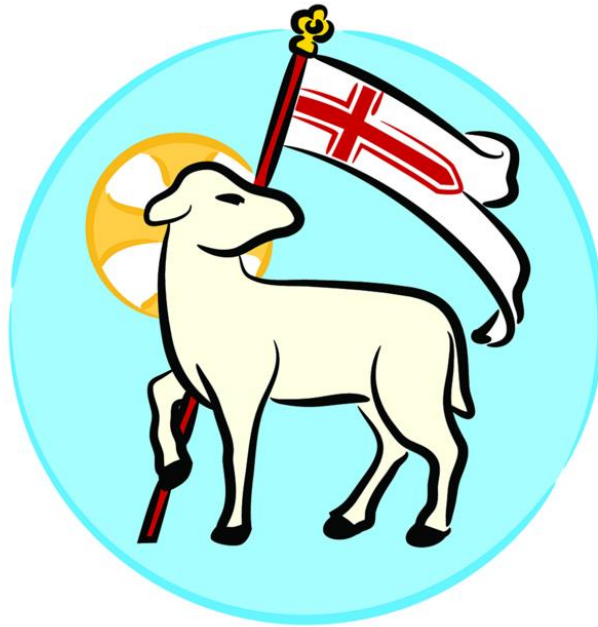




Risen Christ Lutheran Church
Sunday Worship

May 11, 2022 9:30am

**REMEMBER, YOU ARE IN GOD'S SANCTUARY. AS YOU ENTER
HIS SANCTURARY, 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 the Lord's Supper is not symbolic. We believe what Jesus Himself said: that His body and blood are truly present in this, His meal that He instituted 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 and you are a baptized believer who trusts in the death and resurrection of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins, and you have examined yourself, you are welcome to commune with us. Please talk to the 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 through your here! You can also take advantage of Online Giving by visiting www.RisenChrist.info

A WORD TO OUR MEMBERS AND GUESTS – Welcome and thank you for coming. Everyone please complete a Worship Card and place it in the offering plate. For Guests, Pastor will send you a welcome card and 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 – Many people in the world are deaf to God's presence and certainly to His Word. Some people refused to believe when they physically met Jesus, as in today's Gospel. Paul had to warn church leaders that opposition might even come from within, from wolves in sheep's clothing. But by the grace of God in Scripture, we hear our Good Shepherd speaking to us about His grace and mercy. John's vision of the Lamb's eternal victory lets us hear the eternal praises of saints and angels in heaven. Today is an opportunity to tell one another in word and song about our faith, asking our brothers and sisters if they also are hearing all the good news about our Shepherd. We leave to ask our friends and neighbors the same question. What joy when they may say with us, "The Lord is my shepherd too!"

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**

Prayer and Blessing over Mothers

Opening Sentences Psalm 23:1, 6b; Revelation 7:17

- P The LORD is my shepherd;
C **I shall not want.**
P For the Lamb in the midst of the throne
C **will be their shepherd,**

P and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.
C **And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

Easter Acclamation

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The Church's One Foundation

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation by water and the Word.
From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Through toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore.
Till with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O blessed heavenly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us, may see You face to face.

Confession and Absolution

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P Lord, our God,
C **we confess that we have strayed from hearing the voice of Your Son, our Shepherd, who went through death to eternal life for us. We have failed to trust in You fully. We have sinned in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Forgive us and renew in us faith and trust. Grant us to hear anew our Shepherd's voice and to follow wherever He leads, until we see Him with You in Your eternal house.**

P Fellow sheep within Christ's fold, our Lord Jesus was God's sacrificial Lamb and has gone through death, paying for the sins of all people, and He now reigns in eternity. Therefore, in His stead and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

I am Jesus' little lamb,
Ever glad at heart I am;
For my Shepherd gently guides me,
Knows my need and well provides me,
Loves me ev'ry day the same,
Even calls me by my name.

P He chose David His servant and took him from the sheepfolds;
C **from following the nursing ewes He brought him to shepherd Jacob His people, Israel His inheritance.**

P With upright heart he shepherded them
C **and guided them with his skillful hand.**

P But we Your people, the sheep of Your pasture, will give thanks to You forever;
C **from generation to generation we will recount Your praise.**

Day by day, at home, away,
Jesus is my staff and stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,
Into pleasant pastures leads me;
When I thirst, He bids me go

Where the quiet waters flow.

- P 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.
- C **I am the good shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me, and I lay down My life for the sheep.**

Who so happy as I am,
Even now the Shepherd's lamb?
And when my short life is ended,
By His angel host attended,
He shall fold me to His breast,
There within His arms to rest.

