



Risen Christ Lutheran Church
Sunday Worship
September 21, 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 – The parable in today’s Gospel has one main point: how generous the master is to his very core. He has a reputation for generosity. When his unjust steward discounts everyone’s bills, he doesn’t assert his legal right to reverse the steward’s actions; instead, he stays consistent with his reputation and generously forgives the debts. So it is with our Master, the Lord God. He is generous, providing each of us with “body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses . . . clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land, animals, and all I have.” We rejoice in the generosity of God. In our joy, we hear God’s call to use whatever wealth He entrusts to us for extending His reign—providing for the poor and supporting Gospel mission and ministry.

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation and Opening Sentences

Psalm 113:1–3, 7–8

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **G Amen.**
- P** Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord!
- G Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore!**
- P** From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised!
- G He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap,**
- P** to make them sit with princes, with the princes of His people.
- G Praise the Lord.**

10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

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

**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**

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

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

Confession and Absolution

1 Timothy 2:5

- P** Mighty and merciful Lord, with heavy hearts we confess our sin to You.
- C** **Captive to sin, we have sinned against You, mighty God, in thought, word, and deed.**
- P** When we have ignored the plight of the poor,
- C** **we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.**
- P** When our happiness is dependent upon our possessions and our wealth,
- C** **we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.**
- P** When we have failed to be generous to others as You have been generous to us,
- C** **we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.**
- P** When we have been foolish with the resources You entrust to us, instead of using them to further Your Kingdom,
- C** **we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.**
- Bring us to repentance, Lord. Forgive our sins, those of which we are aware and those we do unwittingly. Have mercy on us.
- P** There is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all. 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 † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Introit

Ps. 119:137–140, 142; antiphon: Ps. 119:144

Your testimonies are righteous forever; give me understanding that I may live.

Righteous are you, O LORD, and right are your just decrees.

You have appointed your testimonies in righteousness and in all faithfulness.

My zeal consumes me, because my foes forget your words.

Your promise is well tried, and your servant loves it.

Your righteousness is righteous forever, and your law is true.

**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.**

Your testimonies are righteous forever; give me understanding that I may live.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you. **C** **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Lord God, Your generosity exceeds our understanding. Guide Your people to practice generosity wisely and abundantly, so that the world may catch a glimpse of Your unfathomable generosity through 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

Amos 8:4–7

⁴Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end,

⁵saying, “When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain?

And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale,

that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great and deal deceitfully with false balances,

⁶that we may buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and sell the chaff of the wheat?”

⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: “Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.”

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

Psalm 113

¹Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD!

²Blessèd be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!

³From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!

⁴The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens!

⁵Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high,

⁶who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

⁷He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

⁸to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.

⁹He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children. Praise the LORD!

Epistle

1 Timothy 2:1–15

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. ⁷For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

⁸I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; ⁹likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, ¹⁰but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works. ¹¹Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. ¹²I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. ¹³For Adam was formed first, then Eve; ¹⁴and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. ¹⁵Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

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

The Power of Your Love

Lord I come to You
Let my life be changed renewed
Flowing from the grace that I've found in You
And Lord I've come to know
the weaknesses I see in me
Will be stripped away by the power of Your love

Lord unveil my eyes
Let me see You face to face
The knowledge of Your love as You live in me
And Lord renew my mind
as Your will unfolds in my life
In living every day by the power of Your love

***CHORUS: Hold me close let Your love surround me
Bring me near draw me to Your side
And as I wait I'll rise up like the eagle
And I will soar with You Your Spirit leads me on
In the power of Your love***

*And I will soar with You
Your Spirit leads me on
In the power of Your love*

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Verse

1 Timothy 2:5–6a

C Alleluia

P For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all. **C** Alleluia

Holy Gospel

Luke 16:1–15

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

¹[Jesus] also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions.

²And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.' ³And the manager said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.' ⁵So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' ⁷Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' ⁸The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

¹⁰"One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."

¹⁴The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. ¹⁵And he said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.

