



# Risen Christ Lutheran Church

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

September 8, 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](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.

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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** – For many people, the time of autumn leaves brings a sense of anxiety or dread as the cycle of the year and of life draws to a close. The prophet Isaiah used this image as he prophesied the demise of the nations and peoples opposed to God: “All their host shall fall, as leaves fall from the vine, like leaves falling from the fig tree” (Isaiah 34:4b). Strengthened by the promises of God fulfilled in Jesus, God’s people have a special sense of His mercy. They rejoice in His power made evident in His works that display His goodness. They live out their days demonstrating faith that is truly alive and evident in good works.

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Invocation and Verses**

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

**C** **Amen.**

**P** The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,

**C** **my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold and my refuge, my savior; You save me from violence.**

**P** For You are my lamp, O Lord, and my God lightens my darkness.

**C** **This God—His way is perfect; the word of the Lord proves true;**

**P** He is a shield for all those who take refuge in Him.

**C** **For this I will praise You, O Lord, among the nations, and sing praises to Your name.**

## Beautiful Savior

1. Beautiful Savior,  
King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love Thee,  
Truly I'd serve Thee,  
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

2. Fair are the meadows,  
Fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer,  
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

3. Fair is the sunshine,  
Fair is the moonlight,  
Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels in the sky.

4. Beautiful Savior,  
Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor,  
Praise, adoration  
Now and forevermore be Thine!

## Confession and Absolution

**P** Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

**C** **Gracious God, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We know that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have daily done things we should not have done, and have not done that which we are to do as Your faithful servants. We deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity. Trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is not in ourselves but in the merits of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Grant us remission of all our sins, and lead us to renewed lives that reflect Your goodness and love.**

**P** God is gracious and merciful and hears our supplications. Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 35:4–7a

<sup>4</sup>Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not!  
Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you."  
<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
<sup>6</sup>then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.  
For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;  
<sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water;  
in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

Psalm 146 (antiphon: v. 2)

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

**<sup>2</sup>I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

<sup>3</sup>Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

**<sup>4</sup>When his breath departs he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.**

<sup>5</sup>Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God,

**<sup>6</sup>who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;**

<sup>7</sup>who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

**<sup>8</sup>the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the LORD loves the righteous.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless,  
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

**<sup>10</sup>The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!**

## Epistle

James 2:1–10, 14–18

<sup>1</sup>My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. <sup>2</sup>For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," <sup>4</sup>have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

<sup>8</sup>If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors.

<sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it...

<sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? <sup>17</sup>So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

<sup>18</sup>But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

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

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

## **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  $\ddagger$  of the world to come. Amen.**

## Verse

Psalm 147:2–3

**Alleluia. The Lord builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Alleluia.**

## Holy Gospel

Mark 7:31–37

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

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

<sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." <sup>35</sup>And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

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

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

## Sermon – "Hearing God"

### I'm Listening

When You speak confusion fades  
Just a word and suddenly I'm not afraid  
'Cause You speak and freedom reigns  
There is hope in every single word You say

***CHORUS: I don't wanna miss one word You speak  
'Cause everything You say is life to me  
I don't wanna miss one word You speak  
Quiet my heart I'm listening***

When sorrows roll and troubles rage  
You whisper peace when I don't have the words to say  
I won't lose hope when storms won't break  
You keep Your word  
And Your promises will keep me safe ***CHORUS***

***BRIDGE:*** Your ways are higher  
You know just what I need  
I trust You Jesus  
You see what I cannot see

## His Strength Is Perfect

1. I can do all things through Christ  
Who gives me strength  
But sometimes I wonder  
What He can do through me  
No great success to show  
No glory on my own  
Yet in my weakness  
He is there to let me know

***His strength is perfect  
When our strength is gone  
He'll carry us  
When we can't carry on  
Raised in His power  
The weak become strong  
His strength is perfect  
His strength is perfect***

2. We can only know  
The power that He holds  
When we truly see  
How deep our weakness goes  
His strength in us begins  
When ours comes to an end  
He hears our humble cry  
And proves again

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## Prayer of the Church

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

**MEN** – We pray for the Church, that God’s people may live confidently and may joyfully share the message of salvation in word and deed.

**C** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**WOMEN** – pray for the nations of the world, that the Gospel message may be spread in every land.

**C** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**MEN** – We pray for our families and for those who share in our Christian fellowship and join with us in worship. Help us to never take them for granted, that we would instead encourage the labors in which we work together to the glory of God.

**C** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**WOMEN** – We pray for those with special concerns and needs this day: those who are hospitalized or shut in, those who are grieving, the unemployed and underemployed, the chronically ill, and all those whose needs are not known to us. Grant that we may bring Your blessing to those in need in all places.

**C** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**P** Merciful God, we thank You for all those faithful people whose words and actions have guided us in the past, especially remembering those no longer with us on earth who now share in Your eternal presence. By the working of Your Holy Spirit, direct us to walk Your servant way throughout our lives until that day when we stand in Your glorious presence in heaven.

**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



## 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  $\text{✠}$  Lord be with you always.
- C** **Amen.**

## Communion

## 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 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*

## 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***

***BRIDGE:*** You are my King  
You are my King  
Jesus You are my King  
Jesus You are my King

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## Closing Prayer

### Because He Lives

1. God sent His Son; they called Him Jesus  
He came to love, heal and forgive  
He lived and died to buy my pardon  
An empty grave is there to prove  
My Savior lives

***CHORUS: Because He lives I can face tomorrow  
Because He lives, all fear is gone  
Because I know He holds the future  
And life is worth the living  
Just because He lives***

2. How sweet to hold a newborn baby  
And feel the pride and joy he gives  
But greater still the calm assurance  
This child can face uncertain days  
Because He lives ***CHORUS***

3. And then one day we'll cross that river  
We'll fight life's final war with pain  
And then as death gives way to vict'ry  
We'll see the lights of glory  
And we'll know He reigns ***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.
- G** **Amen.**

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