



Risen Christ Lutheran Church

17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 15, 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 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

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.

As We Gather – Prayer is holy conversation with God. Sometimes the words we use for that communication are not easily formed. Often we are subject to forces in the world that leave us almost speechless when it comes to speaking with God. By God’s grace, we are reminded that at those times of weakness, our Lord Jesus Christ supplies the strength we need. His Spirit intercedes for us, and as we grow in faith and faithfulness, we are taught anew to pray to God with all boldness and confidence.

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

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

Call to Worship – “Way Maker

You are here moving in our midst
I worship You I worship You
You are here working in this place
I worship You I worship You

***CHORUS: (You are) Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are***

You are here touching ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You
You are here healing ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You

You are here turning lives around
I worship You I worship You
You are here mending ev'ry heart
I worship You yeah I worship You Lord ***CHORUS***

TAG: That is who You are
That is who You are
That is who You are
That is who You are

BRIDGE: Even when I don't see it You're working
Even when I don't feel it You're working
You never stop You never stop working
You never stop You never stop working **CHORUS**

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Opening Psalms

Psalm 25:4–5; 86:11–12; 119:159–160

- P** Make me to know Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths.
C **Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all the day long.**
- P** Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth; unite my heart to fear Your name.
C **I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify Your name forever.**
- P** Consider how I love Your precepts! Give me life according to Your steadfast love.
C **The sum of Your word is truth, and every one of Your righteous rules endures forever.**

Come, Thou Almighty King

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| <p>1. Come, Thou almighty King,
Help us Thy name to sing;
Help us to praise; Father all glorious,
O'er all victorious, come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.</p> <p>2. Come, Thou incarnate Word,
Gird on Thy mighty sword;
Our prayer attend. Come and Thy people bless,
And give Thy Word success, and let Thy
righteousness
On us descend.</p> | <p>3. Come, holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour! Thou, who almighty art,
Now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of power.</p> <p>4. To Thee, great One in Three,
Eternal praises be
Hence evermore! Thy sovereign majesty
May we in glory see, and to eternity
Love and adore.</p> |
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Confession and Absolution

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
- P** We are gathered to have our faith strengthened by hearing God's Word... in the forgiveness He offers... in His Word read, prayed, preached, and sung. We come before God in our sinful condition, and He asks us to seek His infinite mercy. Let us together ask our heavenly Father's forgiveness.

C Almighty God, have mercy on us, forgive the weakness of our faith and our many sins, and restore us to fellowship with You and one another, now and forever.

P In Holy Baptism our heavenly Father declared us to be His children and united us to His Son, by whose death and resurrection all our sins are forgiven. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His command, hear these words as if Christ Himself were saying them to you: I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Introit

Psalm 31:14–16; antiphon: v. 24

P Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord!

C But I trust in You, O Lord; I say, "You are my God."

P My times are in Your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!

C Make Your face shine on Your servant; save me in Your steadfast love!

C 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 Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord!

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

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

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, our strength and support in all situations, grant us the power and presence of Your Holy Spirit that we may be certain of Your abiding presence. Give us confidence that because of Your sacrifice on our behalf, our heavenly Father welcomes our prayers and petitions; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and rules with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 50:4–10

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught,
that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary.

Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;
I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.

⁷But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

⁸He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.
Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me.

⁹Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

¹⁰Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of his servant?

Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.

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

Psalm

Psalm 116:1–9

¹I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

²**Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

³The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;

I suffered distress and anguish.

⁴**Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!"**

⁵Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

⁶**The LORD preserves the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.**

⁷Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

⁸**For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;**

⁹I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

Epistle

James 3:1–12

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For we all stumble in many ways, and if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. ⁴Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. ⁷For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Great is Thy Faithfulness

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!

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

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

Apostles' Creed

C 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.

Holy Gospel

Mark 9:14–29

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

¹⁴ When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵ And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to [Jesus] and greeted him.

¹⁶ And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" ¹⁷ And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. ¹⁸ And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." ¹⁹ And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." ²⁰ And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. ²¹ And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. ²² And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." ²³ And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible for one who believes." ²⁴ Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" ²⁵ And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again."

²⁶ And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." ²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. ²⁸ And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" ²⁹ And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."

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

"We Can't Stand Upright Alone" OUTLINE

1. People who literally or figuratively cannot stand upright...
2. There are so many things we ourselves cannot stand upright against:
 - addictions... pain and sickness... repeated cyclical sin...
 - helplessly watching Christians persecuted around the world
 - our own government pushing evil and redefining morality
 - aging... death... and more...
3. There is power in Jesus' words...
4. "I believe; help my unbelief!" = The Lord's Prayer summarized! It's a prayer for everyone who cannot stand upright to pray.

Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)

1. You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown where feet may fail
And there I find You in the mystery
In oceans deep my faith will stand

***CHORUS 1: And I will call upon Your name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise
My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine***

2. Your grace abounds in deepest waters
Your sov'reign hand will be my guide
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me
You've never failed and You won't start now

BRIDGE: Spirit lead me
where my trust is without borders
Let me walk upon the waters
Wherever You would call me
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
And my faith will be made stronger
In the presence of my Saviour

***CHORUS 2: I will call upon Your name
Keep my eyes above the waves
My soul will rest in Your embrace
I am Yours and You are mine***

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Prayer of the Church

P Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us, for He has freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and by the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn us away from all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

G **hear our prayer.**

WOMEN – May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy, **G** **hear our prayer.**

MEN – Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands, we commend all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

G **hear our prayer.**

WOMEN – Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy, **G** **hear our prayer.**

MEN – Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy, **G** **hear our prayer.**

WOMEN – Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

MEN – And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy, **C** hear our prayer.

P We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught 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.

Our God

1. Water You turned into wine
Opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like You
None like You

2. Into the darkness You shine
Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You
None like You

CHORUS: *Our God is greater
Our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other
Our God is healer
Awesome in power our God our God*

BRIDGE: And if our God is for us
Then who could ever stop us
And if our God is with us
Then what could stand against
And if our God is for us
Then who could ever stop us
And if our God is with us
Then what could stand against
(Then) what could stand against

Benediction

P The Lord be with you as the only way to the Father in heaven.
The Lord bless your days with the truth that is in Christ alone.
The Lord be your life and direct your paths by His Spirit of peace.

C Amen.

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