



# Risen Christ Lutheran Church

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

June 23, 2024 9:30am

**REMEMBER, YOU ARE IN GOD'S SANCTUARY. AS YOU ENTER,  
PLEASE SIT QUIETLY, PRAY, AND READ THROUGH THIS  
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. Please indicate that you "desire" a call for any further contact.

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**For Children** – Children’s Book Cart for Worship: Available in the Welcome Area.

**As We Gather** – The main difference between God and people is He is God and we are not! As obvious as this may sound, it is much harder to put into practice in our thinking and living. We like to think we are in control of what happens in our lives, but all it takes is getting tossed around in a storm to discover we are not—not even close. Job discovered this when he lost everything and was reduced to scraping his sores and God asked him, “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?” When the apostle Paul acknowledged that he was, among other things, “sorrowful, yet always rejoicing,” he accepted his own sufferings as affirmations of God’s favor. Jesus—with a word—calms a threatening storm on the Sea of Galilee. As suddenly as the storm arose, at the Lord’s command, a sudden peace prevailed. This is the same peace He speaks into our lives today through His Word and Sacraments. Through Jesus we can rest assured that no matter what happens, God is always good, and we are in His hands.

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

**Welcome and Announcements**

## Invocation and Opening Sentences

Based on Psalm 124:1, 4, 5, 8

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

**C** **Amen.**

**P** If it had not been the Lord who was on our side,

**C** **then the flood would have swept us away.**

**P** If it had not been the Lord who was on our side,

**C** **the torrent would have gone over us.**

**P** If it had not been the Lord who was on our side,

**C** **then over us would have gone the raging waters.**

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

## Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble

1. Did you feel the mountains tremble

Did you hear the oceans roar  
When the people rose to sing of

Jesus Christ the risen One  
Did you feel the people tremble

Did you hear the singers roar  
When the lost began to sing of

Jesus Christ the saving One  
And we can see that God You're moving

A mighty river through the nations  
And young and old will turn to Jesus

Fling wide you heavenly gates

Prepare the way of the risen Lord **CHORUS**

***CHORUS: Open up the doors***

***and let the music play***

***Let the streets resound with singing***

***Songs that bring Your hope***

***Songs that bring Your joy***

***Dancers who dance upon injustice***

2. Do you feel the darkness tremble

When all the saints join in one song

And all the streams flow as one river

To wash away our brokenness

And here we see that God You're moving

A time of jubilee is coming

When young and old return to Jesus

Fling wide you heavenly gates

Prepare the way of the risen Lord **CHORUS**

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## Confession and Absolution

**P** Almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **By nature, we try to usurp Your authority as God. Both knowingly and unknowingly, we plan, plot, scheme, and try to control our own lives independently of You. We confess that You are God and we are not. For Jesus' sake, have mercy on us and forgive us, and fill us anew with Your Holy Spirit that our lives may be cared for by You.**

**P** "Peace! Be still!" He is a good God, and He loves you! Therefore, as an Under-Shepherd of the Good Shepherd, and a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## How Great Thou Art

1. O Lord my God  
When I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds  
Thy hands have made  
I see the stars  
I hear the rolling thunder  
Thy pow'r thru'out  
The universe displayed

***CHORUS: Then sings my soul  
My Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art  
How great Thou art  
Then sings my soul  
My Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art  
How great Thou art***

2. And when I think  
That God His Son not sparing  
Sent Him to die  
I scarce can take it in  
That on the cross  
My burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died  
To take away my sin ***CHORUS***

3. When Christ shall come  
With shout of acclamation  
And take me home  
What joy shall fill my heart  
Then I shall bow  
In humble adoration  
And there proclaim  
My God how great Thou art ***CHORUS***

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## Introit

*Psalm 107:29–32; antiphon: v. 28*

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,  
**and He delivered them from their distress.**  
He made the storm be still,  
**and the waves of the sea were hushed.**  
Then they were glad that the waters were quiet,  
**and He brought them to their desired haven.**  
Let them thank the Lord for His steadfast love,  
**for His wondrous works to the children of men!**  
Let them extol Him in the congregation of the people,  
**and praise Him in the assembly of the elders.**  
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the be- ginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**  
Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,  
**and He delivered them from their distress.**

## Old Testament Reading

*Job 38:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said:

<sup>2</sup>“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

<sup>3</sup>Dress for action like a man;

I will question you, and you make it known to me.

