



# Risen Christ Lutheran Church

20<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

October 6, 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.**



**Life Chain Sunday today! From 2pm-3:30pm, join us outside in front of the church on Ann Arbor Road to prayerfully hold up signs lifting up life! We will stand, or you can bring a chair as needed. Come for all or any portion of that time.**

*Risen Christ Lutheran Church*  
46250 Ann Arbor Road Plymouth, MI 48170  
734.453.5252 [www.risenchrist.info](http://www.risenchrist.info)

**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** – The wisdom of the world suggests that God has given us the idea, and we are to design this thing called marriage and family. Yet for all our best intentions, sin has left us struggling not only to fulfill but to even accept the wisdom of God’s design. Jesus is not apologetic of the shape of marriage and family, and He calls us to join Him in rejoicing over God’s gift and to work to fulfill His holy purpose in our own homes and families. Even the child does not get overlooked by our Lord’s hand of mercy and blessing.

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Invocation**

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

**C** Amen.

### **All Creatures of Our God and King**

1. All creatures of our God and King  
Lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam!

2. And all ye men of tender heart,  
Forgiving others, take your part,  
O sing ye! Alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
Praise God and on Him cast your care! **REFRAIN**

**REFRAIN: O praise Him!**  
**O praise Him!**  
**Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
**Alleluia!**

3. Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship Him in humbleness,  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One! **REFRAIN**

## Goodness Of God

### 1. I love You Lord

Oh Your mercy never fails me  
All my days  
I've been held in Your hands  
From the moment that I wake up  
Until I lay my head  
I will sing of the goodness of God

### 2. I love Your voice

You have led me through the fire  
In darkest night  
You are close like no other  
I've known You as a father  
I've known You as a friend  
I have lived in the goodness of God

***CHORUS: All my life You have been faithful  
All my life You have been so so good  
With every breath that I am able  
I will sing of the goodness of God***

***BRIDGE:*** Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me  
Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me  
With my life laid down  
I'm surrendered now  
I give You everything  
Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me

Ben Fielding, Brian Johnson, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram, Jenn Johnson  
CCU Song #7117726  
© 2018 Capitol CMG Paragon; SHOUT! Music Publishing Australia; Fellow Ships Music; So Essential Tunes;  
Bethel Music Publishing  
For use solely with the SongSelect® Terms of Use. All rights reserved. www.cclu.com  
CCU License #140952

## Confession and Absolution

*Philippians 1:6*

- P** Let us confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.**
- P** May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Peace be with you. **C And also with you.**

## Introit for Pentecost 20

*Psalms 127:3–5; antiphon: v. 1a*

- C Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.**
- P** Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward.  
Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth.  
Blessèd is the man who fills his quiver with them!  
He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.
- 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.  
Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.**

Text: ESV®  
Text: © 2001 Crossway Bibles. Used by permission: Creative Worship License no. 110002690

## Salutation and Prayer of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

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

**P** Let us pray.

Merciful Father, Your patience and loving-kindness toward us have no end. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may always think and do those things that are pleasing in Your sight; 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 2:18–25*

<sup>18</sup>Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." <sup>19</sup>So out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. <sup>21</sup>So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup>And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh;  
she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."

<sup>24</sup>Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. <sup>25</sup>And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

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

## Psalm

*Psalm 128; antiphon: v. 1*

<sup>1</sup>Blessèd is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in his ways!

**<sup>2</sup>You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands; you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you.**

<sup>3</sup>Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house;  
your children will be like olive shoots around your table.

**<sup>4</sup>Behold, thus shall the man be blessed who fears the LORD.**

<sup>5</sup>The LORD bless you from Zion! May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life!

**<sup>6</sup>May you see your children's children! Peace be upon Israel!**

## Epistle

*Hebrews 2*

<sup>1</sup>Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. <sup>2</sup>For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, <sup>3</sup>how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, <sup>4</sup>while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

<sup>5</sup>Now it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. <sup>6</sup>It has been testified somewhere,

"What is man, that you are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you care for him?

<sup>7</sup>You made him for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned him with glory and honor,

<sup>8</sup>putting everything in subjection under his feet."

Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. <sup>9</sup>But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

<sup>10</sup>For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. <sup>11</sup>For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one origin. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, <sup>12</sup>saying, "I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise."

<sup>13</sup>And again,

"I will put my trust in him."

And again,

"Behold, I and the children God has given me."

<sup>14</sup>Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup>and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. <sup>16</sup>For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. <sup>17</sup>Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup>For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

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

### Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

**1.** Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heaven, to earth come down!  
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,  
All thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,  
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;  
Visit us with Thy salvation,  
Enter every trembling heart.

**2.** Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit  
Into every troubled breast;  
Let us all in Thee inherit;  
Let us find the promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning,  
Set our hearts at liberty.

