

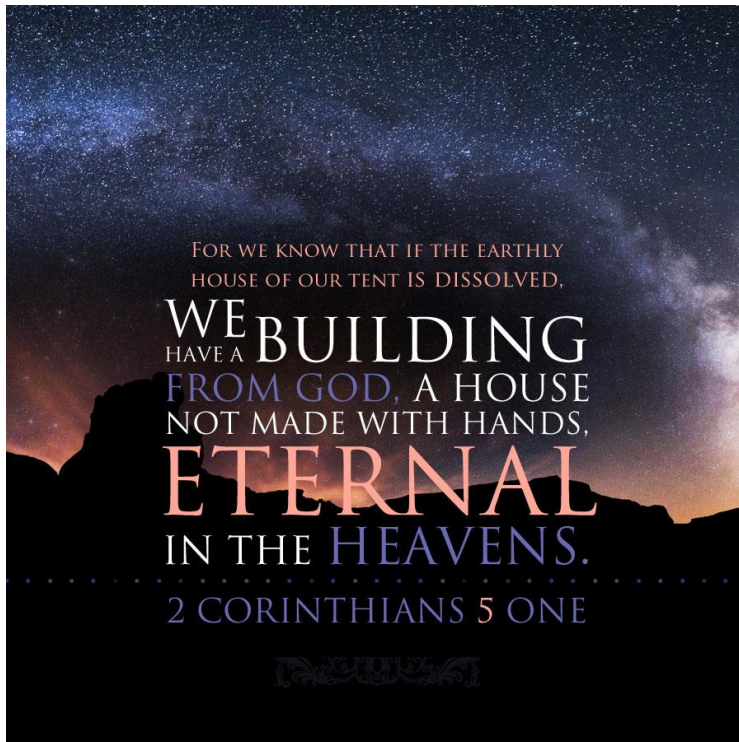


Risen Christ Lutheran Church

4th Sunday after Pentecost

June 16, 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

A WORD TO OUR GUESTS – Welcome and thank you for coming. Please complete a Worship Card and place it in the offering plate. Please indicate that you "desire" a call for any further contact.

Large Print Bulletins – Available from an usher.

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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.

As We Gather – *“It’s my body and I can do with it what I want!”* So goes the “me-centered” thought and rationale of many people in our modern culture. Yet today in Scripture we are reminded that we are not only held accountable for what we do in the body while on this earth but we are also given the joyous truth of what the Lord has freely done for us through the body of His Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Even as we now live with physical aches and pains, and even in those times we fail to treat our bodies as His temple, we gather here as His people in this Body of believers–His Church. Here we receive His true body and blood, given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Paul points us to what is yet to come in the physical eternity Christ has prepared through His death and resurrection, and we then live accordingly in faith in these physical bodies He has created. Until that day of Jesus’ return, we are reminded and comforted in the fact that “He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee” (2 Corinthians 5:5).

Pre-service and Postlude Music *by Jenn Kirk*

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer and Blessing on Fathers

Invocation and Opening Sentences

P In Holy Baptism the Lord has called us, in body and soul, as His own. The Holy Spirit was freely given to us and the gift of faith was planted within us through the water and the Word that we may call upon God's name believing that He will hear and answer. In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P O God the Father, Creator of our bodies, planter and nurturer of all that grows,

C **we gather in Your holy name.**

P O God the Son, the Seed of our salvation, planted in death embodying our sin and resurrected to life again with a glorified body,

C **we gather in Your holy name.**

P O God the Holy Spirit, Sower of faith and sanctifier of our bodies,

C **we gather in Your holy name.**

P Hear us and grant us Your presence as we worship as Your Body, Your Church.

C **Receive our prayers and praise for Your name's sake. Amen.**

Revelation Song

1. Worthy is the, Lamb who was slain
Holy Holy is He
Sing a new song to Him who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat

***CHORUS: Holy Holy Holy
is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing
praise to the King of Kings
You are my everything and I will adore You***

2. Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor strength and
glory and power be
to You the only wise King ***CHORUS***

3. Filled with wonder awestruck wonder
At the mention of your name
Jesus your name is power, breath and living water
Such a marvelous mystery Yeah...

