



Risen Christ Lutheran Church
12th Sunday after Pentecost Worship
August 20, 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 Lord’s words through the prophet Isaiah remind us of the purpose of the sacred space into which we have entered: “My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples” (Isaiah 56:7). Even from ancient times, the Lord God has invited all peoples—no matter who they are or where they have come from—to enter His presence and receive deliverance from their sin. In Christ Jesus, crucified and raised to life again for our salvation, we trust that the promises of God, offered to all, are also promises He makes personally to us. Jesus died for all, and Jesus died for you! Standing together as one, we, though many, form one family and belong to one everlasting kingdom. Together, we receive God’s gifts. Together, we raise our united voice in prayers and praises. Together, we gather to experience the life God offers “for all peoples.”

Preservice Music *by Wenzel Schwarz*

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

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

G Amen.

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,



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

Isaiah 56:1

P Thus says the LORD: "Keep justice, and do righteousness,
C for soon My salvation will come, and My deliverance be revealed."

P The deliverance of the Lord comes to us today as we gather in this house of prayer, united as one with all people who trust in the name of Jesus. Let us search our hearts and minds, bowing before our gracious Father and confessing our sins to Him.

(We take a moment of silence for prayer and meditation upon the Word of God.)

P Delivering Lord, You invite all people into Your holy house of prayer.

C We confess that we have not kept justice, choosing to go our own way instead of following Your direction. We admit that we have not lived righteously, breaking Your commands by what we think, say, and do.

P Saving Lord, You invite all people to know Your mercy.

C At the cross of our Savior, Jesus Christ, You defeated our enemies of sin and death. Help us to live in this victory, trusting in Your promises, and gathering with all Your people to praise Your name forever. Amen.

P Deliverance has come to you! Salvation is yours! To both Jews and Gentiles, to those of every nation under heaven, the Good News of Jesus has been given! God has heard your prayer for mercy and has offered you a place in His kingdom. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, and by the authority of Jesus, my King, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C** Amen.

Introit

Psalm 28:1–2, 6–7; antiphon: v. 8

L The LORD is the strength of His people;

C He is the saving refuge of His anointed.

L To You, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me,

C lest, if You be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.

L Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to You for help,

C when I lift up my hands toward Your most holy sanctuary.

L Blessed be the LORD!

C For He has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

L The LORD is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped;

C my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to 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.**

L The LORD is the strength of His people;

C He is the saving refuge of His anointed.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

We give thanks and praise to You, O God, for making Your house a place of prayer for all peoples.

C You have blessed us with Your grace and salvation!

P Through the Gospel, make us voices of invitation to all people

C that with us they may serve You with joy and gladness all our days.

P We pray this 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 56:1, 6–8

¹Thus says the LORD:

“Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed. . . .

⁶“And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,

to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants,
everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant—

⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.”

⁸The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares,
“I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered.”

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

Psalm

Psalm 67; antiphon: v. 5

L May God be gracious to us and bless us

C **and make His face to shine upon us,**

L that Your way may be known on earth,

C **Your saving power among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!

L Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

C **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!

L The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.

C **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!

Epistle

Romans 11:1–2a, 13–15, 28–32

¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. . . .

¹³Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? . . .

²⁸As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy.

³²For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

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*

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Verse

Psalms 147:2-3

- P** Alleluia. The LORD builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the outcasts of Israel.
G **He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28

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

²¹Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

Sermon – "Our God is the God for All People"

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.

Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for all the people of God, the Church, those who have been called out of the darkness of sin and death and into the light and life of the kingdom that is eternal.

Gracious King, we praise You as the Creator and sustainer of life. From the womb to the tomb, and at every stage of life, Your hand is upon Your own, giving us all that we need to support our daily lives. United as one, we praise You, O Father. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** hear our prayer.

MEN – Saving King, we praise You as the Savior and redeemer of life. Your nail-scarred hands and pierced side give evidence of the lengths to which You have journeyed in order to seek and save the lost. Made right with You by the shedding of Your innocent blood, we are recipients of what we could never earn nor deserve. United as one, we praise You, Lord Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** hear our prayer.

WOMEN – Holy Spirit, we praise You as the restorer and renewer of life. You claim Your family through the outpouring of mercy that we experience in Holy Baptism. You enable our hearts to receive Your Word and our mouths to confess Your truth before our world. United as one, we praise You, Holy Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** hear our prayer.

MEN – Sovereign King, You see all things in heaven and on earth. Nothing is outside Your watch and reign. Bless our families, our workplaces, our schools, and our church. Sustain the life of our community, and guide the leaders who labor among us for the blessing of all. Protect those in harm's way, especially the members of our military, that they may rest in Your promises. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** hear our prayer.

WOMEN – Mighty King, Your strength is unmatched and Your power unfathomable. Break down any barrier of heart and mind that would distract us from seeing Your work in our midst. Draw unto Yourself for restoration those who hunger and thirst, those in need of food and shelter, those who experience loss of employment, and all who struggle to find purpose in their lives. Cause Your Word to reach to the ends of the earth, bringing Your saving Gospel to bear on the lives of all peoples and granting salvation to all who confess Jesus as Lord and God. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** hear our prayer.

P Healing King, You stooped down from Your heavenly throne to dwell among us in Christ. As You continue to bind up the brokenhearted and heal their wounds, we pray for all who are sick and suffering in any way, ... Help these and all others whom we name in our hearts to know the love You have for all peoples. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

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

C **Amen.**

Lord' 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.**

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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

Isaiah 56:1; Numbers 6:24–26

P Thus says the LORD: "Keep justice, and do righteousness,
C **for soon My salvation will come, and My deliverance be revealed."**

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.**

Postlude by Wenzel Schwarz

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