



# Risen Christ Lutheran Church

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

July 28, 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.**



**Welcome Guest Preacher, Rev. Bradley Garrison  
Executive Director The Luke Project 52 Clinic**

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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 Grape Juice 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. Brochures can be found at each door. 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.

**Rev. Brad Garrison and About The Luke Project 52 Flint** – Today’s Guest Preacher, Rev. Bradley Garrison, is Founder and Executive Director of the Luke Project 52 Clinic. He has been a Pharmacist for 48 years, and has served 40 years in pastoral ministry in Lutheran Church Missouri Synod!

From their Website – “The Luke Project is a ministry launched in 2016 out of love for mothers and their babies. The Luke Project provides Prenatal and Postpartum care to moms in need. We serve women no matter who they are and where they have been, we believe that the mothers and babies that we serve were created in the image of God and should be treated with respect and love at all times.

Relationships are the glue that will help our patients receive the prenatal care that they need. Instead of the patient being forced to enter the provider's culture, we will enter and adapt to theirs. It is time to provide loving, personalized prenatal and infant care in Jesus’ name to any mother who needs it – at no charge.”

**Welcome and Announcements**

## Invocation and Opening Sentences

Isaiah 43:1–3a

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

**C** Amen.

**P** But now thus says the Lord, He who created you, O Jacob, He who formed you, O Israel:

**C** **“Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are Mine.**

**P** When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

**C** **when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.**

**P** For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

### Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King

Come Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise;  
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love.  
I was lost in utter darkness 'til You came and rescued me;  
I was bound by all my sin when Your love came and set me free;  
Now my soul can sing a new song, now my heart has found a home;  
Now Your grace is always with me and I'll never be alone.

***CHORUS: Come Thou Fount, come Thou King,  
Come Thou precious Prince of Peace;  
Hear Your bride, to You we sing;  
Come Thou Fount of our blessing***

O to grace, how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee;  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above. ***CHORUS***

I was lost in utter darkness 'til You came and rescued me;  
I was bound by all my sin when Your love came and set me free;  
Now my soul can sing a new song, now my heart has found a home;  
Now Your grace is always with me and I'll never be alone.

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## Confession and Absolution

**P** Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean.**

**P** We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

**C** **We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**P** We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment.

**C** **For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**

**P** Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,

**C** **so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.  
Amen.**

**P** The Lord God has set His rainbow as a sign of promise amid the storm clouds of our lives. He has set the cross of our Lord Jesus as a sign of His forgiveness of our sins. Therefore, as 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  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## Introit

**P** On the glorious splendor of Your majesty and on Your wondrous works, I will meditate.

**C** **I will extol You, my God and King,  
and bless Your name forever and ever.**

**P** Every day I will bless You  
and praise Your name forever and ever.

**C** **Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,  
and His greatness is unsearchable.**

**P** They shall speak of the might of Your awesome deeds,  
and I will declare Your greatness.

**C** **They shall pour forth the fame of Your abundant goodness  
and shall sing aloud of Your righteousness.  
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.**

**P** On the glorious splendor of Your majesty  
and on Your wondrous works, I will meditate.

## Salutation and Prayer of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray. O Lord, You bring order where there is chaos, and You bring calm where there are storms.

**C** **Help us to experience the breadth and length and height and depth of Your love for us in  
Christ, so that we glorify You and show forth Your love in the world;**

**P** 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

Genesis 9:8–17

<sup>8</sup> God said to Noah and to his sons with him,  
<sup>9</sup>“Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” <sup>12</sup>And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.”  
<sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

Psalm 136:1–9

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.  
<sup>2</sup>**Give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever.**  
<sup>3</sup>Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever;  
<sup>4</sup>**to him who alone does great wonders, for his steadfast love endures forever;**  
<sup>5</sup>to him who by understanding made the heavens, for his steadfast love endures forever;  
<sup>6</sup>**to him who spread out the earth above the waters, for his steadfast love endures forever;**  
<sup>7</sup>to him who made the great lights, for his steadfast love endures forever;  
<sup>8</sup>**the sun to rule over the day, for his steadfast love endures forever;**  
<sup>9</sup>the moon and stars to rule over the night, for his steadfast love endures forever;

## Epistle

Ephesians 3:14–21

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, <sup>16</sup>that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup>so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup>may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup>Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Verse

Mark 6:50c

**P** Alleluia. Take heart; it is I.

**C** Do not be afraid. Alleluia.

## Holy Gospel

Mark 6:45–56

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

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

<sup>45</sup>Immediately [Jesus] made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd.