**3.** Come, Almighty, to deliver;  
Let us all Thy Life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never,  
Nevermore Thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,  
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,  
Glory in Thy perfect love.

**4.** Finish then Thy new creation,  
Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see Thy great salvation  
Perfectly restored in Thee,  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,  
Lost in wonder love and praise!

### Apostles' Creed

**G** **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.**

**Verse**

*Mark 10:14b*

**Alleluia. Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God.  
Alleluia.**

**Holy Gospel**

*Mark 10:2–16*

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

<sup>2</sup>Pharisees came up and in order to test [Jesus] asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" <sup>3</sup>He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" <sup>4</sup>They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away." <sup>5</sup>And Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. <sup>6</sup>But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' <sup>7</sup>'Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, <sup>8</sup>and they shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two but one flesh. <sup>9</sup>What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."

<sup>10</sup>And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup>And he said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, <sup>12</sup>and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

<sup>13</sup>And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. <sup>15</sup>Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." <sup>16</sup>And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

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

**Sermon – "The Goodness of God's Design for Living"**

**The Blessing**

The Lord bless you  
And keep you  
Make his face shine upon you  
And be gracious to you  
The Lord turn his  
Face toward you  
And give you peace

**CHORUS**

**Amen**

**Amen**

**Amen**

**1<sup>st</sup> Bridge**

May his favor  
Be upon you  
And a thousand generations  
And your family  
And your children  
And their children  
And their children

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Bridge

May his presence  
Go before you  
And behind you  
And beside you  
All around you  
And within you  
He is with you  
He is with you

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Bridge

In the morning  
In the evening  
In your coming  
And your going  
In your weeping  
And rejoicing  
He is for you  
He is for you

### Tag

He is for you  
He is for you

**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 for Life Chain Sunday Today**

### **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.
- Behold in Your mercy, O Lord, the people You have made, and grant Your special blessing to husband and wife, parent and child, that in the daily exercise of Your mercy they may manifest to one another the fullness of Your mercy, forgiving each other as You have forgiven them. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Give grace and courage, O Lord, to Your church, that in this day of denial, we may abide joyfully in the truth of Your Word and the goodness of Your design for the home and for the family. Give us grace that we may both respect Your will and purpose and receive all the benefits of Your design. Lord, in Your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** To the single, give grace that their burden of living alone may not overpower them nor steal from them the joy and fellowship of all our lives together within the household of Your church. Give patience to us all lest we grow weary as we await the prayerful desires of our hearts. Lord, in Your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Give wisdom to those who govern in this and every place, that guided by the voice of Your Word they may act with integrity to do what is good and wise and benefits those in their care. Deliver us all from violence and fear and grant peace among the nations. Lord, in Your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Give grace and healing in accordance with Your will, that those who suffer may be relieved of their pain, restored to good health, and sustained until that day when we shall be finally delivered from all adversity and affliction, [*and especially do we pray for . . .*]. Lord, in Your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Give hope to Your people as we trust the promise of the future which You have prepared for us, and receive here the foretaste of the eternal feast to come, when, at last, we shall no more be separated from the saints who went before nor from Your presence face to face. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Give generosity to Your people, that we may receive Your gifts with thanksgiving, return them to You for the support of the kingdom in our midst, and supply those in need as acts of genuine charity and love in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **G** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Remembering all that You in Your mercy have accomplished and living in faith and hope in Christ, we pray You to bless us, bless our homes and families, bless our lives and work, that all things we do may please You and with our voices we may boldly confess You on earth, until that day when we shall close our eyes in death to awaken to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whom, with whom, and by whom all honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **G** **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

- G** **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.**

## Forever

Give thanks to the Lord our God and King,  
His love endures forever.  
For He is good He is above all things,  
His love endures forever.  
Sing praise, sing praise

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm,  
His love endures forever.  
For the life that's been reborn,  
His love endures forever.  
Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise!

***CHORUS: Forever God is faithful, Forever God is strong,  
Forever God is with us, forever, forever!***

From the rising to the setting sun,  
His love endures forever.  
And by the grace of God we will carry on,  
His love endures forever.

Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise! ***CHORUS***

*Crisis Tomlin* CCLI Song # 3148428 CCLI License # 140952  
© 2001 Sissteps Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)  
worshiptogether.com songs (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)

## Benediction

**Life Chain Sunday today! From 2pm-3:30pm, PLEASE join us outside in front of the church on Ann Arbor Road to prayerfully hold up signs lifting up life! We will stand, or you can bring a chair as needed. Come for all or any portion of that time.**

Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series B, Quarter 4.  
Copyright © 2024 Concordia Publishing House. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

### Acknowledgments

Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from the ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved. Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2024 Concordia Publishing House.