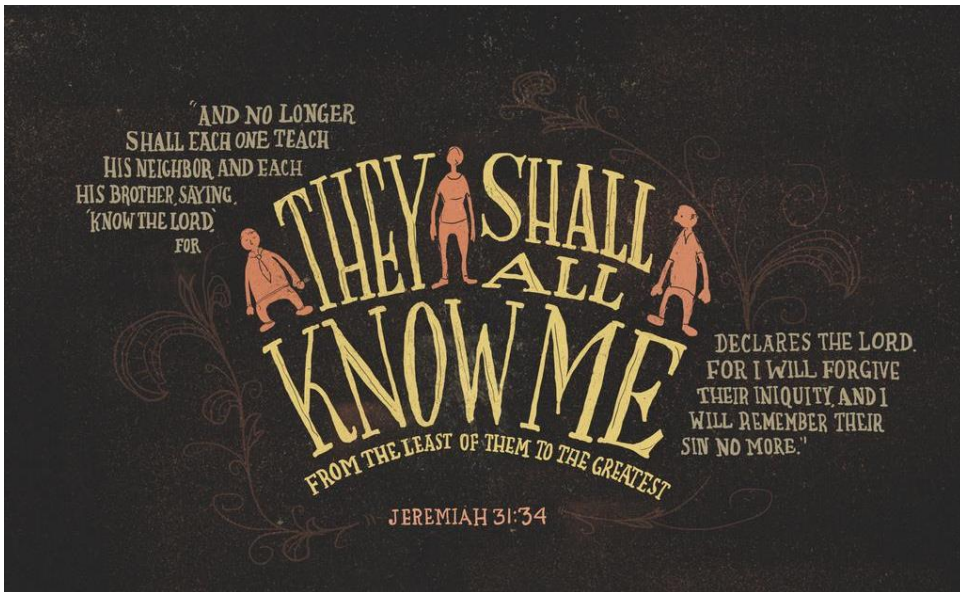


Risen Christ Lutheran Church  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent Worship  
March 17, 2024 9:30am

**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** – Today’s Epistle speaks of Jesus, our High Priest. High priests are called to offer sacrifices for the sins of the people as well as themselves. Jesus is a different sort of high priest who offers Himself as sacrifice, once for all, that we might be forgiven and granted eternal salvation. In the Gospel, Jesus proclaims that He came not to be served, but to serve. He came to offer His life as a ransom for us. As we follow Jesus, we are called to reflect His actions and attitude of service and sacrifice. May we likewise go to serve and sacrifice for others.

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

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Invocation**

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

**C** Amen.

# Great Is Thy Faithfulness

## Verse 1

Great is Thy faithfulness  
O God my Father  
There is no shadow  
Of turning with Thee  
Thou changest not  
Thy compassions they fail not  
As Thou hast been  
Thou forever wilt be

## Chorus

***Great is Thy faithfulness  
Great is Thy faithfulness  
Morning by morning  
New mercies I see  
All I have needed  
Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness  
Lord unto me***

## Verse 2

Summer and winter  
And springtime and harvest  
Sun moon and stars  
In their courses above  
Join with all nature  
In manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness  
Mercy and love **Chorus**

## Verse 3

Pardon for sin  
And a peace that endureth  
Thy own dear presence  
To cheer and to guide  
Strength for today  
And bright hope for tomorrow  
Blessings all mine  
With ten thousand beside **Chorus**

## Opening Sentences

- P** What a priest we have in Jesus!  
**C** **He is our source of eternal salvation.**
- P** He sympathizes with us in our weakness.  
**C** **He offers prayers and supplications for us.**
- P** He serves us and sacrifices Himself for us.  
**C** **What a priest we have in Jesus!**

## All Who Are Thirsty

### **Verse**

All who are thirsty  
All who are weak  
Come to the fountain  
Dip your heart in the stream of life  
Let the pain and the sorrow  
Be washed away  
In the waves of His mercy  
As deep cries out to deep  
(We sing)

### **Chorus 1**

***Come Lord Jesus come***  
***Come Lord Jesus come***  
***(REPEAT)***

### **Chorus 2**

***Holy Spirit come***  
***Holy Spirit come***  
***(REPEAT)***

### **Interlude**

As deep cries out to deep  
As deep cries out to deep  
As deep cries out to deep we sing