<sup>46</sup>And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>47</sup>And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. <sup>48</sup>And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, <sup>49</sup>but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, <sup>50</sup>for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." <sup>51</sup>And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, <sup>52</sup>for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

<sup>53</sup>When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. <sup>54</sup>And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him <sup>55</sup>and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. <sup>56</sup>And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

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

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

**Sermon** – "Families: Agony and Ecstasy" Ephesians 3:14-21 by *Guest Preacher, Rev. Brad Garrison* (See page 2 for short bio.)

### Outline

- I. The tension between the desirability of family life and the harsh reality that it's hard.
- II. To resolve this tension requires 4 C's
  - A. Commitment
    - 1. Benefits of family are directly proportional to the investment of time and emotion.
    - 2. Out of tension grows great harmony
  - B. Communication
  - C. Cooperation
  - D. Christ

**Great Is Thy Faithfulness**  
*(Congregation sings to organ)*

**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**

## Catechism – *The Third Article of the Apostles' Creed*

**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.

**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.

## Prayer of the Church

**P** In prayer for the Church, the world, and all people in need, let us come before the Father, that according to the riches of His glory he may strengthen us by the Spirit.

That the Church throughout the world, buffeted and battered by many headwinds, may persevere amid the chaos of this world and may embody the solid ground that comes from trusting in the power of Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**MEN** – That nations throughout the world may be places of stability, peace, and care for the general welfare of their citizens. That our government leaders—national, state, and local—govern humbly and provide good leadership, upholding and enforcing laws that hold chaos dark and rude at bay. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**WOMEN** – That those who serve in our military and their families may be kept safe from harm amid their sometimes chaotic lives. That victims of terrorism, persecution, violence, and warfare may be delivered from these horrors. That our enemies would no longer wish us harm, but instead seek peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**MEN** – That those who are sick in body or mind—those who are hospitalized, those facing surgery, those receiving ongoing treatments, and those who are convalescing—may experience the peace of Christ amid the storms of their lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

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



**WOMEN** – That those who travel for business or pleasure may arrive safely at their destinations. That summer vacationers may experience refreshment, rest, and renewal. Lord, in Your mercy,

**G** **hear our prayer.**

**MEN** – That the people of Risen Christ Lutheran Church, rooted and grounded in the love of Christ, may show forth His love in our community, and may, like the rainbow, be a sign of God’s covenant faithfulness amid the chaos of this world. Lord, in Your mercy,

**G** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever.

**G** Amen.

## **Lift Up Your Hearts**

**P** The Lord be with you

**G** **And also with you**

**P** Lift up your hearts

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

**P** Let us give thanks To the Lord our God

**G** **It is right to give Him Thanks and praise**

## **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.”

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.

**G** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** O Lord, heavenly Father, we here remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Praising His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor, and worship, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** **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.

## Pax Domini ("The peace of the Lord")

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

## Communion

### Give Me Jesus

1. In the morning when I rise  
In the morning when I rise  
In the morning when I rise  
Give me Jesus

***CHORUS: Give me Jesus  
Give me Jesus  
You can have all this world  
(But give me Jesus)***

2. And when I am alone  
Oh and when I am alone  
And when I am alone  
Give me Jesus **CHORUS**

3. And when I come to die  
Oh and when I come to die  
And when I come to die  
Give me Jesus **CHORUS**

## How Deep the Father's Love for Us

1. How deep the Father's love for us,  
How vast beyond all measure,  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss;  
The Father turns His face away,  
As wounds which mar the chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory.

2. Behold the Man upon a cross,  
My sin upon His shoulders;  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice,  
Call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that left Him there  
Until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life -  
I know that it is finished.

3. I will not boast in anything,  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart:  
His wounds have paid my ransom.  
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## Closing Prayer

## The Power of Your Love

Lord I come to You  
Let my life be changed renewed  
Flowing from the grace that I've found in You  
And Lord I've come to know the weaknesses I see in me  
Will be stripped away by the power of Your love

**CHORUS: *Hold me close let Your love surround me  
Bring me near draw me to Your side  
And as I wait I'll rise up like the eagle  
And I will soar with You Your Spirit leads me on  
In the power of Your love***

Lord unveil my eyes  
Let me see You face to face  
The knowledge of Your love as You live in me  
And Lord renew my mind as Your will unfolds in my life  
In living every day by the power of Your love *Chorus 2x*

*And I will soar with You  
Your Spirit leads me on  
In the power of Your love*

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## Benediction

**P** You are the Lord's. Do not be afraid. Take heart, for Jesus reigns over the darkness and chaos of this world. You are rooted and grounded in the love of Christ!

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.

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**C** Amen.

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