



Risen Christ Lutheran Church
Last Sunday of Pentecost
November 24, 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.**



Be on guard, keep
awake. For you do
not know when the
time will come.

-Mark 13:33, ESV

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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.

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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 – Today is the Last Sunday of the Church Year. Next week we will turn our attention to Advent and preparations for the celebration of Christ’s incarnation. But as we prepare to celebrate Christ’s first coming, we also anticipate His second coming. Christ’s return in glory is the focus of this service. Jesus calls on His followers to stay awake and remain prepared for His coming. He warns that no one knows the day or the hour of His return. But He promises He is returning and returning soon.

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation and Opening Sentences

Based on Psalm 93:1–2, 5

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

C **Amen.**

P The Lord reigns!

C **He is robed in majesty!**

P The world is established.

C **It shall not be moved.**

P God’s throne is established from of old.

C **Our God is from everlasting.**

P His decrees are very trustworthy.

C **Holiness befits the Lord’s house forevermore.**

P Christ is coming soon.

C **Therefore stay awake and remain prepared.**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

1. Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of Him Who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.
2. Crown Him the Lord of love.
Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their wondering eyes at
mysteries so bright.
3. Crown Him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife
for those He came to save.
His glories now we sing,
Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring
and lives that death may die.
4. Crown Him the Lord of heaven,
Enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the King to whom is given the
wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns
as thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,
for He is king of all.

Confession and Absolution

- P** Christ is coming again and coming soon. Although we know this, although we have heard His words and warning, we have not always acted as though Christ were coming soon. At times we have grown complacent and lazy, focused on the things of this world rather than on Christ, His Word, and His salvation. As we gather together in the Lord's house, let us consider our failure to live according to His holiness.

Silence for reflection

- P** Heavenly Father,
- C** **we have not always lived according to Your Word. We have fallen asleep in the comfort of our sins. We have not stayed awake and remained prepared for the return of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Forgive us, renew us, and stir us up so that we might prepare ourselves and others for Christ's return.**
- P** Because of Jesus Christ's death and resurrection, you are presented blameless before the presence of God. As a called and ordained servant of the risen Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen. To God be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, now and forever. Amen.**

Introit

Ps. 39:4-5a, 7-8, 12a; antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13b NIV

We are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,
the home of righteousness.

O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;
let me know how fleeting I am!

Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths,
and my lifetime is as nothing before you.

And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?

My hope is in you.

Deliver me from all my transgressions.

Do not make me the scorn of the fool!

Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry;

hold not your peace at my tears!

**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.**

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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.

Heavenly Father, You sent Your Son into the world to die and rise for the sins of the world, and You have promised that He is coming again soon. Keep us firm in the true faith, ever clinging to Your promises and ever watchful for Your Son's return, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 51:4–6

⁴Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation;
for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait.

⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment,
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever,
and my righteousness will never be dismayed.

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

Psalm 93

¹The LORD reigns; he is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed; he has put on strength as his belt.
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.

²**Your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.**

³The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring.

⁴**Mightier than the thunders of many waters, mightier than the waves of the sea,
the LORD on high is mighty!**

⁵Your decrees are very trustworthy; holiness befits your house, O LORD, forevermore.

Epistle

Jude 20–25

²⁰But you, beloved, build yourselves up in your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; ²¹keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. ²²And have mercy on those who doubt; ²³save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

²⁴Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy,

²⁵to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen

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

In Christ Alone

1. In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength, my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

2. In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

3. There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

4. No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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Verse

Rev. 22:13

Alleluia. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 13:24–37

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

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

²⁴[Jesus said:] "But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light,

²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place.

³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³²"But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³***Be on guard, keep awake.*** For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵Therefore ***stay awake***—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning— ³⁶lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: ***Stay awake.***"

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

Sermon – Be On Guard, Keep Awake, Stay Awake

Verse 33 – Blepete (βλέπω - blepo) – “keep awake”
Agrupneite (ἀγρυπνέω - agrupneo) – “be on guard”

Verse 35 and 37 – Gregoreite (γρηγορέω – gregoreo, derived from the word for “resurrected,” the perfect tense of egeiro)

Nicene Creed (*Words on screens*)

Offering – ONLINE GIVING available at 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 Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord, You reign as King forever. Protect Your Church from false teaching and scandalous living. Set Your justice as a light to all people. Lord, in Your mercy, **G** **hear our prayer.**

WOMEN – Lord, You are robed in majesty. In creation, You clothed us with Your image, but we daily sin, staining and warping Your perfect image into something unrecognizable. Keep us in Christ, who clothes us in robes that have been washed white in His own blood. Lord, in Your mercy,

G **hear our prayer.**

MEN – Lord, in this fallen world, creation groans with many disasters. Restore the livelihood of those who have suffered such disasters as floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, and fires, for You, O Lord, are mightier than any storm or flood. Lord, in Your mercy, **G** **hear our prayer.**

WOMEN – Lord, send healing to all who are sick, injured, and recovering. If it be Your will, restore their health with the overflowing abundance that comes only from Your hand. Lord, in Your mercy,

G **hear our prayer.**

MEN – Lord, death remains a curse until You come again. Though we know You are coming soon, we still mourn the death of loved ones. Comfort all who grieve with the hope of the promised resurrection and return of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **G** **hear our prayer.**

ALL – Lord, we praise You for the blessings You have poured out upon us. We rejoice with those who rejoice. Lord, in Your mercy, **G** **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord, Who taught us to pray:

Lift Up Your Hearts

P The Lord be with you **G** And also with you

P The Lord be with you **G** 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

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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 † 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 † 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:

**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

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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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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Closing Prayer

My Jesus, my Saviour
Lord there is none like You
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love
My comfort, my shelter
Tower of refuge and strength
Let ev'ry breath, all that I am
Never cease to worship You

Shout to the Lord

***Shout to the Lord, all the Earth, let us sing
Power and majesty, praise to the King
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand
Nothing compares
to the promise I have in You***

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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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