***Holy Holy Holy
is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing
praise to the King of Kings
You are my everything and I will adore You***

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Confession and Absolution

Ezekiel 17:24; 2 Corinthians 5:6–7, 10; Philippians 3:21

P Merciful God, as we gather as one Body yet many members, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean, that our thoughts words, and deeds are always impure, and we ask for Your forgiveness. As You alone “bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish,” we have at times impeded the growth You desire and have failed to trust in You.

C **We have not loved You with our whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, Lord.**

P We have not always been confident being away from You as we are at home in the body.

C **We have lived more by sight than by faith, trusting ourselves more than You. Forgive us, Lord.**

P We have sought to increase pleasures of this body and life, without regard to building for our eternal life. We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

C **We are sorry for our sin and come to You in true repentance.**

P We live by faith, not by sight, and in confident faith we have the free gift of forgiveness through Jesus Christ. His death in the body means new life in ours. His victory over death means our freedom now and eternally. For His sake, God forgives us all our sins. I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables Him to bring everything under His control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like His glorious body. May He who began this good work in you bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 17:22–24

²²Thus says the Lord GOD: “I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. ²⁴And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1

¹Blessèd is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

²but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.

³He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

⁴The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

⁶for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Epistle (*Our Sermon Text for Today*)

2 Corinthians 5:1–17

¹For we know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ²For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, ³if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. ⁴For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

⁶So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; ¹⁵and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse

2 Peter 3:18a

Alleluia. Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 4:26–34

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourth chapter.

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

²⁶And he said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. ²⁷He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. ²⁸The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? ³¹It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. ³⁴He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Take My Life and Let It Be



1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al-ways, on - ly for my King;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.
Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.

Sermon – “What Jesus has Done for Us in His Body!” OUTLINE

1. Each person will be judged based on what each person does in their body. Huh???!
See 2 Corinthians 5:10
2. We can never earn and do enough good to get the promised permanent, glorious body and eternal home.
 - a. Our bodies are like a temporary tent.
 - b. Temporary tents can be uncomfortable.
 - c. We are temporary citizens in a temporary planet, temporary country, temporary state, temporary home.
 - d. Believers have a permanent citizenship that’s out of this this world (literally) with promised new bodies and mansions!
 - e. So many fellow, broken humans hyper-focus on temporary looks and temporary things that will all fade. So many buy into the lies that offer temporary fixes for so many issues in life that are all really connected to spiritual issues and forget about the eternal perspective we need to have in all things.
 - f. So many Christians look at being involved and consistent in a church family as just another option... and in doing so, they subordinate theirs and their children’s priceless faith and the importance of knowing God and His Word above all things to school, to college, to temporary jobs, sports, titles, fortunes, huge homes, and stuff that will all go away... things that are not permanent.
 - g. When storms hit, many Christians will be caught off guard, unprepared in their tents, and not ready to persevere... and wonder why their children fall away from the faith.

- h. "For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling." (1 Cor 5:2)
 - It would be awesome to have all the heavenly things now!
 - But, there are conditions to be met and not everyone will receive the promised things: "...if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked." (1 Cor 5:3)
 - We will either receive glorified, new bodies with a heavenly dwelling, or bodies stripped bare of any glory.
 - i. Good news of receiving the promised things --"For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened, not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life." (1 Cor 5:4) = swallowed up by immortal, eternal life! Believers get heavenly upgrades!
 - j. Bad news about being found naked –
 - Look back at verse 10. All must appear before the Judgement Seat when at that moment some will get the heavenly upgrades and keys, or be left "naked" (based on what is done IN THE BODY, whether evil or good).
 - BUT – this does NOT mean we receive based upon our works! We could NEVER know how much good is enough... All fall short...
3. Aha and Hallelujah! God alone does everything necessary!
- a. "He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee." (1 Cor 5:5)
 - b. So we can be of good courage! Because – "He who knew no sin became sin for us." (1 Cor 5:21) Jesus takes our sin, all the bad, all into His body.
 - c. All that is left then is the good "we do" (verse 5), which is the fruit of God the Holy Spirit in believers, as a guarantee! In other words, God will see all the good the Spirit did through you and your body, because Jesus took all the bad and evil away in His own body!
4. Yeah! "So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight." (1 Cor 5:6,7)
- a. As believers indwelt by the Holy Spirit, we can now see through the eyes of faith and cling to the promises that our sins are removed, and we can see it is God, the Holy Spirit who moves us to do His Will and do good through our bodies.
 - b. Faith and Good works are the fruit of the Gospel when it takes foothold in a soul! And it is with the eyes of faith that you can see the promised heavenly dwelling, that glorified, perfect body which is waits for you. "Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him." (2 Cor 5:8,9)

5. Everyone must appear before the judgment seat of Jesus. But believers are of good courage because of what Jesus has done in His body for you!

