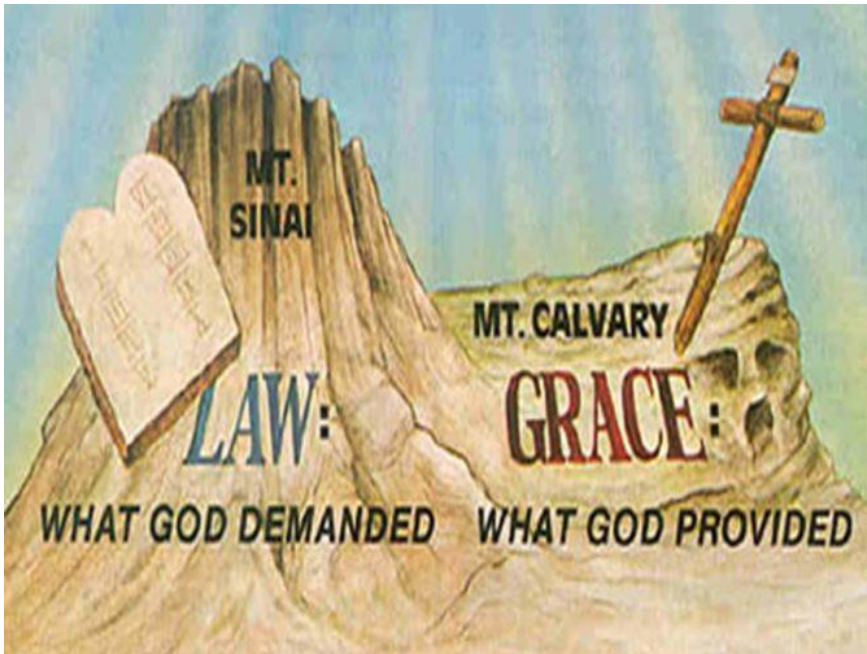




Risen Christ Lutheran Church
10th Sunday after Pentecost Worship
August 6, 2023 9:30am

**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

Without explaining Himself and to the surprise of those He chose, God decided to use the people who eventually became the nation of Israel to save all people. Likewise, He has graciously invited us and all people to join them, solely because we trust His promises. Recognizing that faith, not physical descent, is the factor that includes one in God’s promises, Paul laments that most of his Jewish friends have rejected God’s Son, Jesus Christ. To those who follow our Lord, the disciples learn in today’s Gospel, God’s grace even invites them to serve as His instruments in caring for the people around them. Today we rejoice in God’s invitation to us, and we ask His blessings as we seek to extend His gracious invitation to those who do not yet know Christ as their Savior.

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.

Come, Thou Almighty King

1. Come, Thou almighty King,
Help us Thy name to sing;
Help us to praise;
Father all glorious, o'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.

2. Come, Thou incarnate Word,
Gird on Thy mighty sword;
Our prayer attend.
Come and Thy people bless,
and give Thy Word success,
And let Thy righteousness
On us descend.

3. Come, holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour!
Thou, who almighty art, Now rule in every
heart,
And ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of power.

4. To Thee great One in Three,
Eternal praises be
Hence evermore!
Thy sovereign majesty
may we in glory see,
And to eternity
Love and adore.

Prayer

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden,

C cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name;

through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

P Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

We admit, O Lord, that we often do not freely respond to Your grace.

C Forgive us for confusing Your free and eternal grace with the ways of this world. In Your mercy, renew our faith and instill gratitude in us that we may rely on Your daily and eternal blessings.

P We admit that we have not always shared the compassionate concern of Paul. We rejoice in having faith but do not always share our joy with the people around us.

C Forgive us and open our eyes to see the opportunities to tell of our faith. Give us compassionate hearts to care for those who have rejected our Savior's sacrifice for all people.

P We admit that we have not always considered the needs of others before our own, nor how You might use us and our gifts for their welfare.

C Forgive us and increase our faith in You. Move us by Your Holy Spirit to be part of the answer to their prayers, for we are Your instruments to meet the needs of the people around us.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus, Son of God and Son of David, kept God's eternal covenant. He paid the price with His suffering and death for you so that grace might be freely offered to you. You are counted as children of Abraham because of the faith God has planted within you. 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. Rest assured, your sins are forgiven.

