



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

**YOU ARE IN GOD'S SANCTUARY. AS YOU ENTER,  
PLEASE SIT QUIETLY, READ THROUGH YOUR WORSHIP  
FOLDER, 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)

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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.

## **Welcome and Announcements**

**As We Gather** – Like a building, we have a foundation stone on which we rest, a cornerstone on which we build, a capstone that holds it all together. Christ is each of those stones—the foundation on which our faith is established, the cornerstone on which our faith is built, and the capstone that holds us up. He is also a stone of stumbling. Those who reject His foundation, His cornerstone, and His capstone are broken into pieces in the day of judgment. All of this is revealed in the surprise of a parable about a master who built a vineyard, planted the vines, and set it out for tenants to produce the wine. Instead, they conspired to keep the vineyard as their own, rejected those whom the master sent, and killed his son. This is the story of Jesus and of the people of God that He had chosen and created to be His vineyard. It is a story of warning, but it is also a story of grace.

**Pre-service Music and Postlude** *by Jennifer Kirk*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Invocation**

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

## Opening Sentences

Psalm 80:7, 18

**P** Restore us, O God of hosts;  
**C** let Your face shine, that we may be saved!

**P** Then we shall not turn back from You;  
**C** give us life, and we will call upon Your name!

## The Church's One Foundation



1 The Church's one foun-da-tion Is Je-sus Christ, her Lord;  
2 E-lect from ev-'ry na-tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;  
3 Though with a scorn-ful won-der The world sees her op-pressed,  
4 Through toil and trib-u-la-tion And tu-mult of her war  
5 Yet she on earth has u-nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre-a-tion By wa-ter and the Word.  
Her char-ter of sal-va-tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
By schisms rent a-sun-der, By her-e-sies dis-tressed,  
She waits the con-sum-ma-tion Of peace for-ev-er-more  
And mys-tic sweet com-mu-nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho-ly bride;  
One ho-ly name she bless-es, Par-takes one ho-ly food,  
Yet saints their watch are keep-ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
Till with the vi-sion glo-rious Her long-ing eyes are blest,  
O bless-ed heav'n-ly cho-rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.  
And to one hope she press-es With ev-'ry grace en-dued.  
And soon the night of weep-ing Shall be the morn of song.  
And the great Church vic-to-rious Shall be the Church at rest.  
That we, like saints be-fore us, May see You face to face.

## Confession and Absolution

*Silence is kept for meditation and reflection.*

**P** Holy and gracious God,

**C** I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

**P** 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 118:22–24; antiphon: v. 1*

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

**for his steadfast love endures forever!**

The stone that the builders rejected

**has become the cornerstone.**

This is the LORD's doing;

**it is marvelous in our eyes.**

This is the day that the LORD has made;

**let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**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, for he is good;

**for his steadfast love endures forever!**

## Prayer of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; 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 5:1–7*

<sup>1</sup>Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

<sup>2</sup>He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines;

he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

<sup>3</sup>And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard.

<sup>4</sup>What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it?

When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

<sup>5</sup>And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

<sup>6</sup>I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briars and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

<sup>7</sup>For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

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

## Psalm

*Psalm 80:7–19*

<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved!

**<sup>8</sup>You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.**

<sup>9</sup>You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.

**<sup>10</sup>The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches.**

<sup>11</sup>It sent out its branches to the sea and its shoots to the River.

**<sup>12</sup>Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?**

<sup>13</sup>The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it.

**<sup>14</sup>Turn again, O God of hosts! Look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine,**

<sup>15</sup>the stock that your right hand planted, and for the son whom you made strong for yourself.

**<sup>16</sup>They have burned it with fire; they have cut it down; may they perish at the rebuke of your face!**

<sup>17</sup>But let your hand be on the man of your right hand,

the son of man whom you have made strong for yourself!

**<sup>18</sup>Then we shall not turn back from you; give us life, and we will call upon your name!**

<sup>19</sup>Restore us, O LORD God of hosts! Let your face shine, that we may be saved!

## Epistle (*Sermon Text for today*)

*Philippians 3:4b–14*

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. <sup>7</sup>But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup>Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— <sup>10</sup>that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

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

## 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 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 ☩ of the world to come. Amen.**

## Christ Is Our Cornerstone



1 Christ is our cor - ner - stone, On Him a - lone we build;  
2 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we im - plore,  
△ 3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall ring;



With His true saints a - lone The courts of heav'n are filled. On His  
And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us ev - er - more Un - til  
Our voic - es we will raise The Three in One to sing And thus



great love Our hopes we place Of pres - ent grace And joys a - bove.  
that day When all the blest To end - less rest Are called a - way.  
pro - claim In joy - ful song, Both loud and long, That glo - rious name.

