



Risen Christ Lutheran Church  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Epiphany  
January 14, 2024 9:30am

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

**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** – Since the beginning of creation, God has spoken. He spoke into being our universe and our very selves as the crown of His creation; He spoke when seeking out Adam and Eve in a fallen world; He spoke many times and many ways through the prophets; and He spoke by the very words that came from the mouth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. From Him came words of instructing, healing, forgiving, and of invitation to follow Him as we hear today with Philip and Nathanael. The Lord still speaks to us today in His Word, as His Spirit spoke instruction and encouragement of the use of bodies through Paul in his letter to the church of Corinth. Through all He speaks, we are called to listen to that Word to guide and direct, and to hear His continued words of forgiveness, peace, hope, and joy as “in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son” (Hebrews 1:2).

**Preservice and Postlude Music** *by Jennifer Kirk*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Invocation and Opening Sentences**

*Psalm 139:1–10; 1 Samuel 3:9*

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

**G** Amen.

**P** O LORD, You have searched me and known me!

**G** You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You discern my thoughts from afar.

**P** You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

**G** Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, You know it altogether.

- P** You hem me in, behind and before, and lay Your hand upon me.
- C** **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.**
- P** Where shall I go from Your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from Your presence? If I ascend to heaven, You are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, You are there!
- C** **If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me.**
- P** Speak, LORD,
- C** **for Your servant hears.**

## God of Wonders

1. Lord of all creation of water earth and sky  
The heavens are Your tabernacle  
Glory to the Lord on high

***CHORUS: God of wonders beyond our galaxy***  
***You are holy holy***  
***The universe declares Your majesty***  
***You are holy holy***  
***Lord of heaven and earth***  
***Lord of heaven and earth***

2. Early in the morning I will celebrate the light  
When I stumble in the darkness  
I will call Your name by night ***CHORUS***

***BRIDGE: Hallelujah***  
to the Lord of heaven and earth  
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth  
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth

***God of wonders beyond our galaxy***  
***You are holy holy***  
***Precious Lord reveal Your heart to me***  
***Father hold me hold me***  
***The universe declares Your majesty***  
***You are holy holy holy holy***

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## Confession

*Psalm 145:18; 50:15; Isaiah 55:6; 1 Samuel 3:9*

- P** As the psalmist declares, the Lord searches us, knows us, is ever-present with us, and leads us. He listens to us as we speak to Him. We come before Him in confession.

*Silence for meditation.*

**P** "The LORD is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth."

**C** **We confess, heavenly Father, that we often choose not to call on You in times of need, nor in times of thanksgiving. We fail to be near You in our opportunities to pray, praise, and give thanks. Forgive us.**

**P** "Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me."

**C** **We confess, heavenly Father, that in our days of trouble we rely on ourselves and not You. We seek deliverance through our own devices and peace through the temporary offerings of this world. Forgive us.**

**P** "Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near."

**C** **We confess, heavenly Father, we are the ones who are lost even though You are near and present in Your Word and means of grace. Our sins of thought, word, and deed separate us from You. Forgive us.**

**P** Speak, LORD,

**C** **for Your servant hears.**

## **Absolution**

*2 Timothy 1:9; Isaiah 43:1; 1 Samuel 3:10*

**P** As we speak and call out to the Lord in prayer and confession, He calls to us, His people, through His Word of truth, mercy, and grace; for He has "saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of His own purpose and grace, which He gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began." I, as an Under-Shepherd of the Good Shepherd, a called and ordained servant of the Word, by Christ's command, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** But now thus says the LORD, He who created you, O Jacob, He who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are Mine.

Speak, LORD,

**C** **for Your servant hears. Amen.**

## **Introit**

*Psalms 40:1-5; antiphon: vv. 10a, b*

I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart;

**I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;**

I waited patiently for the LORD;

**he inclined to me and heard my cry.**

He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog,

**and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.**

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

**Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.**

Blessèd is the man who makes the LORD his trust,

**who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!**

You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you!

**I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.**

**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.**

I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart;

**I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation.**

## Salutation

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** **And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** **Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

*1 Samuel 3:1–20*

<sup>1</sup>The young man Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.

<sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. <sup>3</sup>The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was.

<sup>4</sup>Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup>and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down.

<sup>6</sup>And the LORD called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

<sup>8</sup>And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the young man. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup>And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears." <sup>11</sup>Then the LORD said to Samuel, "Behold, I am about to do a thing in Israel at which the two ears of everyone who hears it will tingle. <sup>12</sup>On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. <sup>13</sup>And I declare to him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. <sup>14</sup>Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be atoned for by sacrifice or offering forever."

<sup>15</sup>Samuel lay until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. <sup>16</sup>But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." And he said, "Here I am." <sup>17</sup>And Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." <sup>18</sup>So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. And he said, "It is the LORD. Let him do what seems good to him."

<sup>19</sup>And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. <sup>20</sup>And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established as a prophet of the LORD.

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

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

## Psalm

*Psalm 139:1–10; antiphon: v. 14*

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, you have searched me and known me!

**<sup>2</sup>You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.**

<sup>3</sup>You search out my path and my lying down  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

**<sup>4</sup>Even before a word is on my tongue,  
behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.**

<sup>5</sup>You hem me in, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.

