



Risen Christ Lutheran Church

8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 14, 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.**



Prophets speak God's truth founded up His Word.

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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

We are often reminded things in this life don’t last. This includes everything from material things and earthly goods to health and well-being as age increases, to relationships we treasure, and ultimately mortality, which leads to death. Yet just as things in this life are temporary, with joy we are pointed frequently to what is everlasting. Adopted as God’s own children, we are given an eternal inheritance through the work of Jesus Christ. Amid the temporary things of a broken and sinful world, we keep our focus on Christ and the eternal blessings assured “to the praise of His glorious grace” (Ephesians 1:6).

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation *Based on Ephesians 1:3, 7, 14*

- P** In the name of God the Father,
- C** **who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing,**
- P** in the name of God the Son,
- C** **in whom we have redemption through His blood,**
- P** and in the name of God the Holy Spirit,
- C** **who is the guarantee of our inheritance in heaven. Amen.**

Special Prayer for Peace in the World

Crown Him with Many Crowns



1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;
 3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,
 4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave
 5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a - bove,



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.
 Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
 And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.
 Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The won-drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And
 No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But
 His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who
 Crown Him with man - y crowns As thrones be - fore Him fall; Crown



hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 down-ward bend their won-d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.
 died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.
 Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is king of all.

Confession and Absolution

Amos 7:8; Ephesians 1:3, 7

- P** Although we have repeatedly gone astray, by Jesus' sacrifice for us God has made forgiveness available, so that we should be holy and blameless before Him as He always intended. Let us therefore confess our sins, confident of His grace and mercy for Jesus' sake. Most merciful God,
- C** **when we recognize the straight plumb line of Your Law, we see the crookedness of our ways. From birth, our sinful condition has shown in our thinking, speaking, and doing. When we recall the prophets of the Old Testament and John the Baptist, we recognize the weakness of our convictions. Without Your aid, we are as good as dead. According to the riches of Your grace, grant us forgiveness because of the redemption we have through Jesus' blood. By Your Holy Spirit, raise us to newness of life that we may walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- P** God has blessed us in Christ that we should be holy and blameless before Him. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Heavenly Father, You brought Your Son through death to life for our sake.

C **Give us confident faith that because He lives, we shall live also and that nothing shall separate us from Your love in time or eternity;**

P through the same 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

Amos 7:7–15

⁷This is what [the Lord God] showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand.

⁸And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them;

⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

¹⁰Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said,

"Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land."

¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

¹⁴Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, "I was no prophet, nor a prophet's son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. ¹⁵But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Romans 11:33, 36

L Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

C **How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!**

L For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.

C **To Him be glory forever. Amen.**

Epistle

Ephesians 1:3–14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time,

to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance Jesus is mine
O what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation purchase of God
Born of His Spirit washed in His blood

***CHORUS: This is my story this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long***

Perfect submission perfect delight
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy whispers of love ***CHORUS***

Perfect submission all is at rest
I in my Savior am happy and blest
Watching and waiting looking above
Filled with His goodness lost in His love ***CHORUS***

Verse

Matthew 5:10

P Alleluia. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,

C **for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Mark 6:14–29

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

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

¹⁴King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." ¹⁵But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." ¹⁷For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her.

¹⁸For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. ²²For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." ²³And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." ²⁴And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist."

²⁵And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. ²⁷And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison ²⁸and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

"Prophesying and Sticking to God's Honest Truth, for Example, In Sex and Marriage"

OUTLINE

1. Prophesying = Speaking God's Truth. EVERY Christian NEEDS TO KNOW GOD'S WORD.
 - People who speak God's Truth may be outcasts in this temporary world,
 - but those who reject God's Truth in their one and only life will be eternal outcasts by their choice.
 - There is no fear of eternal peril for those who receive God's Truth. Peace, joy, hope, life and salvation are theirs.
 - a. Satan has opposed God's Truth since the Garden of Eden.
 - b. There will always be those who oppose God's call to repentance and forgiveness, as happened with John the Baptist.
2. It's easy looking back 2,000 years, it's easy to see who the good guys and bad guys were! But what if John the Baptist was alive now? What would the world think – or even you and I think if he called out our sins and called for us to repent?
3. About Adultery – What would John the Baptist say to all the unmarried people here in our community, or even in our church who have sex outside of marriage? What would he say to those who shack up, even including Christians who think wrongly that it's OK. How about to those who agree with homosexual behaviour, which is an abomination to God? How about those who affirm that same sex attracted people are able to twist God's plan and purpose for marriage and redefine marriage to suit them?