Prayer of the Day

- P Let us pray.
Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep,
- C **grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads;**
- P through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 20:17–35

¹⁷Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him.
¹⁸And when they came to him, he said to them:
"You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia,
¹⁹serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, ²¹testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. ²²And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. ²⁴But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. ²⁵And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. ²⁶Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, ²⁷for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰and from among your own selves will arise men speaking

twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them.

³¹Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. ³²And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 23

L ¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

C **²He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.**

L ³He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

C **⁴Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

L ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

C **⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

Second Reading

Revelation 7:9–17

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

He Knows My Name

1. I have a Maker
He formed my heart
Before even time began
My life was in His hand

***CHORUS: He knows my name
He knows my every thought
He sees each tear that falls
And hears me when I call***

2. I have a Father
He calls me His own
He'll never leave me
No matter where I go ***CHORUS***

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Nicene Creed

C 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 T of the world to come. Amen.

Verse

Romans 6:9; John 10:14

Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia. I am the good shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

John 10:22–30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

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

²²At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." ²⁵Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. ²⁷**My sheep hear my voice**, and **I know them**, and **they follow me**. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me."

1. "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way."
2. John 10:25-30 (From today's Gospel Reading)
3. "My sheep hear My voice."
 - ALL the sheep know **their** shepherd's voice, and only those sheep will follow that shepherd. Without the gift of saving faith, no one can hear the Shepherd.
 - The Holy Spirit enables us to hear the Shepherd and understand that His Law shows us our sin, and His Gospel points to the Saviour.
 - Those who do not hear the Shepherd falsely believe they can make it on their own as they reject God's Word.
 - Even True Sheep can be deceived that they can stay away from God's Word and Sacraments & do life apart from Christ's church. That is rejecting God's Words of Life.
4. "I know them." YOU ARE KNOWN AND LOVED BY OUR TRIUNE GOD!!
5. So often we confess Christ as our Saviour and Lord, but do not really KNOW Him as Lord over every part of our life.
 - To know Him as Lord is to live in daily repentance...
 - allowing Him to move into the very center of life and family...
 - letting saving faith emanate from you and inform every aspect of life... which includes knowing God's Word well, and proactively placing worship and your church home at the center as a top priority in your life & family, as Jesus designed our faith to be like.

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.

Lord Jesus, You are the Lamb of God who gave Your life to take away the sins of the world. You now stand as the Lamb slain in the presence of God, where You ever live to make intercession for Your people.

MEN – You are also the Good Shepherd leading Your sheep to the eternal pasture of God's kingdom.

Grant as we now hear Your voice and know Your presence in Your Word and Sacraments that we may rest in the assurance that You know us and are with us through life's valleys of shadow.

WOMEN – Thank You that You hold on to us always as we follow You. Shepherd the flock of Your people, that we may live with one another according to the peace You have won for us. Bless and protect all pastors who speak to us on Your behalf.

MEN – Jesus, You are eternally incarnate before the throne of God, which is the seat of all power and authority in heaven and on earth. Govern the leaders of this world that they may humbly serve the people of every tribe, nation, and language who will one day stand in Your presence.

WOMEN – We pray for the sick, and all who suffer, that in Your tender mercy You would be at work in us always for good. Grant all who suffer to trust in Your promise that nothing is able to snatch us out of Your hand.

P Thank You for Your faithful people of every time and every place who now rest from their labors in Your nearer presence. Shepherd us through this life with the saints of every nation, tribe, people, and language that we may worship before Your throne on the great and terrible day of the Lord; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

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 T 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 T 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

I Live To Know You

1. Standing in Your presence Lord
My heart and life are changed
Just to love You and to live
To see Your beauty and Your grace

**CHORUS: Heaven and earth cry out Your name
Nations rise up and see Your face
And Your kingdom is established
As I live to know You more
Now I will never be the same**

***Spirit of God my life You've changed
And I'll forever sing Your praise
I live to know You Lord
I live to know You Lord***

2. You've called me I will follow
Your will for me I'm sure
Let Your heartbeat be my heart's cry
Let me live to serve Your call **CHORUS**

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You are Holy

You are Holy, Holy
Lord there is none like You
You are Holy, Holy
Glory to You alone
(Chorus) I'll sing Your praises forever
Deeper in love with You
Here in Your courts
Where I'm close to Your throne
I found where I belong

Jesus Draw Me Close

Jesus draw me close
Closer Lord to You
Let the world around me fade away
Jesus draw me close
Closer Lord to You
For I desire to worship and obey

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Closing Prayer

Mighty to Save

Everyone needs compassion
A love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me

Everyone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Savior
The hope of nations

CHORUS: *Savior, He can move the mountains
Our God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave*

So take me as you find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Everything I believe in
Now I surrender **CHORUS**

Shine your light and
let the whole world see
We're singing
for the glory of the risen king Jesus **CHORUS**

ENDING: Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory of the risen king - Jesus
Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory of the risen king

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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 T give you peace.
- C **Amen.**

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