<sup>4</sup>“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

<sup>5</sup>Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

<sup>6</sup>On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone,

<sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together

and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

<sup>8</sup>“Or who shut in the sea with doors

when it burst out from the womb,

<sup>9</sup>when I made clouds its garment

and thick darkness its swaddling band,

<sup>10</sup>and prescribed limits for it

and set bars and doors,

<sup>11</sup>and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,

and here shall your proud waves be stayed’?

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

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

## Gradual

*Psalms 145:3, 5b, 6b*

**L** Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,

**C** **and His greatness is unsearchable.**

**L** On Your wondrous works, I will meditate,

**C** **and I will declare Your greatness.**

## Epistle

*2 Corinthians 6:1–13*

<sup>1</sup>Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says,

“In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you.”

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. <sup>3</sup>We put no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; <sup>7</sup>by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed;

<sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

<sup>11</sup>We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open. <sup>12</sup>You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections. <sup>13</sup>In return (I speak as to children) widen your hearts also.

**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

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: 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***

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## Verse

*Mark 4:41b*

**Alleluia. Who then is this, that even wind and sea obey Him? Alleluia.**

## Holy Gospel

*Mark 4:35–41*

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

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

<sup>35</sup>On that day, when evening had come, [Jesus] said to them, "Let us go across to the other side."  
<sup>36</sup>And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup>And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. <sup>38</sup>But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" <sup>39</sup>And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. <sup>40</sup>He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" <sup>41</sup>And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even wind and sea obey him?"

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

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

## **“Crises of Identity and Faith-identity Crisis” based on Job 38 and Mark 4:35-41 OUTLINE**

1. Storms of life can lead to crises in identity, even for Christians!
2. A fundamental source of the world’s crises of identity is tossing out God’s Word... Also, following Godless Evolutionary Theory, along with materialism, secular humanism, naturalism, and more, pits man’s word against God’s Word as to His Order of Creation, Natural Law and design and purpose for humanity.
3. In our personal crises and challenges, we ultimately challenge God’s Identity.
4. Job had an identity crisis... he lost everything and was physically afflicted.
  - a. Job told his visitors that he was in the right, even saying he didn’t deserve this!
  - b. God speaks through Elihu calling Job to repent and cling to his faith, pointing to who God really is, and His consistent, gracious working.
  - c. Then God breaks into the scene, unloading on Job...
5. The Apostles in the boat had their own crisis of faith and identity! Nothing has changed, up to and even until now! Challenging God stems from sin.
6. Instead of earthly answers, wisdom, and heart-warming stories, like Elihu, let’s look to the Truth – the Triune God, and let Him speak! Jesus responded to ignorance and sin-filled mistrust.
  - a. Jesus proves who He is by rebuking the wind and seas.
  - b. Jesus then challenges their faith and identity. It is a faith-identity problem!
  - c. Not really knowing God is the ultimate identity crisis in life, a faith-identity crisis.
7. Many of us go to church, go through the motions, do things, but when it comes to our worlds getting shaken up, we have this same faith-identity crisis.
  - a. We lament like Job and are like the apostles trying to bail ourselves out of suffering, trials, tribulations, grief, hard times, sin... acting like we have no faith... taking the reins in our hands... forgetting our God of the miraculous... scolding others who try to point us back to faith in God... or even scolding God for not doing as we wish or planned...
  - b. We end up turning to God when we’ve failed at all our personal attempts – when we should have been seeking Him from the start and looking to Him all the way through whatever it is we go through.
8. Who do YOU think you are? Who do you think God is? We often have the same issues with our identities as those apostles – like maybe it is true we really don’t know Him as much as we think we do. Maybe we have blown right past what He has done, what He has been doing and don’t recognize it... maybe even because we have been too busy serving Him! Maybe we have other plans and schemes we chase rather than knowing Him and His Word well, and taking the time often to wait for and listen to Him.
9. “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?” It’s Jesus. Almighty God who unpacked His glory and majesty, looking for you. He lived, suffered and died all for you! Love that reaches up is worship. Love that reaches out is affection. Love that stoops down is grace.

