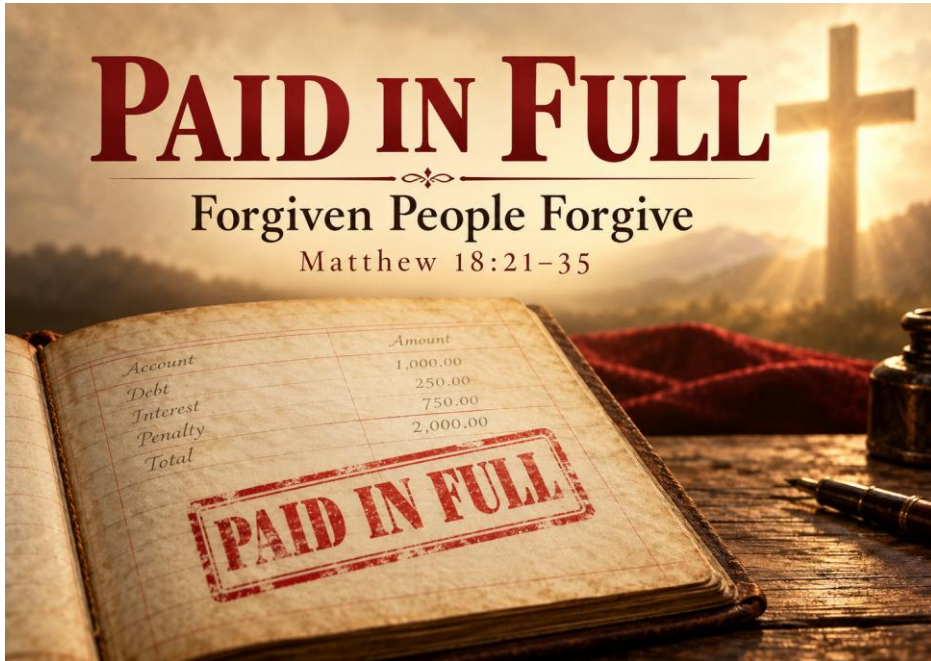




Risen Christ Lutheran Church
16th Sunday after Pentecost Worship
September 13, 2026 10am

**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 – We are very good at keeping count. We remember the words that wounded us, the promises that were broken, and the sins committed against us. Peter once asked Jesus how many times he was required to forgive. Jesus answered by telling of an impossible debt freely canceled by a merciful king. Today God's Word reminds us that forgiveness does not deny the reality of sin; rather, it begins with the greater reality of Christ's cross. Our debt before God has been paid in full. Forgiven by Christ, we are freed from the burden of keeping score and enabled by His Spirit to forgive one another from the heart.

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

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

Medley – The Church's One Foundation and I Lay My Sins on Jesus

The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the Word.
From heav'n He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

I lay my sins on Jesus,
The spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all and frees us
From the accursèd load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus
To wash my crimson stains
Clean in His blood most precious
Till not a spot remains.

I lay my wants on Jesus;
All fullness dwells in Him;
He heals all my diseases;
My soul He does redeem.
I lay my griefs on Jesus,
My burdens and my cares;
He from them all releases;
He all my sorrows shares.

Confession and Absolution

P Since we are here assembled to hear God's Word, to call upon Him in prayer, and to receive the body and blood of Christ, let us first think of our unworthiness; confess before God our sins of thought, word, and deed; and acknowledge also that we, by our own strength, cannot free ourselves from our sinful nature or the sins we have committed. Therefore, let us take refuge in the infinite mercy and grace of our heavenly Father, seeking and imploring Him to behold us through Jesus Christ, saying:

C **God have mercy on me, a poor, sinful being, forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and grant to me the Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful ways; through Jesus Christ, my Lord, I pray. Amen.**

P God, have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to life everlasting. 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.**

P He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

Introit

Psalms 143:1–2; antiphon: v. 9

Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!

I have fled to you for refuge!

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

Enter not into judgment with your servant,

for no one living is righteous before you.

**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.**

Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!

I have fled to you for refuge!

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

G **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 50:15–21

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 103:1–12

¹Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

²**Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,**

³who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

⁴**who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

⁵who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

⁶**The LORD works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.**

⁷He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

⁸**The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

⁹He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.

¹⁰**He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

¹¹For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
¹²as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Epistle

Romans 14:1–12

¹As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹for it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God."

¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse

Matthew 6:14

C **Alleluia. If you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:21–35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²¹Peter came up and said to [Jesus], "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

²³"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place.

³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Jesus Paid It All

James Rowe

John T. Grape

E $\flat$



1. I _____ hear the Sa - vior say, "Thy
 2. Lord, _____ now in - deed I find Thy
 3. For _____ noth - ing good have I Where -
 4. And _____ when, be - fore the throne, I

3 **B $\flat$** **E $\flat$**



stength in - deed is small, Child of weak - ness, watch and
 pow'r and Thine a - lone, Can _____ change the le - per's
 by Thy grace to claim; I'll _____ wash my gar - ments
 stand in Him com - plete, "Je - sus died my soul to

6 **E $\flat$ /G** **E $\flat$ /B $\flat$** **B $\flat$ 7** **E $\flat$**



pray, Find in Me thine all in all."
 spots And _____ melt the heart of stone.
 white In the blood of Cal - v'ry's Lamb.
 save," My _____ lips shall still re - peat.