I Will Rise

1. There's a peace I've come to know
Though my heart and flesh may fail
There's an anchor for my soul
I can say it is well
Jesus has overcome
And the grave is overwhelmed
The victory is won
He is risen from the dead

***CHORUS: (And) I will rise
when He calls my name
No more sorrow no more pain
I will rise on eagle's wings
Before my God fall on my knees
And rise I will rise (I will rise)***

2. There's a day that's drawing near
When this darkness breaks to light
And the shadows disappear
And my faith shall be my eyes ***CHORUS***

BRIDGE: And I hear the voice
of many angels sing
Worthy is the Lamb
And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart
Worthy is the Lamb
(REPEAT)
Worthy is the Lamb ***CHORUS***

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The Second Article of the Apostles' Creed (On the Redeemer and Redemption)

- ☐ 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.**

P *What does this mean?*

C **I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from all eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.**

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Prayer of the Church

P Ever-gracious Lord, we come to You with thanksgiving for all the fruits of Your creation. May our tithes and offerings as a response to all You have given be blessed that many more seeds of Your Word may be planted in this community and throughout the world. We pray for the whole Church that the seed of God's Word, though small in comparison with what the world around us thinks is great, may grow slowly but surely, offering shade to all who seek its refreshment until Your kingdom comes. With all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, let us pray to the Lord, saying: Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

WOMEN – Ever-giving Lord, as we have freely received the seed of faith through Your Holy Spirit, may it continue to be nurtured and grown all the days You give us in our earthly bodies that we may walk by faith and not by sight. May we be sanctified in Your Word of truth that we may together as one Body, united in our Savior Jesus Christ, work to do Your will as is pleasing in Your sight. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

MEN – Ever-protecting Lord, deliver us from every evil around us. Guide those who govern our lands, give courage to those who protect our communities and our nation, and grant wisdom to all. We pray for our enemies and those who seek to do evil upon Your creation and wish to do harm to our bodies, that we may find the strength to forgive as we have first been forgiven. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

WOMEN – Ever-nurturing Lord, be present in the homes of all Your people. Grant parents and children the joy of teaching and learning Your Word, grant safety in the summer ahead for those at home and those who travel, and grant all Your people the confidence to be lights in a dark world wherever they may be that Your love may be known to all. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

MEN – Ever-comforting Lord, while in this tent of a body, many groan, longing to be clothed with a heavenly dwelling. Many others are burdened by physical, spiritual, and emotional afflictions and seek comfort and peace as they remain in the body You have created. Grant healing according to Your will, and give comfort and steadfast faith through Your Spirit guaranteeing what is to come eternally, assured for us through Christ's victory over sin, eternal death, and the devil. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

ALL – Ever-forgiving Lord, though we deserve nothing but Your wrath and punishment for our sins of the body in thoughts, words, and deeds, You have sent Your Son to die for us and for His sake have given us new life and forgiveness and growth. We pray that we who have been forgiven and fed by Your Word here this day may be encouraged and strengthened in our faith, and being confident in all Your promises, we are prepared to face whatever lies ahead for us, knowing you are with us and for us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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.**

When We All Get To Heaven

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus
Sing His mercy and His grace
In the mansions bright and blessed
He'll prepare for us a place

Chorus

***When we all get to heaven
What a day of rejoicing that will be
When we all see Jesus
We'll sing and shout the victory***

While we walk the pilgrim pathway
Clouds will overspread the sky
But when travelling days are over
Not a shadow not a sigh **Chorus**

Let us then be true and faithful
Trusting serving every day
Just one glimpse of Him in glory
Will the toils of life repay **Chorus**

Onward to the prize before us
Soon His beauty we'll behold
Soon the pearly gates will open
We shall tread the streets of gold **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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