



Risen Christ Lutheran Church

2nd Sunday in Epiphany

January 18, 2026

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 Gather – The full identity of Jesus, which is revealed during the Epiphany season, demonstrates beyond a doubt that He is both human and divine. In the nativity accounts, the Gospel writers focus on the humanity of Jesus—that He is born a human baby and grows up with full humanity. In Epiphany, His divinity is revealed as well through His miraculous acts. As Paul wrote to the followers of Christ in Colossae of Jesus: “In Him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in Him, who is the head of all rule and authority” (Colossians 2:9–10). We rejoice in coming to know more fully the Christ who fills us with His Spirit and His love.

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation and Opening Sentences

Psalm 141:1–2; 144:1a, 15b

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

C Amen.

P O Lord, I call upon You; hasten to me!

C Give ear to my voice when I call to You!

P Let my prayer be counted as incense before You,

C and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice!

P Blessed be the Lord, my rock,

C blessed are the people whose God is the Lord!

Nothing But the Blood

What can wash away my sin
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can make me whole again
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

***CHORUS: O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus***

For my pardon this I see
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
For my cleansing this my plea
Nothing but the blood of Jesus ***CHORUS***

Nothing can for sin atone
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Naught of good that I have done
Nothing but the blood of Jesus ***CHORUS***

Confession and Absolution

- P** O God our Father, we admit and confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought and in word and in deed.
- C** **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**
- P** We confess that we have not always brought glory to You through our words and our deeds.
- C** **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.**
- P** We confess that we have been thoughtless in our judgments, hasty in condemnation, grudging in forgiveness, slow to seek reconciliation, unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.
- C** **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.**
- P** We confess that we have not always been defenders of the weak and the needy as advocates of those not yet born and defenders of those in the final stages of life.
- C** **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.**
- P** We confess that we have not used every opportunity given us to witness to the faith that is ours and have let the devil, the world, and our sinful flesh set the agendas for our lives and actions.
- C** **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.**
- P** We repent of all that is sinful in our lives, both that which we know and of those things unknown to us that are against Your righteous Law.
- C** **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.**
- P** Upon this your confession and by the command of our Lord, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** May the God of peace sanctify you wholly, and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, and He will do it.
- C** **Amen.**

This is all my hope and peace
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
This is all my righteousness
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

***O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus***

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

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

P *Let us pray.* Lord Jesus, Lamb of God and divine Servant, You have a gracious plan for our lives. By the working of the Holy Spirit, direct us in paths of service to You and to others for You. Keep us in true faith and in the fellowship of Your redeemed people, that we rejoice in bringing glory to Your name until we are gathered into Your eternal kingdom, where You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 49:1–7

¹Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar.

The LORD called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name.

²He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away.

³And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the LORD, and my recompense with my God."

⁵And now the LORD says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him— for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—

⁶he says:

"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

⁷Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers:

"Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

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

Psalm

Psalm 40:1–11

C **I waited patiently for the Lord; He inclined to me and heard my cry.**

I *He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.*

II *He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.*

C **Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.**

I *Blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!*

II *You have multiplied, O Lord my God, Your wondrous deeds and Your thoughts toward us; none can compare with You!*

I *I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.*

II *Sacrifice and offering You have not desired, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering You have not required.*

- I** Then I said, "Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me: I desire to do Your will, O my God; Your law is within my heart."
- C** I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; behold, I have not restrained my lips, as You know, O Lord.
- II** I have not hidden Your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of Your faithfulness and Your salvation;
- I** I have not concealed Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness from the great congregation.
- C** As for You, O Lord, You will not restrain Your mercy from me; Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness will ever preserve me!

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:1–9

¹Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,
²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:
³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus,
⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— ⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— ⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

My Faith Looks Up to Thee



1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2 May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart;
 3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a - round me spread,
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me while I pray; Take all my
 My zeal in - spire! As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my
 Be Thou my guide; Bid dark - ness turn to day, Wipe sor - row's
 Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior, then, in love, Fear and dis -



guilt a - way; O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!
 love to Thee Pure, warm, and change-less be, A liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From Thee a - side.
 trust re-move; O bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

Holy Gospel

John 1:29–42a

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**
- I** The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said,
- II** “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is He of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because He was before me.’ I myself did not know Him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that He might be revealed to Israel.”
- I** And John bore witness:
- II** “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on Him. I myself did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”
- I** The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked at Jesus as He walked by and said,
- II** “Behold, the Lamb of God!”
- I** The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them,
- P** “What are you seeking?”
- I** And they said to Him,
- C** **“Rabbi, where are You staying?”**
- I** He said to them,
- P** “Come and you will see.”
- I** So they came and saw where He was staying, and they stayed with Him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his own brother Simon and said to him,
- C** **“We have found the Messiah.”**
- I** He brought him to Jesus.
- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon – “Come and You Will See”

Catechism

The First Article

- P** In the First Article of the Creed, our confession is focused on God our Creator, from whom our divine Savior Jesus Christ has proceeded. It is the blessed work of God the Father to grant us life and to place us into vocations through which we can serve Him and our neighbors. We speak the words of this article of the Apostles’ Creed, followed by the explanation from the Small Catechism of Dr. Martin Luther.
- C** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**
- P** What does this mean?
- C** **I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals,**

and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

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 Word.

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 Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

ALL – God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed. Lord, in Your mercy, **C hear our prayer.**

WOMEN – May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy, **C hear our prayer.**

MEN – Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy, **C hear our prayer.**

WOMEN – Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy, **C hear our prayer.**

MEN – Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**

WOMEN – Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**

ALL – And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**

P We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us to pray:

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.**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

1. Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of Him Who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

2. Crown Him the virgin's Son,
The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won
which now His brow adorn;
Fruit of the mystic rose,
yet of that rose the stem,
The root whence mercy ever flows,
the Babe of Bethlehem.

3. Crown Him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.

Benediction

P Go out into the world in peace, have courage, hold to what is good, return no person evil for evil, strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the suffering, honor all people, love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. The almighty God—the Father, the I Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless you. **C** **Amen.**

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