



Risen Christ Lutheran Church
Sunday Worship
July 20, 2025 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 PREPARE FOR WORSHIP TODAY – As we gather together by His Word and Spirit, Jesus comes among us. He comes to serve us as no one else can and as no one else ever will. His service changes us, both inside and out, delivering us from our sin and its effects. When Jesus serves us by means of His Word and Sacrament, He directly delivers to us what His death and resurrection accomplished nearly two thousand years ago. Right here, right now, Jesus comes among us to serve. When He serves, He saves. When He saves, He blesses. When He blesses, He sends us out with hearts and lives that have been saved to serve.

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation and Opening Verses

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

C **Amen.**

P How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!

C **How beautiful is the good news of Christ’s salvation!**

P The Lord’s voice is reaching out into all the earth!

C **Jesus’ words bring us life as we trust in Him!**

P Create in me a clean heart, O God,
C **and renew a right spirit within me.**

P Cast me not away from Your presence,
C **and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.**

P Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
C **and uphold me with a willing spirit.**
**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.**

Beautiful Savior

1. Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee,
Truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

2. Fair are the meadows,
Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

3. Fair is the sunshine,
Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.

4. Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
Praise, adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine!

Confession and Absolution

P Let us confess our sins to God our Father, beginning with a time for silent prayer.

(In a time of silence, we reflect on our great need for Jesus' saving work.)

P With confidence in Christ, let us confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Merciful God, You never fail to come to us by Your Word and Spirit. Your Word alone gives life, but we are distracted from receiving and obeying Your Word. In our thinking, speaking, and doing, we have done what Your Word forbids, and we have failed to do what Your Word commands. Thank You for being a wonderful Father and a merciful Savior! Bring us again to the foot of Jesus' cross that we may receive the forgiveness we so desperately need. Amen.**

P Almighty God, in His great mercy, has given His Son to die for you and, for Jesus' sake, He forgives you all your sins. Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Let us pray.

Lord God, knowing You is the one thing needful for life and salvation. Grant us willing hearts to receive what You have to give that we may serve others as You have first served us; 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 18:1–14

¹ The LORD appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day.
² He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth ³ and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, ⁵ while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said."
⁶ And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes." ⁷ And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. ⁸ Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.
⁹ They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent." ¹⁰ The LORD said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. ¹¹ Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. ¹² So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?" ¹³ The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?'" ¹⁴ Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son."

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

Psalms 27

¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**² When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,
my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.**

³Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;
though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

**⁴One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.**

⁵For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

**⁶And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.**

⁷Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

⁸You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek."

⁹Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger,

O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!

¹⁰For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the LORD will take me in.

¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

¹²Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;

for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence.

¹³I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!

¹⁴Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

Epistle

Colossians 1:21–29

²¹You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,

²²he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

²⁴Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, ²⁵of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Apostles' Creed

P God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C **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

Colossians 2:6b–7a

P Alleluia. As you received Christ Jesus the Lord,
C **so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Luke 10:38–42

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

³⁸Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. ³⁹And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, ⁴²but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

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

The Heart of Worship

1. When the music fades all is stripped away
And I simply come
Longing just to bring something that's of worth
That will bless Your heart
I'll bring You more than a song
For a song in itself is not what You have required
You search much deeper within
Through the way things appear
You're looking into my heart

***CHORUS: I'm coming back to the heart of worship
And it's all about You all about You Jesus
I'm sorry Lord for the thing I've made it
When it's all about You all about You Jesus***

2. King of endless worth no one could express
How much You deserve
Though I'm weak and poor all I have is Yours
Ev'ry single breath
I'll bring You more than a song
For a song in itself is not what You have required
You search much deeper within
Through the way things appear
You're looking into my heart

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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.

MEN – For all of God’s children, both here at Risen Christ and throughout the world, that we may be served and saved by Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Save us, O Lord, that we may serve You with willing hearts.**

WOMEN – For the fulfillment of the Great Commission, that we serve the One who has claimed us by His Word and Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Save us, O Lord, that we may serve You with willing hearts.**

MEN – For all pastors, teachers, missionaries, and other servants of the Church, that they provide servant leadership and set an example for us all, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Save us, O Lord, that we may serve You with willing hearts.**

WOMEN – For the community that surrounds us, that the places we live and work be blessed by the grace of Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Save us, O Lord, that we may serve You with willing hearts.**

MEN – For all who serve in positions of leadership in our government, along with those who wear the uniform of our country, that the Mighty Fortress would be their rock and refuge, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Save us, O Lord, that we may serve You with willing hearts.**

WOMEN – For all who suffer illness in heart, mind, and body, that they receive the healing balm of God's mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Save us, O Lord, that we may serve You with willing hearts.**

P For these and all other concerns we have, that coming before the throne of grace we find mercy to help us in every type of need, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Save us, O Lord, that we may serve You with willing hearts. 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 How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!

C **How beautiful is the good news of Christ's salvation!**

P The Lord's voice, which is reaching out into all the earth, has come among you today!

C **Jesus' words have given us life! We are saved to serve Him by serving others.**

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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