- a. Almighty God, who spoke everything into creation, who controls the wind and seas by His very Word, wants the last word in your life – forgiven... redeemed. Ultimate, lasting self-worth, meaning, purpose, and identity is found in God. In *knowing* who He is → you find yourself... you find your identity!
- b. Who you are is not defined from within you. You are not defined by your struggles, failures, and sin. Who you are is defined by the One Who Made You... loves you perfectly, died for you, and wants you to be with Him for all eternity!

### **The Third Article of the Apostles' Creed** (*On Sanctification*)

**C** 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.

**P** *What does this mean?*

**C** I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

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### **Prayer of the Church**

**P** *Let us pray both for ourselves and for all people in the world who are in need.* Creator of all things, the eyes of all look to You, and You give them their food in due season. You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. You uphold all things by the word of Your power and out of Your fatherly kindness provide for everything we need in this body and life. Grant that we may always give You thanks for Your abundant blessings both to us and to all the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Sustainer of the suffering, the apostle Paul was battered and buffeted on every side. From hunger to imprisonment, from physical beatings to financial poverty, Paul bore his cross daily following Jesus. Through this You sustained him in purity, knowledge, patience, and kindness by Your Holy Spirit, by genuine love, by truthful speech, and by Your almighty power. For us and all who suffer any affliction of body or soul, we ask You to grant a faith like Paul's that through our own afflictions and hardships we may endure faithfully by Your grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**



**P** Prince of Peace, in that boat on Galilee You calmed the raging storm with Your word of command. Grant that we may make regular use of the Means of Grace—Your Word and the Holy Sacraments—that as we journey through the storms of life, our hearts and minds may ever be guarded by Your peace, which passes all human understanding. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Holy Spirit, as you have called us to saving faith, you continue to call, gather, enlighten and sanctify the whole Christian Church on earth. We, thank You for Your faithfulness to us through the years, and for uniting us in the one true faith and mission of Jesus Christ. We are grateful as you work in and through us to proclaim Your Gospel as Your Kingdom is expanded, to the praise and glory of Your Name. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** For all these things and whatever else You know is needed, we ask You, dear Father, for the sake of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**C** **Amen.**

### **Lift Up Your Hearts**

**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

### ***ALL SING***

***We lift them to the Lord***

***Let us give thanks***

***To the Lord our God***

***It is right to give Him***

***Thanks and praise***

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## **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."

**P** 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.**

## The Peace of the Lord

**P** The peace of the ☩ Lord be with you always.

**C** **Amen.**

## Communion

**"I Am Not Alone"** *sung by Miss Esther Kaufmann*

**1.** When I walk through deep waters  
I know that You will be with me  
When I'm standing in the fire  
I will not be overcome  
Through the valley of the shadow  
I will not fear

**2.** In the midst of deep sorrow  
I see Your light is breaking through  
The dark of night will not overtake me  
I am pressing into You  
Lord You fight my ev'ry battle  
And I will not fear

***CHORUS: I am not alone  
I am not alone  
You will go before me  
You will never leave me***

***BRIDGE: You amaze me redeem me  
You call me as Your own  
You amaze me redeem me  
You call me as Your own  
(REPEAT)***

You're my strength You're my defender  
You're my refuge in the storm  
Through these trials You've always been faithful  
You bring healing to my soul ***CHORUS***

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## **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.***

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***

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

***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!***

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## Closing Prayer

### Who You Say I Am

Who am I that the highest King  
Would welcome me  
I was lost but He brought me in  
Oh His love for me  
Oh His love for me

***CHORUS: Who the Son sets free  
Oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God  
Yes I am***

Free at last  
He has ransomed me  
His grace runs deep  
While I was a slave to sin  
Jesus died for me  
Yes He died for me

***CHORUS 2: Who the Son sets free  
Oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God  
Yes I am  
In my Father's house  
There's a place for me  
I'm a child of God  
Yes I am***

***BRIDGE:*** I am chosen not forsaken  
I am who You say I am  
You are for me not against me  
I am who You say I am  
(Oh) (Yes) I am who You say I am ***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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