



Risen Christ Lutheran Church
14th Sunday after Pentecost Worship
August 30, 2026 10am

As you enter the sanctuary, please use these moments for quiet prayer and preparation as we gather in the presence of the Lord to receive His gifts.



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ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION – Celebrated on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. We believe that Christ's true body and blood are received in the Sacrament for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of faith. Because Scripture also warns against receiving the Sacrament in an unworthy manner, communicants should repent of their sins, trust Christ's words and promises, and desire to forgive and live in Christian love toward others. Baptized Christians who share this confession and have examined themselves are welcome to commune with us. Please speak with Pastor Rennie if you have questions. The bread is distributed before the individual and common cups of wine. White nonalcoholic wine is located 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! You can also take advantage of Online Giving by visiting www.RisenChrist.info

A WORD TO OUR GUESTS – Welcome! We are grateful that you are worshiping with us. Please complete a Worship Card and place it in the offering plate. Indicate on the card whether you would appreciate a call or other contact from Pastor Rennie.

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")

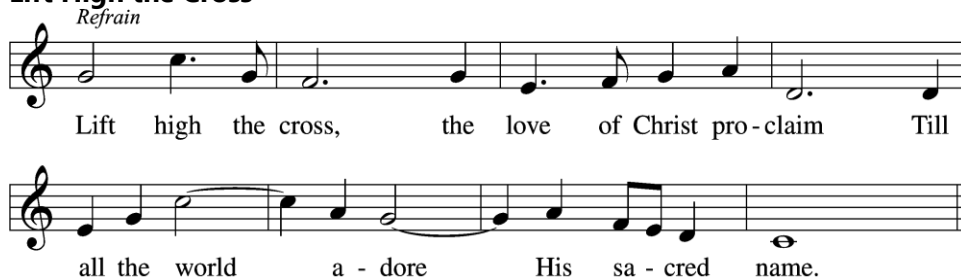
For Children – Children's Book Cart for Worship: Available in the Welcome Area.

As We Gather – The time of changing seasons is a good time to begin an outdoor regimen of walking for personal wellness. Experts in the field of fitness have documented that going for a walk outdoors can bring a sense of physical betterment and mental calmness to those who engage in it on a regular basis. In the Scriptures there are numerous passages that underscore the value of spiritual walking for the Christian as well. Paul writes to the Galatians, "But I say, walk by the Spirit" (5:16), and he reminds the believers in Christ at Corinth that "We walk by faith, not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5:7). Hymn writers give poetic expression to that special walking in texts like "Let us ever walk with Jesus" (LSB 685:1) and "I want to walk as a child of the light" (LSB 411:1). May we be blessed by our walking through the Divine Service together this day!

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship – Lead Me to the Cross *sung by Esther*

Lift High the Cross





1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,
 2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
 3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied
 4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,

Refrain



Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.
 Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.
 As Thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to Thee.

5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
 Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell.

6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
 Praise to the Crucified for victory! **Refrain**

Refrain

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Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Opening Sentences

Psalm 72:18–19; 119:1; 116:5, 9

- P** Blessed are those whose way is blameless,
C **who walk in the law of the LORD!**
- P** Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.
C **I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.**
- P** Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.
C **Blessed be His glorious name forever;
 may the whole earth be filled with His glory! Amen and Amen!**

Confession and Absolution

- P** It is good and right that we should make confession of our sins. The section on Confession in the Small Catechism informs and directs us with these words, which summarize it well.
- C** **“Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.”**

P Humble yourselves then before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

C **O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your present and eternal punishment. By nature, I am a sinful creature. By thought, word, and deed I have continually transgressed Your Law. For the sake of the suffering and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.**

P God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.

C **Amen.**

P As you believe, so let it be. 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.**

Your Love O Lord

Your love O Lord
Reaches to the heavens
Your faithfulness
Stretches to the sky
Your righteousness
Is like the mighty mountains
Your justice flows
Like the ocean's tide

***CHORUS: I will lift my voice
To worship You my King
I will find my strength
In the shadow of Your wings***

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Introit

Psalm 37:5–7; antiphon: v. 4

L Delight yourself in the LORD, and He will give you the desires of your heart.

C **Commit your way to the LORD; trust in Him, and He will act.**

P He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday.

C **Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for Him;
fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way,
over the man who carries out evil devices!**

**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.**

- L** Delight yourself in the LORD,
and He will give you the desires of your heart.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

- P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption.
Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same
Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 15:15–21

¹⁵O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and take vengeance for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance take me not away;
know that for your sake I bear reproach.

¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart,

for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.

¹⁷I did not sit in the company of revelers,
nor did I rejoice;

I sat alone, because your hand was upon me,
for you had filled me with indignation.

¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?

Will you be to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail?

¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD:

"If you return, I will restore you,
and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall be as my mouth.

They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them.

