



Risen Christ Lutheran Church
10th Sunday after Pentecost Worship
August 2, 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.**



COME WITH
EMPTY HANDS

based on Isaiah 55:1-5

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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 – God's people often look at what they have and conclude that it cannot possibly be enough. The crowds in the wilderness had little food. Isaiah addressed thirsty and hungry people who had no money with which to purchase what they needed. Yet the Lord invites the empty-handed to come, listen, eat, and live. He provides daily bread for the body, but He gives us something greater in His Word: forgiveness, life, and salvation through Jesus Christ. Today we give thanks because the Lord is good, His steadfast love endures forever, and His gracious gifts are more than enough.

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation and Opening Sentences

Psalm 43:4; 136:1

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

P I will go to the altar of God, C **to God my exceeding joy.**

P Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, C **for His steadfast love endures forever.**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,
4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -
5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your
reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -
made you; Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly
fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall
dore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His
lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is
fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has
dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -
prais - es be - fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?
failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.
might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.
peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

Confession and Absolution

Isaiah 55:3, 6; Psalm 145:18

- P Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near. The LORD is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth. Incline your ear, and come to Me; hear, that your soul may live.
- C **Hear my prayer, O Lord. I confess to almighty God all my sins in thought, word, and deed, including the good I have failed to do and the love I have failed to show. By Your steadfast love and mercy, forgive me and renew a right spirit in me that gives praise to You for Your faithfulness and that relies all the more on You for my salvation and for help in every need.**
- P Give thanks to the Lord, for He has heard your cry for mercy. Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**

Introit

Psalm 105:39–43; antiphon: v. 1

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!
He spread a cloud for a covering,
and fire to give light by night.
They asked, and he brought quail,
and gave them bread from heaven in abundance.
He opened the rock, and water gushed out;
it flowed through the desert like a river.

For he remembered his holy promise,

and Abraham, his servant.

So he brought his people out with joy,

his chosen ones with singing.

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.

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;

make known his deeds among the peoples!

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

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

P Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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

Isaiah 55:1–5

¹“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live;

and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,

and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,

because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.”

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

Psalm

Psalm 136:1–9

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

²**Give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever.**

³Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever;

⁴**to him who alone does great wonders, for his steadfast love endures forever;**

⁵to him who by understanding made the heavens, for his steadfast love endures forever;

⁶**to him who spread out the earth above the waters, for his steadfast love endures forever;**

⁷to him who made the great lights, for his steadfast love endures forever;

⁸**the sun to rule over the day, for his steadfast love endures forever;**

⁹the moon and stars to rule over the night, for his steadfast love endures forever;

Epistle

Romans 9:1–13

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit—

²that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed

and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. ⁵To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

⁶But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, ⁷and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” ⁸This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. ⁹For this is what the promise said: “About this time next year I will return and Sarah shall have a son.” ¹⁰And not only so, but also when Rebecca had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, ¹¹though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God’s purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of his call— ¹²she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” ¹³As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

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

Psalm 78:25

P Alleluia. Man ate of the bread of the angels;

C **He sent them food in abundance. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 14:13–21

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

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the death of John], he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” ¹⁸And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1. Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
Fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore Thee;
May I still Thy goodness prove.

2. Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by Thy help I've come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

3. Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

4. Oh, that day when freed from sinning,
I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen,
How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry;
Take my ransom'd soul away;
Send Thine angels soon to carry
Me to realms of endless day.

Sermon – “COME WITH EMPTY HANDS” based on Isaiah 55:1–5

1. We spend ourselves on what cannot satisfy.

“Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?” Isaiah 55:2

2. Before God, we are not merely short... we are bankrupt.

“We are beggars. This is true.” Martin Luther

3. The feast is free to us because Jesus paid the price.

The world says, “Earn it.” Jesus says, “It is finished.”

4. God brings His saving feast to us through His Word.

“Incline your ear, and come to Me; hear, that your soul may live.” Isaiah 55:3

5. What is not enough in our hands is more than enough in the hands of Jesus.

“They all ate and were satisfied.” Matthew 14:20

COME WITH EMPTY HANDS

- Christ's hands were pierced for you.
- The price has been paid.
- Jesus is risen.
- The feast is ready.
- And the invitation is for you.

P At this time, we will receive our tithes and offerings. Our giving is one way we respond with gratitude to God for all He has given us, and it helps support the preaching of the Gospel and the ministry we share here at Risen Christ.

Before the offering is received, please take a minute to fill out the worship card. Whether you are a member or a guest, this helps Pastor Rennie and the congregation care for and minister to you well. You may also write any prayer requests on the card. Please indicate whether the request is for the pastor only or whether you would also like it included on the congregation's weekly prayer sheet in the bulletin.

Offering – ONLINE GIVING is 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.

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son. (2x)

***And now let the weak say "I am strong,"
Let the poor say "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.***

Give thanks, give thanks.

Prayer of the Church

P Give thanks to the God of heaven,
C **for His steadfast love endures forever.**

P *Let us pray.*

Almighty and most merciful God, receive our tithes and offerings as expressions of gratitude and trust. Your steadfast love endures forever, for You sent Your only-begotten Son into this desolate world to bring forgiveness, life, and a new creation. Bless these gifts and use them for the proclamation of Your Word, the care of our neighbors, and the work of Your Church. Give us generous hearts and lives of joyful thanksgiving. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of all nations, give wisdom, integrity, and compassion to all who serve in government. Teach them to regard authority as a trust from You and to use the resources entrusted to them for the protection of life, the administration of justice, and the good of those in need. Grant righteousness and peace among the nations. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Savior of all, give pastors and all ministers of Your Word compassion for those entrusted to their care. Keep them faithful in preaching Your Word and administering Your Sacraments, that through these means Christ may deliver forgiveness, strengthen faith, and comfort troubled consciences. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Bless all who are sick, injured, hospitalized, lonely, grieving, or in any need. Grant skill, wisdom, and compassion to doctors, nurses, caregivers, and all medical personnel. According to Your gracious will, grant healing and recovery; and in every circumstance sustain Your people with faith, courage, and the assurance of Your presence. We especially remember those whom we now name silently in our hearts...

Hear these prayers and grant each person what is best according to Your gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith. Keep us with them in the one communion of saints, and bring us at last, solely by Your mercy in Christ, to the resurrection of the body and the joyful feast of eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy, C **hear our prayer.**

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 **Your steadfast love endures forever. Amen.**

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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