9 **E $\flat$** **B $\flat$** **E $\flat$**



Je - sus paid it all, All to Him I owe; Sin had left a

14 **A $\flat$** **A $^\circ$** **E $\flat$ /B $\flat$** **B $\flat$ 7** **E $\flat$**



crim - son stain, He washed it white as snow.

Sermon – “Paid In Full” *Matthew 18:21–35*

1. **We Keep the Ledger...** “How many times?”
2. **A Debt We Cannot Pay...** “He cannot pay it.”
3. **The King Cancels the Debt...** The servant asks for time. The King gives mercy.
4. **Forgiveness Does Not Deny Evil...** “You meant evil against me.”
5. **Forgiven People Forgive...** Mercy received becomes mercy given.
6. **Put Down the Ledger...** Look first at the cross.

Your debt is PAID IN FULL.

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.

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.

Prayer of the Church

- ☐ Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ and for all people according to their needs.

- P** Gracious Father, every good gift comes from Your hand, and in Your Son You have given us more than we could ever deserve. Receive these tithes and offerings as gifts of thanksgiving. Use them for the proclamation of Christ, the care of those in need, and the work You have entrusted to this congregation. Free us from trusting in the things we possess, and make us joyful and faithful stewards of all You have given us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Grant us, O Lord, wisdom to consider the manifold sins Your grace has forgiven and courage to show this forgiveness to others in Your name. Keep us from being stingy with the mercy You have so generously shown to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord, and teach us not to count the cost of forgiving. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Give boldness to Your church, that we who know the Gospel of Jesus Christ crucified and risen proclaim it to the ends of the earth. Bless the pastors who faithfully deliver these gifts to us in Word and Sacrament and the church workers who serve us in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Deliver us, O Lord, from the burden of those who would lead us without the wisdom and counsel of Your Word and give to us in this land and throughout the world leaders who will act with integrity and justice to all. Bring peace to the troubled regions of our world and help us to work together for the common good. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Bless this congregation and all missions and mission fields with an abundance of Your Holy Spirit, that the work of Your kingdom would prosper among us for the glory of Your holy name. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Deliver, O Lord, the troubled in mind, the wounded in body, and those whose spirits despair, that by Your healing and strength they endure the day of their trial and be kept safe in Your arms to everlasting life, [*and especially for . . .*]. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Give Your blessing to the homes in which Your people dwell, to the married and single, to those with children, and to those whose desire for a child has not been fulfilled, that in every place and at every time we rejoice in Your goodness in ordering all things for our good. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Deliver us, O Lord, from every temptation that would befall us and teach us to lean upon Your strength and to be covered with the righteousness of Christ when the devil comes seeking whom he may devour. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Make us to be of one mind and one will, perfectly united in doctrine and faith, so that our communion here will testify to this harmony of belief; and grant to us grace so that we receive this Sacrament of Christ's body and blood always for our good and never in judgment against us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

P The days are coming, O Lord, when all will be held to account before You. Grant us faith through these difficult days that we be brought to everlasting life, joined with the faithful who have lived and died in Christ and know Your perfect peace. Give comfort to all who grieve, [*especially...*]. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P You know our needs and have promised to give us all things needful for this life and to bring us to everlasting life. Grant us also grateful hearts that we be cheered by Your mercies, new every morning, and live and rest in Your peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

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.**

Distribution Hymns

O Come to The Altar

Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed
by the weight of your sin
Jesus is calling
Have you come
to the end of yourself
Do you thirst
for a drink from the well
Jesus is calling

***CHORUS: O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ***

Leave behind
your regrets and mistakes
Come today
there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows
and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling

BRIDGE: Oh what a Savior
Isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia Christ is risen
Bow down before him
For he is Lord of all
Sing alleluia Christ is risen ***CHORUS***

END: Bear your cross
as you wait for the crown
Tell the world
of the treasure you've found

Your Will Be Done

1. Your will be done my God and Father
As in heaven so on earth
My heart is drawn to self-exalting
Help me seek Your kingdom first
As Jesus walked so shall I walk
Held by Your same unchanging love
Be still my soul O lift your voice and pray
Father not my will but Yours be done

2. How in that garden he persisted
I may never fully know
The fearful weight of true obedience
It was held by him alone
What wondrous faith to bear that cross
To bear my sin what wondrous love
My hope was sure when there my Saviour prayed
Father not my will but Yours be done

3. When I am lost when I am broken
In the night of fear and doubt
Still I will trust in my good Father
Yes to one great King I bow
As Jesus rose so I shall rise
In ransomed glory at the throne
My heart restored with all Your saints I sing
Father not my will but Yours be done

4. As we go forth our God and Father
Lead us daily in the fight
That all the world might see Your glory
And Your Name be lifted high
And in this Name we overcome
For You shall see us safely home
Now as Your church we lift our voice and pray
Father not my will but Yours be done

Ending

And in this Name we overcome
For You shall see us safely home
Now as Your church we lift our voice and pray
Father not my will but Yours be done
Father not my will but Yours be done
Father not my will but Yours be done

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Post-Communion Thanksgiving

Psalm 106:1

P Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,
C for His steadfast love endures forever!

P O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes **CHORUS**

CHORUS: *Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name*

2. You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find **CHORUS**

3. And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore **CHORUS**

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Benedicamus and Benediction

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**
- 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.**

Dismissal

- P** Go in peace! Serve the Lord!
C **Thanks be to God.**

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