



Risen Christ Lutheran Church
11th Sunday after Pentecost Worship
August 9, 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 only way sinful human beings can dare to approach and worship almighty God is by knowing that He is also merciful. God's mighty power is revealed in the vastness of His creation—the stars and seas, light and darkness, tempests and storms. "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom" (Psalm 111:10). Yet we are also told, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" (Romans 10:13). This "almighty and most merciful God" showed both His power and mercy when He saw His disciples in distress and came to them on the storm-tossed sea. Walking on the water was not merely a display of power. It revealed Jesus as the Lord of creation, coming to save those who fear and doubt. The same Lord joined us in our misery, took our sin upon Himself, died our death, and rose again. No evil, not even death itself, can finally take from Him those whom He holds.

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation and Opening Sentences

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

G **Amen.**

P Peter cried out, "Lord, save me."

G **Jesus immediately reached out His hand and took hold of him.**

P Take heart; it is I.

G **Do not be afraid.**

Eternal Father, Strong to Save



1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the
 2 O Christ, whose voice the wa - ters heard And hushed their rag - ing
 3 Most Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood Up - on the cha - os
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, Our peo - ple shield in



rest - less wave, Who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep Its
 at Thy word, Who walk - edst on the foam - ing deep And
 dark and rude, And bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, And
 dan - ger's hour; From rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, Pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we
 calm a - mid its rage didst sleep: O hear us when we
 give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: O hear us when we
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; Thus ev - er - more shall



cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.
 rise to Thee Glad praise from air and land and sea.

Confession and Absolution

Matthew 14:33

- P** No doubt our needs are known by the God of mercy, chief of which is deliverance from sin and fear. Aware of our great need for forgiveness and faith, we cry out to our Creator and Redeemer.
- C** **Lord, save me from my little faith, from the doubts and fears that lead me to distrust Your promises, and from all my sin. I come to You now because You have promised to come to me here with Your saving grasp of power and mercy. Forgive me for all my sins and give me help in every fear, that I may worship You with a pure heart and say, "Truly You are the Son of God" and my Savior. Amen.**
- P** The Lord your God has brought you out from the slavery of sin with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm of mercy by the sacrifice of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. By His own command I announce to you as a called and ordained servant of the Word: I forgive you all your sins. Peace be with you, in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Introit

Psalm 34:4–8; antiphon: v. 1

I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
I sought the LORD, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.
Those who look to him are radiant,
and their faces shall never be ashamed.
This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him
and saved him out of all his troubles.
The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him,
and delivers them.
Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
Blessèd is the man who takes refuge in him!
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.
I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
- P** Let us pray.
Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; 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

Job 38:4–18

- ⁴[The Lord said to Job:] “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
Tell me, if you have understanding.
⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it?
⁶On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone,
⁷when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?
⁸”Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb,
⁹when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band,
¹⁰and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors,
¹¹and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed’?”

¹²"Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place,
¹³that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it?
¹⁴It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment.
¹⁵From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken.
¹⁶"Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep?
¹⁷Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?
¹⁸Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 18:1–6; antiphon: v. 46

¹I love you, O LORD, my strength.

**²The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,
 my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,
 my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.**

³I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.

⁴The cords of death encompassed me; the torrents of destruction assailed me;

⁵the cords of Sheol entangled me; the snares of death confronted me.

⁶In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I cried for help.

From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears.

Epistle

Romans 10:5–17

⁵Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷or "'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

¹⁴But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" ¹⁶But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" ¹⁷So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me Up - on life's way;
2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear,
3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en And night has come,



Di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me From day to day.
For You, the Rock of A - ges, Are al - ways near.
I know that You will strength - en My steps toward home.



With - out Your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
Close by Your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,
Then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend;



So take my hand, O Sav - ior, And lead the way.
For when Your hand is guid - ing, In peace I go.
So take my hand and lead me Un - to the end.

