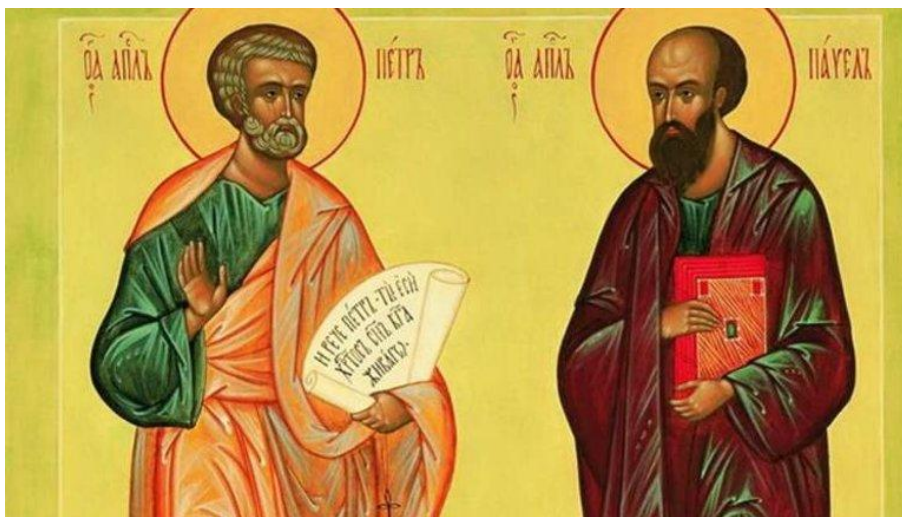




Risen Christ Lutheran Church  
The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul  
June 29, 2025 9:30am  
Sunday Worship

**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](http://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 – *The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul*** is a liturgical feast in honor of the martyrdom in Rome of the apostles Saint Peter and Saint Paul, which is observed on 29 June. Their joint feast, celebrated each year, is one of the oldest Christian solemnities. It highlights their essential role in spreading the Gospel and their martyrdom in Rome.

Jesus is “the Christ, the Son of the living God.” So confessed St. Peter. And Christ promised to build His Church on it by the forgiveness of sins (Matt. 16:16–19). He does this so we don’t try to build the Church ourselves, on this or that person, or by any human means. “Let no one boast in men ... whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas,” for “all are yours, and you are Christ’s, and Christ is God’s” (1 Cor. 3:21–23). The same Lord “who worked through Peter ... worked also through” Paul and is still at work in His Gospel and Sacraments (Gal. 2:7–8). The Church of every age must be recalled to “hear the word of the gospel” — the free forgiveness of sins for Christ’s sake apart from the Law — “and believe.” The Holy Spirit makes “no distinction” among men, but cleanses “hearts by faith” alone. So “we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus” (Acts 15:7–11). Both were imprisoned (Acts 12:1–11), both wrote Scripture (2 Peter 3:15–16), both opposed the world — and sometimes each other (Gal. 2:11–16) — all so “that the truth of the gospel might be preserved” for us (Gal. 2:5).

**Welcome and Announcements**

## Call to Worship – “Come Alive” (Dry Bones)

Through the eyes of man it seems  
 There's so much we have lost  
 As we look down the road  
 Where all the prodigals have walked  
 And one by one the enemy  
 Has whispered lies and led them off as slaves

But we know that You are God  
 Yours is the victory  
 We know there is more to come  
 That we may not yet see  
 So with the faith You've given us  
 We step into the valley unafraid

***CHORUS: We call out to dry bones  
 come alive come alive***

***We call out to dead hearts  
 come alive come alive***

***Up out of the ashes let us see an army rise  
 We call out to dry bones come alive***

God of endless mercy God of unrelenting love  
 Rescue ev'ry daughter  
 Bring us back the wayward sons  
 And by Your spirit breathe upon them  
 Show the world that You alone can save  
 You alone can save ***CHORUS***

***BRIDGE:*** (So) breathe oh breath of God  
 Now breathe oh breath of God

Breathe oh breath of God now breathe (yeah oh)

***CHORUS***

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## Jesus Shall Reign



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun Does its suc -  
 2 To Him shall end - less prayer be made, And end - less  
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue Dwell on His  
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er He reigns: The pris - 'ners  
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring Hon - ors pe -



ces - sive jour - neys run; His king - dom stretch from  
 prais - es crown His head; His name like sweet per -  
 love with sweet - est song; And in - fant voic - es  
 leap, un - loose their chains, The wea - ry find e -  
 cu - liar to our King; An - gels de - scend with



shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
 fume shall rise With ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 shall pro - claim Their ear - ly bless - ings on His name.  
 ter - nal rest, And all who suf - fer want are blest.  
 songs a - gain, And earth re - peat the loud a - men.

