



Risen Christ Lutheran Church
March 11, 2026 7pm
† Fourth Midweek Lenten Service †

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



Lenten Midweek Series – Set Free: The Gospel in Exodus
Tonight's Theme – *The Good News of a God Who Passes Over Us in Mercy*

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

We seldom seek to be overlooked, except when we are guilty of something. But in the Passover, God passed over the Israelites’ sins, and He continues to do that for us. Christ is the Lamb of God, and His sacrifice is good for us. We do not want to be overlooked! In fact, in Jesus’ parable, the faithful servants are those who dare not let any opportunity for profit be overlooked. What would you want God to overlook, or see, in your life?

Welcome

Lamb of God



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have
2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and
3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have



sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y
scorned Him as He died: The hum - ble King they named a
brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and



sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.
fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
rod, And to be called a lamb of God.



O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!



O wash me in His pre-cious blood, My Je-sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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Opening Sentences

Psalm 32:1; Matthew 25:29; Exodus 12:13

P Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
C **whose sin is covered.**

P For to everyone who has will more be given,
C **and he will have an abundance.**

P I will pass over you,
C **and no plague will befall you to destroy you.**

Psalm

Psalm 32

- P Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.
- C **Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**
- P For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.
- C **For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**
- P I acknowledged my sin to You,
and I did not cover my iniquity;
- C **I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**
- P Therefore let everyone who is godly
offer prayer to You at a time when You may be found;
surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.
- C **You are a hiding place for me;
You preserve me from trouble;
You surround me with shouts of deliverance.**
- P I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will counsel you with My eye upon you.
- C **Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding,
which must be curbed with bit and bridle,
or it will not stay near you.**
- P Many are the sorrows of the wicked,
- C **but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.**
- P Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,
C **and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!**

First Reading

Exodus 12:1–14

¹The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ²"This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. ⁴And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, ⁶and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

⁷Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. ¹⁰And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴"This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast."

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 5:6–8

⁶Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? ⁷Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. ⁸Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

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C **Thanks be to God.**

Third Reading

Matthew 25:17–30

¹⁷So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' ²¹His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' ²²And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' ²³His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

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Passion Reading

Mark 14:66—15:11

⁶⁶And as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came, ⁶⁷and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, "You also were with the Nazarene, Jesus." ⁶⁸But he denied it, saying, "I neither know nor understand what you mean." And he went out into the gateway and the rooster crowed. ⁶⁹And the servant girl saw him and began again to say to the bystanders, "This man is one of them." ⁷⁰But again he denied it. And after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, "Certainly you are one of them, for you are a Galilean." ⁷¹But he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, "I do not know this man of whom you speak." ⁷²And immediately the rooster crowed a second time. And Peter remembered how Jesus had said to him, "Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times." And he broke down and wept.

¹And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole Council. And they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate. ²And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so." ³And the chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴And Pilate again asked him, "Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you." ⁵But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

⁶Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. ⁷And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. ⁸And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. ⁹And he answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" ¹⁰For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. ¹¹But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Nothing But the Blood

1. 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**

2. 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**

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

3. 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**

4. This is all my hope and peace
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
This is all my righteousness
Nothing but the blood of Jesus **CHORUS**

Sermon – “The Good News of a God Who Passes Over Us in Mercy”

1. Marked by the blood of a Passover lamb, the Israelites were passed over in mercy when God brought judgment on Egypt.
2. Marked by the blood of Jesus, we receive God’s mercy rather than judgment for our sins.
3. God Passes over Us in Mercy, for Christ, Our Passover Lamb, Has Been Sacrificed, and We Are Marked by the Blood of the Lamb.

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.

Prayers

- P Let us pray for all people who are unsure of God’s hearing their prayers.
C **Hear their cries, O Lord, grant them courage as You accompany, and answer them speedily.**
- P Let us ask God to strengthen the faith of those who only recently have known Him.
C **Reveal Yourself gently to them, Lord Jesus, through the caring of Your church.**
- P Let us pray for those who feel trapped by circumstances beyond their control.
C **Assure them that You know their dilemma and that the deliverer has come: Jesus, our Savior and Lord.**
- P Let us pray for all who fear God’s punishment.
C **Show them mercy, O Lord, as You passed over Your Old Testament people. Grant them peace through Your presence.**
- P Let us pray for all who know no good ways to turn, are unsure of the truth, and await only their deaths.
C **Tell them again, Lord Jesus, that You alone are the way, and the truth, and the life.**
- P Finally, let us pray for all who are tired from opposition in the world around them and from their own conflicts within themselves.
C **Awaken in them a sense of Your accompanying them on their journey until that day when they and we join those who have gone before us at Your heavenly banquet hall.**
- P O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways
C **and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.**
- P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works,

- C **give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness;**
- 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.**

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.**

Benediction

- P The Lord, who has passed over you in mercy, bless you.
The Lord, who sent His Son to pay for your sins, bless you.
The Lord, who calls you His sons and daughters, bless you and keep you, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

Glory Be to Jesus



- 1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who in bit - ter pains
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;
3 Blest through end - less a - ges Be the pre - cious stream
4 A - bel's blood for ven - geance Plead - ed to the skies;



- Poured for me the life - blood From His sa - cred veins!
Blest be His com - pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind!
Which from end - less tor - ment Did the world re - deem!
But the blood of Je - sus For our par - don cries.

- 5 Oft as earth exulting
Wafts its praise on high,
Angel hosts rejoicing
Make their glad reply.
- 6 Lift we, then, our voices,
Swell the mighty flood;
Louder still and louder
Praise the precious blood!

Dismissal

- P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

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