Nicene Creed

- ☩ I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,**
maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

Verse

Matthew 14:27

- P** Alleluia. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying,
C **“Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 14:22–33

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

²²Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.”

²⁸And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³²And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

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

Sermon – “He Holds You in the Storm” *based on Matthew 14:22–33* OUTLINE

1. The wind can be against us even when we are where Christ has placed us.

The disciples obeyed Jesus and still found themselves in darkness, danger, and fear. Faithfulness does not mean a life without storms.

2. Jesus sees us even when we cannot see Him.

The disciples did not call Him or ask Him to come. Jesus saw their distress and came to them through the darkness and the storm.

3. Jesus gives His Word before He changes the circumstances.

“Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” Faith does not rest on what our eyes see or what our fear says. Faith comes from hearing the Word of Christ.

4. We often want Jesus to prove Himself on our terms.

Peter answered, “If it is You...” We also want visible proof before trusting Christ and may expect Him to arrange life according to our plans.

5. Peter sinks, but Jesus immediately takes hold of him.

Peter cannot save himself. He can only cry, "Lord, save me." The strength of his salvation is not how firmly he holds onto Jesus, but how firmly Jesus takes hold of him.

6. Jesus is both almighty and merciful.

The Lord who commands the sea in Job now walks upon it. His power is revealed as He walks on the water; His mercy is revealed as He takes Peter by the hand.

7. At the cross, Jesus entered the greater storm for us.

He stood in the place of sinners, bore our guilt and death, and rose victorious. Because Christ lives, no storm—not even death—can finally take those whom He holds.

8. The risen Christ still comes near.

He comes through His Word, Holy Absolution, Holy Baptism, and His body and blood. When our faith is little, His mercy is not little. When our hand is weak, His hand remains strong.

Main Truth – The strength of your salvation is not how firmly you hold onto Jesus. It is how firmly Jesus holds onto you.

He Will Hold Me Fast

1. When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast

CHORUS: He will hold me fast

He will hold me fast

For my Savior loves me so

He will hold me fast

2. Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight
He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His Promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost
He will hold me fast

3. For my life He bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last

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Prayer of the Church

P Almighty and merciful Father, we give You thanks for every gift You have first placed into our hands. Receive these tithes and offerings and use them for the proclamation of Christ, the care of Your people, and the service of our neighbors.

For the holy church throughout the world: that she always have confidence of divine help from the Lord and that her pastors and ministers be faithful in their proclamation of God's mercy and grace for all people, serving her members with love and compassion, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who cry out to God for deliverance and help: that their petitions be heard by the One who reaches out in mercy to rescue all who call upon Him, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For our country and all the nations of the world: that leaders seek the ways of peace and freedom for the welfare and prosperity of the people they are called to serve, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who are sick or suffering illness or injury, all who are in any trouble, those who are lonely or afraid, and especially those who are in need whom we name in our hearts: that the Lord give strength, heal, and comfort all who call upon Him, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who have gone before us with the sign of faith, we give thanks to the Lord. That we may be included in the fellowship of the saints in heaven now by faith in the Son of God and at last by God's mercy and grace when He comes again in glory, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
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- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

The Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Proclamation of Christ

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach 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.

Pax Domini

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Communion

Grace Flows Down

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
Amazing love now flowing down
From hands and feet that were nailed to the tree
Grace flows down and covers me

It covers me
It covers me
It covers me
And covers me

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It Is Well With My Soul

1. When peace like a river
Attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot
Thou hast taught me to say
It is well
It is well with my soul

***CHORUS: It is well
with my soul
It is well
It is well
with my soul***

2. My sin O the joy
Of this glorious tho't
My sin not in part but the whole
Is nailed to the cross
And I bear it no more
Praise the Lord
Praise the Lord O my soul ***CHORUS***

3. And Lord haste the day
When the faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall resound
And the Lord shall descend
Even so it is well
With my soul ***CHORUS***

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

- P** Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** 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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Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

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