



# Risen Christ Lutheran Church

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

October 27, 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.

**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** – In the first stanza of the hymn “Amazing Grace” we confess, “I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see!” When we say we were lost, we may think of the parable of the prodigal son. We mean that apart from God, like the rest of the world, we do not truly know our real spiritual need. Likewise, the blindness we confess is our condition apart from the enlightenment of God’s word and deliverance. Blind Bartimaeus in today’s Gospel, by the enlightenment of God’s Word, believed that Jesus as the “son of David” is the divine agent, the Son of God come to save. He had heard through Isaiah the prophet that one of the first things the Messiah will do would be to open blind eyes (Isaiah 35:5). With this blind man, we come today with the heartfelt prayer “have mercy on me” and discover more. Our eyes are enlightened to see God’s mercy as we join this man and Jesus’ disciples following Him in the way, on the road to Jerusalem. There we discover the mercy and gracious reign and rule of God in the mighty suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord of life.

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Invocation**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C Amen.**

### **I Know That My Redeemer Lives**

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| <b>1</b> | I know that my Redeemer lives;<br>What comfort this sweet sentence gives!<br>He lives, He lives, who once was dead;<br>He lives, my ever-living head. | <b>2</b> | He lives triumphant from the grave;<br>He lives eternally to save;<br>He lives all-glorious in the sky;<br>He lives exalted there on high. |
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3 He lives to bless me with His love;  
He lives to plead for me above;  
He lives my hungry soul to feed;  
He lives to help in time of need.

4 He lives to grant me rich supply;  
He lives to guide me with His eye;  
He lives to comfort me when faint;  
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

## Confession and Absolution

*Mark 10:48, 52*

**P** Our help is in the name of the LORD. **C** **Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!**

**P** Let us confess our greatest need to God, our merciful Father.

**C** **Merciful God, we confess that we are in the darkness of the fallen world by our own sin, our failure to keep Your holy Commandments in our thoughts, words, and deeds, as well as the good we have failed to do. Deliver us from the darkness of death by the light of Your Son's saving death on the cross and the power of His resurrection. Speak now Your divine Word of forgiveness, life, and salvation. Amen.**

**P** In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." Now, as if Christ Himself is saying – "I forgive you all your sins." – in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C** **Amen.**

5 He lives to silence all my fears;  
He lives to wipe away my tears;  
He lives to calm my troubled heart;  
He lives all blessings to impart.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;  
He lives, and I shall conquer death;  
He lives my mansion to prepare;  
He lives to bring me safely there.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;  
He lives and loves me to the end;  
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;  
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

8 He lives, all glory to His name!  
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

## Introit

*Psalm 131; antiphon: Psalm 130:1–2*

**C** **Out of the depths I cry to You, O LORD! O LORD, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!**

**P** O LORD, my heart is not lifted up; my eyes are not raised too high;  
I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me.  
But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother;  
like a weaned child is my soul within me.

O Israel, hope in the LORD from this time forth and forevermore.

**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.**

**Out of the depths I cry to You, O LORD! O LORD, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!**

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## Salutation and Prayer of the Day

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

**P** Let us pray.

O God, the helper of all who call on You, have mercy on us and give us eyes of faith to see Your Son that we may follow Him on the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **G Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

*Jeremiah 31:7–9*

<sup>7</sup> Thus says the LORD:

“Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, ‘O LORD, save your people, the remnant of Israel.’”

<sup>8</sup> Behold, I will bring them from the north country and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, the pregnant woman and she who is in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here.

<sup>9</sup> With weeping they shall come, and with pleas for mercy I will lead them back, I will make them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble, for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.”

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

## Psalm 126

**L** When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

**G Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy;**

**L** then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done great things for them.”  
The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.

**G Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like streams in the Negeb!**

**L** Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!

**G He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,  
shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.**

## Epistle

*Hebrews 7:23–28*

<sup>23</sup>The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, <sup>24</sup>but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. <sup>25</sup>Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

<sup>26</sup>For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. <sup>27</sup>He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself. <sup>28</sup>For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

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

## Nicene Creed (*Words on screens*)

### Verse

*Hebrews 12:2a*

**Alleluia. [Let us fix our eyes on] Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith. Alleluia.**

### Holy Gospel

*Mark 10:46–52*

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

<sup>46</sup>They came to Jericho. And as [Jesus] was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. <sup>47</sup>And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, <sup>48</sup>And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>49</sup>And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart. Get up; he is calling you." <sup>50</sup>And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup>And Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" And the blind man said to him, "Rabbi, let me recover my sight." <sup>52</sup>And Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.

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

### **Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)**

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind but now I see  
Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed

***CHORUS: My chains are gone, I've been set free  
My God my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy reigns  
Unending love, amazing Grace***

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures ***CHORUS***

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, The sun forbear to shine

But God Who called me here below will be forever mine. Will be forever mine, You are forever mine.....

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### **Sermon based on Mark 10:46-52**

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### **Prayer of the Church**

**P** Gracious and merciful God, we give You thanks that You have restored our spiritual sight in the salvation You have given to the whole world through the blessed and glorious death and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Help us to fix our eyes continually upon Him as He comes to us here in the preaching of Your Holy Word and the faithful administration of Your Holy Sacraments. Enable us to follow Him in the way that leads to the eternal vision of everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**

**MEN** – Guide and defend Your whole Church. Bless Matt, our synodical president, and Jamison, our district president. Grant wisdom and grace to all pastors, and send the light of Your truth into all the earth that many may come to receive Your grace and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**

**WOMEN** – Today we thank You especially for Lutheran Braille Workers, who serve those with vision impairments with religious and spiritual materials. Bless the many volunteers in their service to blind and low-vision people worldwide. Lord, in Your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**

**MEN** – Preserve our nation in justice and honor that we lead a peaceable life with integrity. Grant health and favor to all who bear the offices of government in our land. Help them to serve all people according to Your holy will. Guard and protect also all who serve in the armed forces of our country. Grant them faithfulness and success in their service, and grant that their homecomings be joyful. Lord, in Your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**

**WOMEN** – By Your Word and Holy Spirit, comfort all who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or adversity. Be with those also who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on all to whom death draws near. Sustain and bless all who care for those that suffer. Lord, in Your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**

**ALL** – We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served You in Your Church on earth, who now rest from their labors. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints and bring us at last to the joys of Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through 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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## The 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.

**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.

## Pax Domini

- 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**

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### I Am Not Alone

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

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

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

**BRIDGE: You amaze me redeem me  
You call me as Your own  
You amaze me redeem me  
You call me as Your own**

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

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## Post-Communion Thanksgiving

**P** Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### 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** 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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