



Risen Christ Lutheran Church
17th Sunday after Pentecost Worship
October 5, 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.

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 (A look at today’s readings) – How strong is your faith? Jesus says in the Gospel that a tiny amount could do great deeds. We surely cannot trust ourselves, for we will certainly fail. Faith means trusting the giver, our gracious God. In today’s Epistle, Paul notes that Timothy’s faith came through his mother and grandmother. But Paul’s trust is not in Timothy, but in “the power of God, who saved us . . . in Christ Jesus” (2 Timothy 1:8–9). Habakkuk didn’t know that God would keep His Word in Christ but was told that God’s promises were sure. The good news, which echoes throughout Scripture, is that “the righteous shall live by his faith” (Habakkuk 2:4). Today we hear that gracious Gospel again, the news that Christ “abolished death and brought life and immortality to light” (2 Timothy 1:10). Hearing that, we are enlivened to respond in word and song, energized to serve our gracious God in “power and love and self-control” (2 Timothy 1:7).

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation and Opening Sentences

Psalm 62:1–2, 5, 7

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

C Amen.

P For God alone my soul waits in silence;

C from Him comes my salvation.

P He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress;

C I shall not be greatly shaken.

P On God rests my salvation and my glory;

C my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

P For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,

C for my hope is from Him.

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than
2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I
3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup -
4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh,



Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my
rest on His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and
port me in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly
may I then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -



own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; All oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Confession and Absolution

P Loving God,

C We confess our sinfulness in lacking love. We have not loved one another as You have loved us. We need Your help to follow a new way. Give us faith to know we are surrounded by love beyond what we can imagine. Heal us with forgiveness for Jesus' sake, and strengthen us to follow in the way He walked for us.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given the Son to die for you, and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Therefore as a called and ordained servant of Jesus and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † 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.

Loving God, since we have not been given a spirit of fear but of power and of love and of a sound mind, help us to fan into flame Your gift of faith, which we have received through the people who have gone before us. Grant that we be strengthened to share this faith through compassionate service to other people; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns in communion and love with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading *(Today's sermon is based on this text.)*

Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4

¹The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw.

²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear?

Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save?

³Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong?

Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.

⁴So the law is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth.

For the wicked surround the righteous; so justice goes forth perverted.

¹I will take my stand at my watchpost and station myself on the tower, and look out to see what he will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint.

²And the LORD answered me:

"Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it.

³For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie.

If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay.

⁴"Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith."

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

Psalm 62

¹For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation.

²**He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.**

³How long will all of you attack a man to batter him, like a leaning wall, a tottering fence?

⁴**They only plan to thrust him down from his high position. They take pleasure in falsehood. They bless with their mouths, but inwardly they curse.**

⁵For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him.

⁶He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

⁷On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

⁸Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

⁹Those of low estate are but a breath; those of high estate are a delusion;
in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.

**¹⁰Put no trust in extortion; set no vain hopes on robbery;
if riches increase, set not your heart on them.**

¹¹Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God,

¹²and that to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love.

For you will render to a man according to his work.

Epistle

2 Timothy 1:1–14

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus,

²To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. ⁶For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

⁸Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, ¹²which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me.

¹³Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

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

Confession of Faith – The Apostles’ Creed

P Let us boldly confess this faith in the Risen Christ in the words of the Apostles’ Creed.

G 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.

Alleluia. If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 17:1–10

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

G Glory to You, O Lord.

¹And he said to his disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! ²It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. ³Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, ⁴and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him."

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

⁷"Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and recline at table'? ⁸Will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink'? ⁹Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'"

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

Be Thou My Vision

1. Be Thou my vision O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light

2. Be Thou my wisdom Thou my true word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

3. Riches I heed not nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance now and always
Thou and Thou only first in my heart
High King of Heaven my treasure Thou art

4. High King of heaven my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys O bright heaven's sun
Heart of my own heart whatever befall
Still be my vision O Ruler of all

Sermon “God Moves Us from Despondency to Hope – Through the Fire!”

1. Go to God with your complaints! That’s where we should go. He wants us to do that!
2. The prophet Habakkuk hopes! He takes his complaints to the right person! Complaining to God does not show you are without hope. Going to Him is EVIDENCE of hope.
3. Habakkuk – a journey from frustration, through the fire to hope.
4. Even when things get worse before they get better – God blesses <<in the midst of the storm>> and inspires and provides what we need that moves us to hope! God moves us from despondency to hope!
5. How Habakkuk reacts to circumstances and how God responds:
 - a. The prophet takes his frustration to God in prayer
 - b. The prophet went to God in prayer stating his case clearly...and Habakkuk expects and waits for God’s response
 - c. Hope always involves waiting as we are shaped and grow in our faith and move from independence to dependence on God. Faith tempered by waiting is strengthened.
6. Hab 2: 4 “The righteous shall live by his faith.” From a Biblical perspective, hope is inseparable from faith. “Faith is the assurance of things hoped for” (Heb 11:1). Faith gives hope its substance!

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 pray for people here and around the world—those who call Jesus their Lord and all who do not yet know God’s gracious promises.

Let us pray for those who think that God doesn’t hear them. Use the Church here and wherever Your people gather around Word and Sacrament, gracious Lord, to proclaim the Gospel. Grant Your Holy Spirit to open their ears that faith may grow within them.

- C Grant that they truly hear, trust the righteousness Christ won for them, and live by their faith.**

- P** Let us pray for those who are enduring violence within their homes and communities. O God, deliver them from their fears, give the security and peace for which they long, and grant the eternal peace Your Son won for us all.

- C Grant that they truly hear, trust the righteousness Christ won for them, and live by their faith.**

- P** Let us pray for those who suffer injustice, deprived of basic human rights, and who do not have the food, clothing, and shelter they need for themselves and those for whom they care. Move the Church to show Your compassion in both the proclamation of the Gospel and in words and deeds of Christian charity, which make Your love real to them.

- C Grant that they truly hear, trust the righteousness Christ won for them, and live by their faith.**

- P** Let us pray for those who are in dire need of Your caring protection, Lord our God, all whose hopes are dashed, whose bodies are captive to chronic illness and sudden crises, and who see nothing but strife and contention. Surround them with Your servants to make visible Your eternal promises in Christ our Lord.
- C** **Grant that they truly hear, trust the righteousness Christ won for them, and live by their faith.**
- P** Let us pray for the Church around the world. Where we or our brothers and sisters have lost sight of Your promises, Lord Jesus, or are wondering about when You might return to usher in an eternal Kingdom of peace, grant them eyes to read Your gracious promises and ears to hear the Good News of eternity with You.
- C** **Grant that they truly hear, trust the righteousness Christ won for them, and live by their faith.**
- P** These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught 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.**

In Christ Alone

1. In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength, my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

2. In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

3. There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

4. No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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