## Verse

*Matthew 21:42b*

**Alleluia. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing,  
and it is marvelous in our eyes. Alleluia.**

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:33–46

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

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

<sup>33</sup>[Jesus said:] "Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. <sup>34</sup>When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. <sup>35</sup>And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup>Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. <sup>37</sup>Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' <sup>38</sup>But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' <sup>39</sup>And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. <sup>40</sup>When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" <sup>41</sup>They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons."

<sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures:

"'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;  
this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?'"

<sup>43</sup>Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. <sup>44</sup>And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

<sup>45</sup>When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup>And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Sermon – "Press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" based on *Philippians 3:4b–14*

### Find Us Faithful

We're pilgrims on the journey  
Of the narrow road  
And those who've gone before us  
Line the way  
Cheering on the faithful  
Encouraging the weary  
Their lives a stirring testament  
To God's sustaining grace

Surrounded by so great  
A cloud of witnesses  
Let us run the race  
Not only for the prize  
But as those who've gone before us  
Let us leave to those behind us  
The heritage of faithfulness  
Passed on through godly lives

***CHORUS: Oh may all  
who come behind us  
Find us faithful  
May the fire of our devotion  
Light their way  
May the footprints that we leave  
Lead them to believe  
And the lives we live  
Inspire them to obey  
Oh may all who come behind us  
Find us faithful***

After all our hopes and dreams  
Have come and gone  
And our children sift through all  
We've left behind  
May the clues that they discover  
And the mem'ries they uncover  
Become the light that leads them  
To the road we each must find ***CHORUS***

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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, the vineyard of the Lord's planting, that He nurture His Church with the Means of Grace and that we bring forth fruits in keeping with the kingdom of God, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**MEN** – For each of us in Christ, that we strive for the prize, forgetting what lies behind and pressing toward the goal of our eternal salvation and everlasting life with God, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**



**WOMEN** – For the nations, that those who lead us heed the Word of God and preserve us from all threats to our faith and promote virtue and goodness in all we say and do, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**MEN** – For this congregation, that we not take for granted all that the Lord has given us, and work to bear the good fruit of His kingdom in our lives together and individually, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**WOMEN** – For those who will hear the Word of God that the Spirit prepare their hearts to receive Him and by that same Spirit confess His holy name, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the sick and all who suffer in body, mind, or soul, [*especially...*], that the Lord grant them patience in their affliction, comfort in their pain, and grace to sustain them now and to everlasting life in Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**ALL** – For all who approach this altar today, that they be prepared through repentance and faith to receive this Sacrament for their good and that what they receive may bear good fruit in their lives, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Almighty and everlasting God, ever more ready to hear than we are to pray, grant to us all good things needful to us and keep from us all things harmful, that we may not enter into judgment. Keep us from pleading only our righteousness, and cover us with grace that we may wear the righteousness of Christ by faith and so labor within Your vineyard and receive the crown of everlasting life in Christ; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

**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

### You Are My King (Amazing Love)

I'm forgiven, because You were forsaken,  
I'm accepted, You were condemned.  
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me,  
Because you died and rose again.

***CHORUS: Amazing love, how can it be  
That You my king would die for me?  
Amazing love, I know it's true;  
It's my joy to honor You  
In all I do, I honor You.***

***Bridge:*** You are my king, Jesus, You are my king! ***CHORUS***

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## Here I Am to Worship

Light of the world  
You stepped down into darkness  
Opened my eyes let me see  
Beauty that made  
This heart adore You  
Hope of a life spent with You

***CHORUS: So here I am to worship  
Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
And You're altogether lovely  
Altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me***

King of all days  
Oh so highly exalted  
Glorious in heaven above  
Humbly You came  
To the earth You created  
All for love's sake became poor ***CHORUS***

And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross  
And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross

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## **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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## Post-Communion Thanksgiving

Psalm 107:1

**P** Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;  
**G** for His steadfast love endures forever!

**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.

**G** Amen.

### 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**

**ENDING:** 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

**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.

**G** Amen.

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