C Amen. Thanks be to God.

Introit

Psalm 105:39–43; antiphon: v. 1

L Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples!
He spread a cloud for a covering, and fire to give light by night.

C **They asked, and He brought quail, and gave them bread from heaven in abundance.**

L He opened the rock, and water gushed out;

C **it flowed through the desert like a river.**

L For He remembered His holy promise, and Abraham, His servant.

C **So He brought His people out with joy, His chosen ones with singing.**

**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.**

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples!

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

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

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul.

C **Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience;**

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 55:1–5

¹“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live;

and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,

and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,

because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.”

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

Psalm

Psalm 136:1–9; antiphon: v. 26

C **Give thanks to the God of heaven, for His steadfast love endures forever.**

L Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever.

I *Give thanks to the God of gods, for His steadfast love endures forever.*

II *Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for His steadfast love endures forever;*

- I to Him who alone does great wonders, for His steadfast love endures forever;
- II to Him who by understanding made the heavens, for His steadfast love endures forever;
- I to Him who spread out the earth above the waters, for His steadfast love endures forever;
- II to Him who made the great lights, for His steadfast love endures forever;
- I the sun to rule over the day, for His steadfast love endures forever;
- II the moon and stars to rule over the night, for His steadfast love endures forever;
- C Give thanks to the God of heaven, for His steadfast love endures forever.**

Epistle

Romans 9:1–13

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit—²that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. ⁵To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

⁶But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, ⁷and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” ⁸This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. ⁹For this is what the promise said: “About this time next year I will return and Sarah shall have a son.” ¹⁰And not only so, but also when Rebecca had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, ¹¹though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God’s purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of his call— ¹²she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” ¹³As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The First Article of the Apostles’ Creed (Creation)

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

P *What does this mean?*

ALL – I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

Gradual and Verse

Romans 11:33, 36; Psalm 78:25

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. Man ate of the bread of the angels;

C **He sent them food in abundance. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel *Matthew 14:13–21* (Jesus feeds the 5,000.)

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

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

P Now when Jesus heard this, He withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by Himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed Him on foot from the towns. When He went ashore He saw a great crowd, and He had compassion on them and healed their sick. Now when it was evening, the disciples came to Him and said,

C **“This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.”**

P But Jesus said,

I *“They need not go away; you give them something to eat.”*

P They said to Him,

C **“We have only five loaves here and two fish.”**

P And He said,

I *“Bring them here to Me.”*

P Then He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, He looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then He broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son. (2x)

***And now let the weak say "I am strong,"
Let the poor say "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.***

Give thanks, give thanks.

Sermon – "Salvation by Grace, Not Law"

Prayer of the Church

P Let us go to our heavenly Father with prayers, praise, and thanksgiving.

For those who have not truly heard the grace offered to all through the everlasting covenant given to David, but rely on the letter of the Law, expecting justice instead of mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Open their ears to hear and move people of faith to call them to turn to Your gracious invitation.**

MEN – For the Holy Spirit's work through Word and Sacrament to instill and strengthen the faith of all who call out to God in hope and trust, let us praise the Lord.

C **Praise to You, heavenly Father, through Christ our Lord, for the gift of faith by the Holy Spirit.**

WOMEN – With one another and our brothers and sisters around the world, for all God's promises, which endure forever, let us thank our gracious God.

C **Thanks be to You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for Your steadfast love.**

P For all who face this day with little or no food, with poor shelter and tattered clothes, without caring support or necessities, dealing with ongoing oppression and persecution, struggling through long-term ills and sudden man-made or natural disasters, [*including...*], that our gracious God would visit, relieve, strengthen, and surround them with caring people and the precious Gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Hear our prayers for them and the longing in their hearts, gracious Lord. Use us and our gifts to be part of Your answer to their fervent prayers.**

P We bring all these things to You in the name of 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.**

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.

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***

1. 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

2. 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

3. 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

Jesus, I'll worship Your holy name
Lord, I'll worship Your holy name

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 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.

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