## Introit for Lent 5

*Psalm 116:1–4, 8; antiphon: Psalm 43:1*

**C** **Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people, from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!**

**P** I love the LORD, because He has heard  
my voice and my pleas for mercy.  
Because He inclined His ear to me,  
therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.  
The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;  
I suffered distress and anguish.  
Then I called on the name of the LORD:  
“O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!”  
For You have delivered my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

**C** **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.**  
**Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people, from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!**

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## Salutation

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

## Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray.  
Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; 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

*Jeremiah 31:31–34*

<sup>31</sup>“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, <sup>32</sup>not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD:

I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

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

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

*Psalm 119:9–16; antiphon: v. 10*

BETH

<sup>9</sup>How can a young man keep his way pure?

By guarding it according to your word.

**<sup>10</sup>With my whole heart I seek you;  
let me not wander from your commandments!**

<sup>11</sup>I have stored up your word in my heart,  
that I might not sin against you.

**<sup>12</sup>Blessèd are you, O LORD;  
teach me your statutes!**

<sup>13</sup>With my lips I declare  
all the just decrees of your mouth.

**<sup>14</sup>In the way of your testimonies I delight  
as much as in all riches.**

<sup>15</sup>I will meditate on your precepts  
and fix my eyes on your ways.

**<sup>16</sup>I will delight in your statutes;  
I will not forget your word.**

## Epistle

*Hebrews 5:1–10*

<sup>1</sup>Every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. <sup>2</sup>He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. <sup>3</sup>Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. <sup>4</sup>And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

<sup>5</sup>So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him,

"You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you";

<sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place,

"You are a priest forever,  
after the order of Melchizedek."

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. <sup>9</sup>And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

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

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

### **What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

1. What a friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Ev'rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;  
Oh, what needless pain we bear—  
All because we do not carry  
Ev'rything to God in prayer!
  
2. Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
  
3. Are we weak and heavy laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee;  
Thou wilt find a solace there.

### **Apostles' Creed**

- P** God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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.

## Verse

*Mark 10:45*

**P** Even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve,  
**C** and to give His life as a ransom for many.

## Holy Gospel

*Mark 10:32–45*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.  
**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>32</sup>And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, <sup>33</sup>saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. <sup>34</sup>And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise."

<sup>35</sup>And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." <sup>36</sup>And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" <sup>37</sup>And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." <sup>38</sup>Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" <sup>39</sup>And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, <sup>40</sup>but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." <sup>41</sup>And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. <sup>42</sup>And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. <sup>43</sup>But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

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



**Message “Whew, Finally Good News with a Promised New Start!” (Outline)**

- 1) Sermon Ratings – G, MC, R, X
- 2) Jeremiah’s explosive and dangerous preaching
  - a) Weeping Prophet
  - b) Suffering Prophet
- 3) For generations Israel rejected God’s command to
  - a) KNOW GOD’S WORD – Hungering to hear God’s Word preached, taught, studied
    - i) gives and nourishes faith
    - ii) makes us able to KNOW GOD!
  - b) LIVE THEIR FAITH OUT LOUD!
- 4) Israel rejected the truth and God’s Law and caused great suffering for themselves and Jeremiah!
- 5) Jeremiah’s refreshing consoling of Israel in their suffering...
  - a) The New Covenant Promised
  - b) God gives second chances over and over again...
- 6) Jesus washes sins away – or doesn’t He??
- 7) God speaks to us through Jeremiah, “I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”
- 8) Humanity still rejects God’s wonderful promises...
- 9) God still offers complete forgiveness and renewal to those who turn and repent.
- 10) You have a chance to start over – RIGHT NOW!

**He Looked Beyond My Fault and Saw My Need**

Amazing Grace, shall always be my song of praise.  
For it was grace that brought me liberty,  
I do not know, just why He came to love me so.  
He looked beyond my fault and saw my need.  
I shall forever lift mine eyes to Calvary,  
To view the cross, where Jesus died for me  
How marvelous, His grace that caught my falling soul  
He Looked beyond my fault and saw my need.

## Confession and Absolution

Jeremiah 31:34; Hebrews 5:9

- P** Bearing our sins and in need of a Savior, let us go to our heavenly Father, asking for forgiveness.