**<sup>6</sup>Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is high; I cannot attain it.**

<sup>7</sup>Where shall I go from your Spirit?  
Or where shall I flee from your presence?

**<sup>8</sup>If I ascend to heaven, you are there!  
If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!**

<sup>9</sup>If I take the wings of the morning  
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

**<sup>10</sup>even there your hand shall lead me,  
and your right hand shall hold me.**

## Gradual

*Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8*

**L** Praise the LORD, all nations!

**C** **Extol Him, all peoples!**

**L** For great is His steadfast love toward us,

**C** **and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.**

**L** Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;

**C** **bring an offering, and come into His courts!**

## Epistle

1 Corinthians 6:12–20

<sup>12</sup>“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be enslaved by anything. <sup>13</sup>“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food”—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup>And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. <sup>15</sup>Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup>Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.” <sup>17</sup>But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. <sup>18</sup>Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. <sup>19</sup>Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, <sup>20</sup>for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## This I Believe (The Creed)

1. Our Father everlasting  
The all creating One  
God Almighty  
Through Your Holy Spirit  
Conceiving Christ the Son  
Jesus our Saviour

2. Our judge and our defender  
Suffered and crucified  
Forgiveness is in You  
Descended into darkness  
You rose in glorious life  
Forever seated high ***CHORUS 1***

***CHORUS 1: I believe in God our Father  
I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit  
Our God is three in One  
I believe in the resurrection  
That we will rise again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus***

***BRIDGE:*** I believe in You  
I believe You rose again  
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

***CHORUS 2: I believe in life eternal  
I believe in the virgin birth  
I believe in the saints' communion  
And in Your holy Church  
I believe in the resurrection  
When Jesus comes again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus***

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## Verse

Isaiah 49:3

**Alleluia. You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified. Alleluia.**

## Holy Gospel

John 1:43–51

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

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

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "***Come and see.***" <sup>47</sup>Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup>Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." <sup>49</sup>Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup>And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

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

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

## Sermon – "Come and See!"

**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.

## Prayer of the Church

*Hebrews 1:1–2*

**P** Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,

**C** but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son.

**P** As God has spoken to us in His Word through His Son, let us speak to Him in prayer. We pray for the Church of God and all people according to their needs. We praise You, heavenly Father, for calling us to faith through Your Spirit. As Your Body of believers, called to follow You, enable us to proclaim Your Word of salvation in all truth and purity. Soften the hearts and open the minds of all people, that they may know You have called them as Your own in grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** As Samuel heard Your call to faithful service, let us also heed Your call to serve You and serve others in joy. For those whom You have called to serve as church workers, bless their ministry, protect their health and well-being both mentally and physically, and grant Your continued presence and blessings upon their work. For those You have called in other vocations with various jobs and employments, let all work be done as work done for You and the benefit of others. For the unemployed and underemployed, continue to give patience and an awareness of the gifts and abilities that come from Your hand, all the while serving You. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** As Paul calls believers to flee from immorality, give to Your people steadfast faith and the ability to resist temptation. As You in Your Law have given a clear standard for the right use of our bodies, which were bought at a price through the blood of our Savior, cause us to glorify You in our bodies and in our very selves. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.



- P** As Jesus called His disciples to follow Him, so also help us heed His call and follow in faith. Even amid troubles and trials faced in body and soul, keep faith steadfast and firm with trust in Your presence, Your promises, and Your peace. Be especially with those who have requested our prayers, including.... As they call out to You, speak to them Your comfort, compassion, and care. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **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 only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing 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.

**G** **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

**G** **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.

**G** **Amen.**

## Communion

### There Is a Redeemer



1 There is a Re - deem - er— Je - sus, God's own Son;  
2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, Name a - bove all names;  
3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see His face;



Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Ho - ly One.  
Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Hope for sin - ners slain.  
There I'll serve my King for-ev - er In that ho - ly place.



*Refrain*  
Thank You, O my Fa - ther, For giv-ing us Your Son,



And leav - ing Your Spir-it Till the work on earth is done.

## 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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## Grace Flows Down

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
Amazing love now flowing down  
From hands and feet that were nailed to the tree  
Grace flows down and covers me

***It covers me  
It covers me  
It covers me  
And covers me***

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## Closing Prayer

### King of Kings

1. In the darkness we were waiting  
Without hope without light  
Till from Heaven You came running  
There was mercy in Your eyes  
To fulfil the law and prophets  
To a virgin came the Word  
From a throne of endless glory  
To a cradle in the dirt

**CHORUS: Praise the Father  
Praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit three in one  
God of Glory  
Majesty  
Praise forever to the King of kings**

2. To reveal the kingdom coming  
And to reconcile the lost  
To redeem the whole creation  
You did not despise the cross  
For even in Your suffering  
You saw to the other side  
Knowing this was our salvation  
Jesus for our sake You died

3. And the morning that You rose  
All of heaven held its breath  
Till that stone was moved for good  
For the Lamb had conquered death  
And the dead rose from their tombs  
And the angels stood in awe  
For the souls of all who'd come  
To the Father are restored

4. And the Church of Christ was born  
Then the Spirit lit the flame  
Now this Gospel truth of old  
Shall not kneel shall not faint  
By His blood and in His Name  
In His freedom I am free  
For the love of Jesus Christ  
Who has resurrected me **CHORUS**

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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.

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