



Risen Christ Lutheran Church

2nd Sunday in Pentecost

June 2, 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.**



"Jesus Among the Wheatfields" by Johannes Raphael Wehle (1848–1936)

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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.

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

In our Gospel for today, the Old Testament commandment was used to try and show the disciples as law-breakers. Jesus replied, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath” (Mark 2:27). None of us, because of sinful condition, can keep the letter of the Law. The cross of Christ sets us free from the guilt of not keeping the Law. Those who accuse others of not keeping the Commandments often are legalistic and do not understand the sacrifice Jesus made to set us free from the Law. Do not let another person’s interpretation of the Commandments bring guilt into your heart! Christ died to set us free from that. Live in the freedom and forgiveness of the cross.

Preservice and Postlude Music *by Wensel Schwarz*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship – Way Maker (*Lyrics on screens*)

Invocation and Opening Sentences

Psalm 8:4-6

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

C Amen.

P What is man that You are mindful of him,

C and the son of man that You care for him?

P Yet You have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings

C and crowned him with glory and honor.

P You have given him dominion over the works of Your hands;

C You have put all things under his feet.

From All That Dwell Below the Skies



1 From all that dwell be - low the skies Let the Cre - a - tor's
2 E - ter - nal are Thy mer - cies, Lord; E - ter - nal truth at -
△ 3 All praise to God the Fa - ther be, All praise, e - ter - nal



praise a - rise; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
tends Thy Word. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Son, to Thee. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Let the Re - deem - er's name be sung Through ev - 'ry land by
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore Till suns shall rise and
Whom with the Spir - it we a - dore For - ev - er and for -



ev - 'ry tongue. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
set no more. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
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Confession and Absolution

Ephesians 1:4

- P** Before there was light, God knew each of us by name.
- C** “He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him.”
- P** God chose us, and how we are made, to bring honor and glory to Himself.
- C** **Everything in this world was made by the finger of God—not us.**
- P** Yet we have rebelled against our Creator. Let us confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**
- P** For these sins and all sins against You,
- C** **we confess our guilt and ask for Your mercy because of what Jesus did for us. We plead for His blood to cover all our sins.**
- P** Hear the Good News! Do more than hear it—believe with all your heart that God has forgiven all your sins because of Jesus’ sacrifice for you. Receive that forgiveness in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen! Thank You, Lord, for molding each of us as we are. Use us as a part of Your plan to make Christ known to the world and to our neighbor.**

Introit

Psalm 62:5–8; antiphon: v. 1

- P** For God alone my soul waits in silence; **C** **from Him comes my salvation.**
- P** For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, **C** **for my hope is from Him.**
- P** He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; **C** **I shall not be shaken.**
- P** On God rests my salvation and my glory; **C** **my mighty rock, my refuge is God.**
- P** Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before Him; **C** **God is a refuge for us.**
- P** For God alone my soul waits in silence; **C** **from Him comes my salvation.**

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray.

Eternal God, Your Son Jesus Christ is our true Sabbath rest. Help us to keep each day holy by receiving His Word of comfort that we may find our rest in Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 5:12–15

¹²“Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. ¹³Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁴but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter or your male servant or your female servant, or your ox or your donkey or any of your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates, that your male servant and

your female servant may rest as well as you. ¹⁵You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.”

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

Psalm

Psalm 81:1–10; antiphon: v. 13

- L** Oh, that My people would listen to Me, **C** **that Israel would walk in My ways!**
- L** Sing aloud to God our strength; **C** **shout for joy to the God of Jacob!**
- L** Raise a song; sound the tambourine, **C** **the sweet lyre with the harp.**
- L** Blow the trumpet at the new moon, **C** **at the full moon, on our feast day.**
- L** For it is a statute for Israel, **C** **a just decree of the God of Jacob.**
- L** He made it a decree in Joseph **C** **when He went out over the land of Egypt.**
- L** I hear a language I had not known: **C** **“I relieved your shoulder of the burden;**
- L** your hands were freed from the basket. **C** **In distress you called, and I delivered you;**
- L** I answered you in the secret place of thunder; **C** **I tested you at the waters of Meribah.**
- L** Hear, O My people, while I admonish you! **C** **O Israel, if you would but listen to Me!**
- L** There shall be no strange god among you; **C** **you shall not bow down to a foreign god.**
- L** I am the LORD your God,
- C** **who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.**
- L** Oh, that My people would listen to Me, **C** **that Israel would walk in My ways!**

Epistle

2 Corinthians 4:5–12

⁵What we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake. ⁶For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

⁷But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. ⁸We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. ¹¹For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus’ sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. ¹²So death is at work in us, but life in you.

