



Risen Christ Lutheran Church
9th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday Worship August 10, 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 – Life brings many things to worry about: money, health issues, politics, relationships, choices, and so much more. Today we see the worry of Abram and Sarai: would God’s promise to them actually come true, since they had no son yet? “O Lord God, what will You give me, for I continue childless,” lamented Abram. Amid their worry, Abraham “went out not knowing where he was going. . . . By faith he went.” Jesus teaches us, “Do not be anxious about your life.” Like Abraham and Sarah, we live by faith in the midst of all there is to worry about in our world. Worry freezes us. Worry turns us in on ourselves. The alternative to worry is to venture out toward the people in need around us, believing, by faith, that God will use us to bless the world as He blessed the world through Abraham and Sarah and their ultimate descendant, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Way Maker

You are here moving in our midst
I worship You I worship You
You are here working in this place
I worship You I worship You

***CHORUS: (You are) Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are***

You are here touching ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You
You are here healing ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You
You are here turning lives around
I worship You I worship You
You are here mending ev'ry heart
I worship You yeah I worship You Lord ***CHORUS***

TAG: That is who You are
That is who You are
That is who You are
That is who You are

BRIDGE: Even when I don't see it You're working
Even when I don't feel it You're working
You never stop You never stop working
You never stop You never stop working ***CHORUS***

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- P** Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.
- C** **By faith, we understand that God created the universe by His Word.**
- P** By faith, Abel obeyed God and received eternal life.
- C** **By faith, Enoch pleased God.**
- P** By faith, Noah built the ark and became an heir of God's righteousness.
- C** **By faith, Abraham obeyed God and ventured to a land he did not know.**
- P** By faith, Sarah welcomed the promise of God in a son.
- C** **By faith, we look to God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—to overcome our worries, to guide our lives, and to open our eyes to our neighbor's needs.**

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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.

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.

Confession and Absolution

- P** Worry reveals that we are sinful to the core by nature and that we cannot free ourselves from it. By things done and left undone, we have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
- C** **We confess our sins to You, Lord. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that by faith we join Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, and Sarah in blessing the world with Your mercy.**
- P** Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. 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.**

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 15:1–6

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." ⁴And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." ⁵And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." ⁶And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms

Psalms 33:12–22

¹²Blessèd is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!

¹³**The LORD looks down from heaven; he sees all the children of man;**

¹⁴from where he sits enthroned he looks out on all the inhabitants of the earth,

¹⁵**he who fashions the hearts of them all and observes all their deeds.**

¹⁶The king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

¹⁷**The war horse is a false hope for salvation, and by its great might it cannot rescue.**

¹⁸Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love,

¹⁹**that he may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine.**

²⁰Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.

²¹**For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.**

²²Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

Epistle

Hebrews 11:1–16

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

⁴By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. ⁵By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. ⁶And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. ⁷By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

¹³These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Great is Thy Faithfulness

1. Great is Thy faithfulness O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be

2. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside

***CHORUS: Great is Thy faithfulness Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness Lord unto me***

Nicene Creed

☩ 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 ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

Verse

Luke 12:32

Alleluia. Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 12:22–40

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

☩ Glory to You, O Lord.

²²And he said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. ²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁶If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? ²⁷Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! ²⁹And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. ³⁰For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

³²"Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

³⁵[Jesus said:] "Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes.

Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! ³⁹But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon – “The Idolatry of Worry and Its Cure”

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Sermon Response – Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

***CHORUS: Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope***

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope ***CHORUS***

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
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Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
Jesus Yours is the victory whoa

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ENDING Jesus Christ my living hope
Oh God You are my living hope

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Prayer of the Church

P Created in the image of God, redeemed by the blood of Jesus, and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the Church throughout the world and for all people according to their needs.

For the leaders of our church, Our Synod President, Matt, and our District President, Jamison, and for Christians leaders throughout the world, that You give them the strength to lead Your people with patience and conviction in the midst of this broken world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

MEN – For the leaders of our nation, and our state, and for our local elected officials, that they strive for a just society and tend to the most vulnerable people among us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

WOMEN – For the leaders of nations throughout the world, that they, too, seek peace and goodness for all of the people under their authority. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

MEN – For those who serve in the armed forces of our nation, for innocent victims of warfare and persecution, and for our enemies, that all experience the peace of God which surpasses human understanding. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

WOMEN – For our loved ones and friends who are sick or in any kind of trouble: those in the hospital, those suffering chronic illness, those with mental illness, and those who are dying. Calm their worried hearts and ours, with Your promise that You will never leave them nor forsake them. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

MEN – For students who are preparing to go to college, either for the first time or as returning students, that Your Holy Spirit guide them into all truth as they learn and mature. Bless their families from whom they will be separated and allay all of their fears. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

WOMEN – For all who travel, that they arrive and return safely to and from their destinations. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

MEN – For all who know they should not worry, but who struggle with worry about someone or something in their lives: calm their fears, remind them of Your enduring presence, and guide them to confide in close friends and thereby find strength through the mutual conversation and consolation of Christian brothers and sisters. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

WOMEN – For all those who have walked before us by faith: Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Sarah, our loved ones who have died, and so many others, we give thanks. Let their walking by faith inspire us to follow the ways in which they followed Jesus, until that day when all who lived by faith join together singing eternal praise to God and to the Lamb. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, You kept Your promise to Abraham and Sarah. You promise that our lives are precious to You. You call us to seek first the kingdom of God. By faith, we entrust our prayers to Your good and gracious will, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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 † 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:

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.

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Distribution

"Build My Life"

1. Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You **CHORUS**

2. Jesus the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You
We live for You **CHORUS**

**CHORUS: Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me**

**BRIDGE: I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone ... And I will not be shaken**

It is Well with My Soul

1. When peace like a river
Attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot
Thou hast taught me to say
It is well
It is well with my soul

***CHORUS: It is well with my soul
It is well
It is well with my soul***

2. Tho' Satan should buffet
Tho' trials should come
Let this blest assurance control
That Christ hath regarded
My helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood
For my soul

3. My sin O the joy
Of this glorious tho't
My sin not in part but the whole
Is nailed to the cross
And I bear it no more
Praise the Lord
Praise the Lord O my soul ***CHORUS***

4. And Lord haste the day
When my faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall resound
And the Lord shall descend
Even so it is well
With my soul ***CHORUS***

Closing Prayer

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

1. What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
Oh, what needless pain we bear—
All because we do not carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!

2. Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

3. Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee;
Thou wilt find a solace there.

Benediction

Luke 12:32; Psalm 46:2–3

P Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

C **Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.**

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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