4. John the Baptist's message is God's message that says that any sex outside of natural marriage (which is exclusively between a biological male and female) is sin.
 - a. God's command in Exodus, "You shall not commit adultery," actually goes beyond adultery – it goes to the design and purpose of human sexuality and marriage. In Luther's catechism the command is explained this way, "we should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honour each other." Leading a chaste/pure life is to be the life of a person inside and outside of marriage. It is for their good. All sex belongs within the boundary of natural marriage. That's how God designed it and commands it to be. But the world hates God's ways.
 - b. If Christians are shacking up, because of love, say, "STOP IT." Encourage them to repent, receive forgiveness, remain celibate until they marry according to God's design and plan. God's plan is always the best plan. Always. Tame our flesh!
5. "Well, who are YOU to judge?!" (A typical angry push-back) The fact is, God has ALREADY judged, and a pastor or other truth-teller is merely following God's command of sharing God's truth because of love! Unrepentant sinful behaviour is DEADLY!
6. If there is no sin, there is no Saviour! If there is no Law, there is no Gospel – no Good News. People need to learn or be reminded of God's Law in order for them to understand how they are wrong, fall short and break it, and that the penalty is a very real eternity in hell, and that remaining in a state of unrepentance by not receiving the forgiveness offered (The Good News) is ***their*** choice of where they want to be after they die. But there is spiritual safety, forgiveness, and assurance of salvation available, though!
7. In the sinful world, when God's servants give warnings, they are doing what God has given them to do – pointing people away from danger to the safety in a relationship with Jesus. It is not an act of judgement, but it is an act of love toward others that faithful servants warn people and endeavour to lead them to the eternal safety found only in Jesus Christ.

Nicene Creed

- ☐ I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**
- And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.**

**And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

Offering – ONLINE GIVING available at 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

P Let us pray for ourselves and this congregation. In times past You called Amos, John, and countless others to speak Your Word boldly.

ALL – We give thanks, O Lord, that You have also called us in our various vocations to teach Your will and Word. Strengthen us for the task so that many people may join us to praise Your holy name.

P Let us pray for the Church around the world. Before the foundation of the world, O Lord, You chose Your people in Christ to be holy and blameless before You.

MEN – Guide and protect clergy and lay leaders in all the nations of the world so that they may proclaim the Gospel in freedom and safety.

P Let us pray for the leaders of the nations. Lord over all, You ordain the earthly powers for the ordering of society.

WOMEN – Provide us with faithful and righteous leaders who will govern in peace and justice.

Where there is injustice here or in any nation, strengthen those who will care for the downtrodden and despised. Where there is violence and terror, arrange for movement toward concord and harmony. Where despots rule, furnish others with the tools they need to effect peace within and across their borders.

P Let us pray for farmers and merchants, bankers and builders, athletes and musicians, artists and instructors, soldiers and first responders, and all through whom God makes human society safe and enjoyable.

MEN – Impart them with the determination to use all their skills for the enrichment of our community and nation. May we rejoice together in the blessings they share with us all.

P Let us pray for our friends and neighbors, our brothers and sisters in Christ, our fellow students and co-workers, and all who call out to our gracious God in their distress.

WOMEN – Surround them with caregivers to help them meet sudden crises or endure long-term ills. Bestow medical professionals and volunteers with the gifts they need to bring healing from sickness and renewed vision from depression and grief.

P Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord,

C Amen.

Lift Up Your Hearts

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

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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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Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

This mercy brought us Your mighty deliverance by His body and blood shed for us. Help us worthily to receive Him with heartfelt repentance and Your own gift of faith.

C Amen.

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 † 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 † 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

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

CHORUS: *Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul*
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes ***CHORUS***

2. You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find ***CHORUS***

3. And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore ***CHORUS***

ENDING: Jesus, I'll worship Your holy name
Lord, I'll worship Your holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name
Jesus, I'll worship Your holy name
I'll worship Your holy name

More Precious Than Silver

Lord, You are
More precious than silver
Lord, You are
More costly than gold
Lord You are
More beautiful than diamonds
And nothing I desire
Compares with You

Lord, Your love
is higher than the mountains
Lord, Your love
is wider than the sea
Lord, Your love
is deeper than the oceans
There's nothing I want more
than You in me

Nothing I desire
Compares with You

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The Church's One Foundation

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation by water and the Word.
From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore.
'Till with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy, Lord, give us grace that we
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

Closing Prayer

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give thanks to the
 Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en__ Je - sus
 Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give
 thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en__
 Je - sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say "I am
 strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," _____ Be - cause of
 what the Lord has done for us. And now let the
 weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am
 rich," _____ Be - cause of what the Lord has done for us.
 Give thanks, _____ give thanks. _____

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Benediction

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