smoke went up from his nostrils,  
and devouring fire from his mouth;  
glowing coals flamed forth from him.**

<sup>9</sup>He bowed the heavens and came down;  
thick darkness was under his feet.

**<sup>10</sup>He rode on a cherub and flew;  
he came swiftly on the wings of the wind.**

<sup>11</sup>He made darkness his covering, his canopy around him,  
thick clouds dark with water.

**<sup>12</sup>Out of the brightness before him  
hailstones and coals of fire broke through his clouds.**

<sup>13</sup>The LORD also thundered in the heavens,  
and the Most High uttered his voice,  
hailstones and coals of fire.

**<sup>14</sup>And he sent out his arrows and scattered them;  
he flashed forth lightnings and routed them.**

<sup>15</sup>Then the channels of the sea were seen,  
and the foundations of the world were laid bare  
at your rebuke, O LORD,  
at the blast of the breath of your nostrils.

**<sup>16</sup>He sent from on high, he took me;  
he drew me out of many waters.**

**<sup>46</sup>The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock,  
and exalted be the God of my salvation—**

## Epistle

*Romans 10:5–17*

<sup>5</sup>Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. <sup>6</sup>But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup>or “‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup>But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. <sup>11</sup>For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

<sup>14</sup>But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? <sup>15</sup>And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" <sup>16</sup>But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" <sup>17</sup>So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Nicene Creed

**C** **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.**

## Verse

Matthew 14:27

- P** Alleluia. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying,  
**G** “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” Alleluia.

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 14:22–33

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

<sup>22</sup>Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup>And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup>but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup>And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. <sup>26</sup>But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup>But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.”

<sup>28</sup>And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” <sup>29</sup>He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” <sup>31</sup>Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” <sup>32</sup>And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup>And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

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

## Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Oh soul are you weary and troubled?  
No light in the darkness to see  
There's a light for a look at the Savior  
And life more abundant and free **CHORUS**

His words shall not fail you, He promised  
Believe Him and all will be well  
Then go to a world that is dying  
His perfect salvation to tell **CHORUS**

**CHORUS:** *Turn your eyes upon Jesus  
Look full in His wonderful face  
And the things of Earth will grow strangely dim  
In the light of His glory and grace*

## Sermon – “Fear Not! Keep Your Eyes on Jesus.”

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## Prayer of the Church

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

For the Church, gathered around Word and Sacrament, that she proclaim the Gospel in the face of turmoil and oppression; for leaders and laity alike, that the Spirit give them courage in their mission to speak the Gospel that many may hear and come to faith; and for all our brothers and sisters in Christ, that we find the unity to which our Lord calls us, let us pray to the Lord.

- C** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**WOMEN** – For all who serve in governmental and social positions, that they zealously promote justice and the common good; for those who work in industry and commerce, that their efforts be a blessing to all people; and for favorable weather that harvests be bountiful, famine be alleviated, and praise resound to our Creator, let us pray to the Lord.

- C** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**MEN** – For those who are unemployed, those who deal with social injustice and discrimination, and those who are hungry and homeless, that they seek God’s strength and rely on Him to meet their needs of body, soul, and spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

- C** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**P** For those near and dear to us who call out for relief, renewal, and health, [*including . . .*], that God would hear their prayers and answer according to His great love for them, let us pray to the Lord.

- C** **Grant us our requests, heavenly Father, for we lift our voices in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.

**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  $\text{†}$  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

### Jesus Draw Me Close

Jesus draw me close  
Closer Lord to You  
Let the world around me fade away  
Jesus draw me close  
Closer Lord to You  
For I desire to worship and obey

## 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

## The Church's One Foundation

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is His new creation by water and the Word.  
From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore.  
'Till with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy, Lord, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

## Post-Communion Thanksgiving

**P** Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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, Take My Hand and Lead Me



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me Up - on life's way;  
2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear,  
3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en And night has come,



Di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me From day to day.  
For You, the Rock of A - ges, Are al - ways near.  
I know that You will strength - en My steps toward home.



With - out Your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;  
Close by Your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,  
Then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend;



So take my hand, O Sav - ior, And lead the way.  
For when Your hand is guid - ing, In peace I go.  
So take my hand and lead me Un - to the end.

## Benediction and Dismissal

**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.

**P** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Postlude by Jennifer Kirk

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