*Time for reflection on the word of God and for personal examination.*

- P** Most merciful, heavenly Father, You promised a covenant written on Your people's hearts.  
**C** **But we do not always rely on Your promises and great love. We are sorry.**
- P** Gracious Holy Spirit, through Your use of Word and Sacrament, many people know the Lord.  
**C** **But we have not taken advantage of every opportunity to share Your Word with others. We are sorry.**
- P** Jesus taught that the greatest in the Kingdom is the servant of all.  
**C** **But our hearts have not always been humble and eager for service. We are sorry.**  
**Our thoughts, words, and deeds fall short. As fallen sinners, we are helpless to change. For Jesus' sake, forgive us, and give us new and clean hearts to love You and serve our neighbors.**
- P** God promised in the new covenant, "I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more." In the sacrifice of Himself, Jesus, being perfect, "became the source of eternal salvation." As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, these are His words to you: I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen.**

**11)** Risen Christ Lutheran Church has a MANDATE that comes from Jesus Christ who gave it – MAKE BAPTIZE AND MAKE DISCIPLES Our unity as a congregation is not found in a voting, or style and preferences, but in our common Confession of Faith.

**12)** The Covenant that that Jeremiah preached to Israel pointed the to the coming Messiah. With the same unity of faith, we now look to that same Messiah who has come!

**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.

### Give Us Clean Hands

We bow our hearts we bend our knees  
Oh Spirit come make us humble  
We turn our eyes from evil things  
Oh Lord we cast down our idols

*Give us clean hands give us pure hearts  
Let us not lift our souls to another  
Give us clean hands give us pure hearts  
Let us not lift our souls to another  
And oh God let us be a generation that seeks  
That seeks Your face oh God of Jacob  
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That seeks Your face oh God of Jacob*

## Prayer of the Church

- P** We turn to our great priest Jesus in prayer, who has promised to hear us and intercede for us. For what a priest we have in Jesus,  
**C** **who became our sacrifice.**
- P** Lord Jesus Christ, be present with all those who are vulnerable and in need of advocacy, especially those in abusive relationships, the homeless, the disabled, and all children. Give us courage to be advocates and intercessors for those in need just as You are an advocate and intercessor for us. For what a priest we have in Jesus,  
**C** **who became our sacrifice.**
- P** Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us as we endure the temptations and assaults of the devil. Forge our shields of faith to be stronger in resistance of Satan and his fiery arrows. Forgive us when we fail. For what a priest we have in Jesus,  
**C** **who became our sacrifice.**
- P** Lord Jesus Christ, You have borne our griefs and shared in our sorrows. Bring Your comfort to all those who are suffering in grief. Point them to the hope of the resurrection to eternal life that You have won for all who believe in You. For what a priest we have in Jesus,  
**C** **who became our sacrifice.**
- P** Lord Jesus Christ, You learned obedience through suffering. Strengthen us when we face suffering to learn obedience to Your Word of truth. For what a priest we have in Jesus,  
**C** **who became our sacrifice.**
- P** Lord Jesus Christ, as a priest You serve and sacrifice. Teach all people in Your church to follow Your example of service and sacrifice for the sake of others. For what a priest we have in Jesus,  
**C** **who became our sacrifice.**
- P** Lord, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially...*]. Have mercy upon them and restore them to health according to Your wisdom. For what a priest we have in Jesus,  
**C** **who became our sacrifice.**
- P** Lord Jesus, we commend all of these people and situations into Your hands, for You have promised to hear our prayers and intercede for us, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** **Amen.**

## 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.

## I Will Follow

Where You go I'll go  
Where You stay I'll stay  
When You move I'll move  
I will follow

(Oh oh oh)

1. All Your ways are good  
All Your ways are sure  
I will trust in You alone  
Higher than my sight  
High above my life  
I will trust in You alone

**CHORUS:** *Where You go I'll go  
Where You stay I'll stay  
When You move I'll move  
I will follow You  
Whom You love I'll love  
How You serve I'll serve  
If this life I lose  
I will follow (You)*

Yeah I will follow You yeah

2. Light into the world  
Light into my life  
I will live for You alone  
You're the One I seek  
Knowing I will find  
All I need in You alone  
In You alone

**BRIDGE** In You there's life everlasting  
In You there's freedom for my soul  
In You there's joy unending joy  
And I will follow **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 + give you peace.
- C** Amen.

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