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## Confession and Absolution

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

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Let us then 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  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Introit

*Psalm 89:1, 5, 15–16; antiphon: Psalm 119:46*

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]  
**and shall not be put to shame.**

I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;

**with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.**

Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,

**your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!**

Blessèd are the people who know the festal shout,

**who walk, O LORD, in the light of your face,**

who exult in your name all the day

**and in your righteousness are exalted.**

**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.**

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]

**and shall not be put to shame.**

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

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

**P** Let us pray.

Merciful and eternal God, Your holy apostles Peter and Paul received grace and strength to lay down their lives for the sake of Your Son. Strengthen us by Your Holy Spirit that we may confess Your truth and at all times be ready to lay down our lives for Him who laid down His life for us, even Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen.

## First Reading

*Acts 15:1–12*

<sup>1</sup>But some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, “Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.” <sup>2</sup>And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and the elders about this question. <sup>3</sup>So, being sent on their way by the church, they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, describing in detail the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the brothers. <sup>4</sup>When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they declared all that God had done with them. <sup>5</sup>But some believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees rose up and said, “It is necessary to circumcise them and to order them to keep the law of Moses.”

<sup>6</sup>The apostles and the elders were gathered together to consider this matter. <sup>7</sup>And after there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, “Brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe. <sup>8</sup>And God, who knows the heart, bore witness to them, by giving them the Holy Spirit just as he did to us, <sup>9</sup>and he made no distinction between us and them, having cleansed their hearts by faith. <sup>10</sup>Now, therefore, why are you putting God to the test by placing a yoke on the neck of the disciples that neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear? <sup>11</sup>But we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will.”

<sup>12</sup>And all the assembly fell silent, and they listened to Barnabas and Paul as they related what signs and wonders God had done through them among the Gentiles.

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

## Psalm

*Psalm 46; antiphon: v. 11*

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**<sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,  
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**

<sup>3</sup>though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

**<sup>4</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.

**<sup>6</sup>The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

**<sup>8</sup>Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has brought desolations on the earth.**

<sup>9</sup>He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;  
he burns the chariots with fire.

**<sup>10</sup>“Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth!”**

<sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

## Epistle

*Galatians 2:1–10*

<sup>1</sup>Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along with me. <sup>2</sup>I went up because of a revelation and set before them (though privately before those who seemed influential) the gospel that I proclaim among the Gentiles, in order to make sure I was not running or had not run in vain. <sup>3</sup>But even Titus, who was with me, was not forced to be circumcised, though he was a Greek. <sup>4</sup>Yet because of false brothers secretly brought in—who slipped in to spy out our freedom that we have in Christ Jesus, so that they might bring us into slavery— <sup>5</sup>to them we did not yield in submission even for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you. <sup>6</sup>And from those who seemed to be influential (what they were makes no difference to me; God shows no partiality)—those, I say, who seemed influential added nothing to me. <sup>7</sup>On the contrary, when they saw that I had been entrusted with the gospel to the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been entrusted with the gospel to the circumcised <sup>8</sup>(for he who worked through Peter for his apostolic ministry to the circumcised worked also through me for mine to the Gentiles), <sup>9</sup>and when James and Cephas and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given to me, they gave the right hand of fellowship to Barnabas and me, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised. <sup>10</sup>Only, they asked us to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do.

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

## Alleluia and Verse

**C** **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**  
**You have the words of eternal life.**  
**Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 16:13–19*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

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

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” <sup>14</sup>And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” <sup>15</sup>He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

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

## Oh Lord You're Beautiful

Oh Lord You're beautiful  
Your face is all I seek  
And when Your eyes are on this child  
Your grace abounds to me

**BRIDGE:** I want to take Your Word  
And shine it all around  
First help me just to live it Lord  
And when I'm doing well  
Help me to never seek a crown  
For my reward is giving glory to You

Oh Lord please light the fire  
That once burned bright and clear  
Replace the lamp of my first love  
That burns with holy fear

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## Sermon for the Festival of St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles (today) – “Jesus Alone”

### Apostles’ Creed

- ☑ 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.**

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### Prayer of the Church

- ☐** In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **☑ Lord, have mercy.**
- ☐** For all the baptized, that we would daily read and treasure the Word of God and put it into practice, let us pray to the Lord: **☑ Lord, have mercy.**
- ☐** For this congregation, that we would not grow indifferent to God’s Word and mission, but that we would be a people who ever hold His Word sacred and gladly hear and learn it, let us pray to the Lord: **☑ Lord, have mercy.**
- ☐** In thanksgiving for the ministry of Christ’s apostles Peter and Paul, that through their faithful witness that led others to Christ, we, too, may confess His saving name under the threat of death and endure to the end, let us pray to the Lord: **☑ Lord, have mercy.**

- P** For our president and all in authority, that God would grant them wisdom to meet the challenges before them faithfully and skillfully; and for those who serve in our armed forces, that they would do so with honor and courage under God’s protection, let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For those in need of healing, [*especially \_\_\_\_\_*], that God would grant it, according to His will; and that He would give them patience to bear their afflictions with grace and trust in His unfailing love, let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For those who receive today the foretaste of the feast to come, that participating in the Holy Eucharist, they would partake of the very joy and peace of heaven and yearn to taste it evermore, let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Hear us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

## 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.**

## Shout to the Lord

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, 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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