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

The Heart of Worship

1. When the music fades all is stripped away
And I simply come
Longing just to bring something that's of worth
That will bless Your heart

I'll bring You more than a song
For a song in itself is not what You have required
You search much deeper within
Through the way things appear
You're looking into my heart

***CHORUS: I'm coming back to the heart of worship
And it's all about You all about You Jesus
I'm sorry Lord for the thing I've made it
When it's all about You all about You Jesus***

2. King of endless worth no one could express
How much You deserve
Though I'm weak and poor all I have is Yours
Ev'ry single breath
I'll bring You more than a song
For a song in itself is not what You have required
You search much deeper within
Through the way things appear
You're looking into my heart ***CHORUS***

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Verse

Mark 2:27

P Alleluia. The Sabbath was made for man, **G** **not man for the Sabbath. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Mark 2:23–28

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

²³One Sabbath [Jesus] was going through the grainfields, and as they made their way, his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴And the Pharisees were saying to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" ²⁵And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did, when he was in need and was hungry, he and those who were with him: ²⁶how he entered the house of God, in the time of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to those who were with him?" ²⁷And he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. ²⁸So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."

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

Sermon – The Sabbath is For Us. Jesus Said So.

Apostles' Creed

G **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.**

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Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and all people according to their needs.

A moment of silence.

P Almighty God, You commanded the Israelites to remember and keep the Sabbath day.

C **We confess as Your people we have not always set this day aside for You. We are consumed by the things of this world. Forgive us, Lord.**

P You call us by Your Holy Spirit to faith and to serve You with our lives.

C **You use us despite our sin and shortcomings to reach this world for You. Thank You for entrusting this message to us. Help us by Your Spirit to reach people around us and around the world with the Good News.**

P Just as Jesus was accused of breaking the Law on the Sabbath, so we are also accused of breaking the Law.

C **Lord Jesus, help us to always point to You and Your sacrifice on the cross instead of anything we do.**

P Lord Jesus, just as there were many afflicted with diseases whom You healed, so it is today. We remember the sick, our members who are homebound, and all afflicted in any way, [*especially . . .*].

C **We ask You to be with them, even as You have promised. Give them Your healing, according to Your will; Your presence; and especially Your peace.**

P Your Word commands us to pray for kings and all in authority, that we might live our lives in peace.

C **We lift up all world leaders, those of our enemies as well as allies; we lift up all in authority in every place, asking You would give each one Your Spirit and wisdom on how to govern our world, that we might live in peace.**

P Lord Jesus, You remind us to care for those suffering and oppressed. We remember those who at this moment are in prison because they are bold to preach Your name. Give them strength, especially those whose lives may be taken from them today.

C **We also remember the homeless, those living in poverty and hunger, and those who are not able to find a job. Be with all; give relief, comfort, and hope according to Your will.**

P Heavenly Father, there are others we know that are not on this list who need Your help.

C **Hear our prayers now as we bring those people before Your altar in our hearts.**

Time for silent prayer.

P We bring these and all prayers before Your throne, asking according to Your will that You hear us.

C We pray these things in the name of Jesus, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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.

Living Hope

1. How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

CHORUS: Hallelujah
praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope

2. Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope ***CHORUS***

3. Then came the morning
that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
Jesus Yours is the victory whoa

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**Blessing on Risen Christ Members, the Schwarz Family (Wenzel, Qi, Johanna, Salomo),
as they move back to Germany in the middle of June.
Please, continue to keep them in your prayers.**

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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