



Risen Christ Lutheran Church
8th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday Worship August 3, 2025 9:30am

REMEMBER, YOU ARE IN GOD'S SANCTUARY. AS YOU ENTER HIS SANCTUARY, 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.

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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 PREPARE FOR WORSHIP TODAY – Our world enjoys labeling people. Whether by skin color, gender, economic status, ethnic background, political affiliation, age, or whatever else it may be, labels are popular. This sort of labeling divides people into categories and causes much strife and argument. There was labeling going on in Colossae as well: Greek, Jew, circumcised, uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free. But in Colossians, Paul gives us a label that we share and a label that leads not to divisive evil but to amazing generosity and love. Paul writes, “You have been raised with Christ.” Imagine that. He doesn’t say that you will one day in the future be raised with Christ (although that is also true), he says, “You have been raised with Christ.” That is the label we are marked with in Holy Baptism. This comes to us by grace and calls forth from us a life abundant with generosity.

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

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

G Amen.

P Enter God's place with thanksgiving.

C **The Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever and His faithfulness to all generations.**

P Give thanks to God and bless His name.

C **The Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever and His faithfulness to all generations.**

P Come into God's presence with singing.

C **The Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever and His faithfulness to all generations.**

P Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

C **The Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever and His faithfulness to all generations.**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!

Let all who hear, now to His temple draw near,

Joining in glad adoration!

2. Praise to the Lord, Who o'er all things is wondrously reigning,

And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.

Have you not seen, all that is needful has been

Sent by His gracious ordaining?

3. Praise to the Lord, Who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,

Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling,

has stayed you.

What need or grief ever has failed of relief?

Wings of His mercy did shade you.

4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!

All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!

Let the Amen sound from His people again; Gladly forever adore Him!

Confession and Absolution

P The more we trust Jesus and His absolution, the more we know Him, who has set us free! Having been raised with Christ, let us confess our sin to God and to one another, trusting that Christ, who is all in all, forgives all sins.

A time of silence is observed.

P We have sinned against You, O God, in thought, word, and deed.

C **Forgive us and renew us, O Lord.**

P We have not loved You with our whole heart.

C **Forgive us and renew us, O Lord.**

P We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

C **Forgive us and renew us, O Lord.**

P We have spent our time in vain pursuits.

C **Forgive us and renew us, O Lord.**

P We have struggled to put off the old self with its practices.

C **Forgive us and renew us, O Lord.**

P You have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. You have been raised with Christ. You have been given a new self, which is being renewed after the image of God. 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.**

Refiner's Fire

1. Purify my heart
Let me be as gold
And precious silver
Purify my heart
Let me be as gold
Pure gold

***CHORUS: Refiner's fire
My heart's one desire
Is to be holy
Set apart for You Lord
I choose to be holy
Set apart for You my Master
Ready to do Your will***

2. Purify my heart
Cleanse me from within
And make me holy
Purify my heart
Cleanse me from my sin
Deep within ***CHORUS***

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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* – Lord of life, You have raised us with Christ to be Your people.

C **By the power of Your Holy Spirit, fill our hearts and minds with thanksgiving to You that overflows in generosity toward You and our neighbors;**

P 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

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–26

²Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹²I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. ¹⁴I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind.

¹⁸I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, ¹⁹and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²²What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? ²³For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

²⁴There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God,

²⁵for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment?

²⁶For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Romans 10:15b, 18b; Isaiah 52:7b, alt.

L How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news,

C **who publish peace and bring good news of salvation.**

L Their voice has gone out to all the earth,

C **and their words to the ends of the world.**

Epistle

Colossians 3:1–11

¹If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Apostles' Creed

- 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 3:23–24a

- P** Alleluia! Alleluia!
C Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men,
P knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward.
C Alleluia! Alleluia!

Holy Gospel

Luke 12:13–21

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

¹³Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”
¹⁴But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” ¹⁶And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ ¹⁸And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

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

Sermon – “Being Rich Toward God”

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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Prayer of the Church

P Let us come before God in prayer as His people, the sheep of His pasture, trusting that the Lord is good and His love endures forever.

For the Church, that raised with Christ we put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of God. For our Synod—our president, district presidents, pastors, teachers, and all servants of the Church, that we not become puffed up with pride or be made timid by our weaknesses, but instead together hold fast to our Head, the Lord Jesus. In mercy,

C O Lord, hear our prayer.

MEN – For this nation in which we live, in thanksgiving for the abundance of life and freedom that we enjoy; for the president and Congress, for our governor and local elected officials, that all work for the common good, and serve not themselves, but chiefly those who are cast down; that this nation so divided along political lines would repent of our hatred of those who differ from us and, based on our one common humanity, discuss our differences with reason and kindness. In mercy,

C O Lord, hear our prayer.

WOMEN – For those in need in our community—the sick, those facing surgery, those with terminal illness—that they receive mercy and healing according to God’s will, that they find peace in the love of Jesus, and that their hearts may be opened to receive the love of Christ. For those harmed by natural or man-made disasters, that they experience renewal through those who donate and do relief work. In mercy,

C O Lord, hear our prayer.

MEN – For this congregation, that, knowing God is God and that we have been raised with Christ, our lives be transformed from the old self with its selfish practices to life abundant with the new self, filled with generosity toward God and others. In mercy,

C O Lord, hear our prayer.

WOMEN – In remembrance of and thanksgiving for all those who have gone before us in the faith. Guide us to follow those who have gone before us in faith in seeking the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. In mercy,

C O Lord, hear our prayer.

- P** In faith we entrust our prayers to You, heavenly Father. You are good and Your love endures forever; Your faithfulness continues through all generations.
- 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.

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

***CHORUS: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name***

1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes ***CHORUS***
2. You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find ***CHORUS***
3. And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore ***CHORUS***

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Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26

- P** Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.
- 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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