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P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon – "The Best Stewardship of Your Life and All You Have!" based on today's Gospel

1. What Jesus is NOT saying:

- He is NOT affirming what the manager did
- He is NOT telling us cooking the books is OK
- He is NOT telling us to do likewise
- He is NOT saying that people earn heaven by their works

2. The key to understanding this parable is in verse 9 – the word "Eternal"

3. Jesus wants us to be shrewd with eternity on our minds! ...shrewd with our time, our energy, talents and resources

4.

1st – Use wisdom using things - facing reality head-on

2nd – Keep eternity in focus -projecting/visualizing the future

3rd – Live out your convictions

5. (Luke 16:9)

And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth = "worldly riches" so that when it fails (and it will!)

they = who are they? The souls the God the Holy Spirit saves through the ministry He has accomplished through you!

so they may receive you into the eternal dwellings!"

The Apostles' Creed (Projected onto the screens)

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**

Prayer of the Church

P Let us offer supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings for all people, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.

WOMEN – You have gathered people of all nations and languages to churches all over the world. Enable the Church in this and every place to be a blessing to the communities in which we live. Empower pastors to preach the Word with power, teachers to teach the Word with wisdom, and all believers to serve our neighbors in love. Bless The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, that together we demonstrate generosity that reflects Your generous goodness to us. We give thanks for Your gathering as we cry,

G O Lord, hear our prayer.

MEN – You bring peace in the midst of anxiety and trouble. Cause all who govern to do so with reverence, impartiality, and compassion. Watch over our military personnel in harm’s way, and make Your comforting presence known to their families. Protect innocent people in war-torn nations. Preserve us from acts of terrorism. Reconcile us with our enemies. We give thanks for Your peace as we cry,

G O Lord, hear our prayer.

WOMEN – You visit those whose strength wanes and whose hope is nearly lost. Comfort all who are experiencing anxiety, all who are sick, all who are dying, and all who are mourning. Help them to see that even in the midst of suffering, You are there, and You will never leave nor forsake those in trouble. We give thanks for Your visitation as we cry,

G O Lord, hear our prayer.

MEN – You extend mercy to all in need. We pray today for those in need who have requested our prayer. For poor people in our community that we neither ignore them nor despise them, but from the bounty You provide help them to improve their income and standard of living. Grant mercy to all according to Your will. We give thanks for Your mercy as we cry,

G O Lord, hear our prayer.

WOMEN – You provide for the needs of our bodies and souls. Bless the labor of all who set their hands to useful tasks—farmers and business owners, construction workers and accountants, homemakers and retail workers, factory workers and executives. Calm the hearts of the unemployed and underemployed. Grant that our land will produce an abundant harvest of goods and services that will bless many. Guide our stewardship of the gifts You entrust to us. We give thanks for Your provision as we cry,

G O Lord, hear our prayer.

MEN – You promise to provide for the needs of the poor. Help us to be wise, faithful, and generous stewards of the resources You entrust to us, that the hungry may be fed, the homeless may find a place to rest, and the downtrodden in life may be lifted up. We give thanks for Your promise as we cry,

G O Lord, hear our prayer.

WOMEN – You were full of grace to those who have gone before us in the faith and have now died and abide in Your tender arms in heaven. We thank You for their life and witness and how Your grace was shown through them. We rejoice in Your grace as we cry,

G O Lord, hear our prayer.

P For the privilege to carry everything to You in prayer, we give thanks. Jesus told us to ask, seek, and knock. This we do today, trusting that You hear our prayer and will answer according to Your will in the name of Jesus. **G Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

- ☞ 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.**

The Blessing

The Lord bless you
And keep you
Make his face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn his
Face toward you
And give you peace

CHORUS

Amen

Amen

Amen

1st Bridge

May his favor
Be upon you
And a thousand generations
And your family
And your children
And their children
And their children

2nd Bridge

May his presence
Go before you
And behind you
And beside you
All around you
And within you
He is with you
He is with you

3rd Bridge

In the morning
In the evening
In your coming
And your going
In your weeping
And rejoicing
He is for you
He is for you

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