²⁰And I will make you to this people
 a fortified wall of bronze;
 they will fight against you,
 but they shall not prevail over you,
 for I am with you
 to save you and deliver you,
 declares the LORD.
²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
 and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 26

C **Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.**

I *Prove me, O LORD, and try me; test my heart and my mind. For Your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in Your faithfulness.*

II *I do not sit with men of falsehood, nor do I consort with hypocrites. I hate the assembly of evildoers, and I will not sit with the wicked. I wash my hands in innocence and go around Your altar, O LORD, proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all Your wondrous deeds.*

I *O LORD, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.*

II *Do not sweep my soul away with sinners, nor my life with bloodthirsty men, in whose hands are evil devices, and whose right hands are full of bribes.*

C **But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity; redeem me, and be gracious to me. My foot stands on level ground; in the great assembly I will bless the LORD.**

Epistle

Romans 12:9–21

⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. ¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge

yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

Matthew 16:25

P Alleluia. Whoever would save his life will lose it,
C **but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:21–28

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

²¹From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? ²⁷For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. ²⁸Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en

am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to
 bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He
 con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to
 from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,

sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,
 is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,
 us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion
 You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;

Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and
 We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts
 That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that
 Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence

hope and love, Let us do the Fa-ther's bid-ding. Faith-ful
that an- noy Shall give way to mirth here- af- ter. Je- sus,
shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav-en. Je- sus,
con-stant-ly, Liv-ing there with You for-ev-er. Je- sus,

Lord, with me a-bide; I shall fol-low where You guide.
here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.
here with You I die, There to live with You on high.
let me faith-ful be, Life e-ter-nal grant to me.

Get Behind Jesus: No Map. Just Him. *Matthew 16:21–28*

1. “Follow Me” — We Want the Map

Jesus does not always show us the whole road. He gives us Himself.

2. “Get Behind Me” — The Disciple’s Place

Peter wanted to redirect Jesus. Jesus calls him back to the proper place of a disciple: behind the Savior, following where He leads.

3. Taking Up the Cross

Our cross is not simply every hardship of life. It is the suffering, sacrifice, opposition, and self-denial that come as we seek to remain faithful to Christ and His Word.

4. A Cross-Shaped Life (“The Cruciform Life”)

“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”

Romans 12:21

5. Before Our Cross Comes His Cross

Our cross does not redeem us. Christ’s cross does.

Our suffering does not pay for our sins. His suffering did.

Our faithfulness does not open heaven. His death and resurrection have.

6. Jesus Is Still Forming His Disciples

He calls us.

He teaches us.

He leads us.

He forgives us.

He feeds us.

He sends us.

7. No Map. Just Him.

You do not have to see the entire road when you know the One who is walking ahead of you. **Get behind Jesus. And follow.**

The Wonderful Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross,
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.
See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

***CHORUS: O the wonderful cross! O the wonderful cross!
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.
O the wonderful cross! O the wonderful cross!
All who gather here, by grace draw near,
And bless Your Name.....***

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all. **CHORUS**

ENDING: Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

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Prayer of the Church

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P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Gracious Heavenly Father, every good and perfect gift comes from You. We thank You for all that You have entrusted to us, and we ask You to receive the tithes and offerings Your people bring this day as fruits of faith and gratitude. Use these gifts for the proclamation of Your Gospel, the strengthening of Your Church, the care of those in need, and the work You have given us to do in this community and throughout the world. Make us faithful stewards of all You place into our hands, remembering that all we have is first received from You. Lord, in Your mercy,

G **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, ever righteous and faithful, all vengeance belongs to You. As our enemies rise against us, we place all things in Your hands, knowing justice will be done and that You, O Lord, will redeem us from the grasp of the ruthless. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, grant to Your Church pastors who say with Jeremiah, "Hear the Word of the Lord," and who faithfully proclaim that Word to us. Strengthen our pastors and missionaries for the tasks to which You have called them, and care for their families. Lord in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Gracious Lord, look with favor on the households of this congregation, and grant that all may live in love that issues from a pure heart, a good conscience and a sincere faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, our God, turn the eyes of all who make, execute and judge our laws to You, that they may receive wisdom and strength to faithfully carry out their duties. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty Father, have mercy on all who are sick or suffering in any way, especially those we quietly lift up in our minds and heart... and all who have requested our prayers. Grant that they may have relief from pain, and give them the courage to endure their afflictions and tribulations. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Loving Lord, until Your Son returns in glory, He gives us His body and blood to sustain us. Grant that all who receive this gift today may receive it in faith, trusting that it is given for the forgiveness of their sins and life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Rise up, O Lord, and avenge those who are persecuted for the name of Your Son, Jesus. In communion with all Your saints, grant us endurance to bear the crosses that come with following Christ, trusting in Him who bore the saving cross for us... in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God 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.**

I Will Follow

Where You go I'll go
Where You stay I'll stay
When You move I'll move
I will follow
(Oh oh oh)

1. All Your ways are good
All Your ways are sure
I will trust in You alone
Higher than my sight
High above my life
I will trust in You alone

***CHORUS: Where You go I'll go
Where You stay I'll stay
When You move I'll move
I will follow You
Whom You love I'll love
How You serve I'll serve
If this life I lose
I will follow (You)
Yeah I will follow You yeah***

2. Light into the world
Light into my life
I will live for You alone
You're the One I seek
Knowing I will find
All I need in You alone
In You alone

BRIDGE In You there's life everlasting
In You there's freedom for my soul
In You there's joy unending joy
And I will follow ***CHORUS***

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