



Risen Christ Lutheran Church
20th Sunday after Pentecost Worship
October 11, 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 – Holy Communion is normally celebrated on the 2nd and 4th Sundays and on other festival or special 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 – A place at the family table can bring joy... and remind us of someone we miss. Today, God promises a feast that death will never interrupt. Jesus Christ has borne our sins, conquered the grave, and clothed us in His righteousness. While we await the resurrection, our Shepherd remains with us through grief, fear, and uncertainty. He speaks His forgiveness and gives us His body and blood, a foretaste of the feast to come. Receiving His gifts, we are strengthened to care for those who suffer and share His invitation with our neighbors. Our future is in His hands, and our calling to love and serve continues today.

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

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

G Amen.

Holy Forever

1. A thousand generations falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And all who've gone before us
And all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Pre-Chorus: (Jesus) Your name is the highest
Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all

Chorus 1: *And the angels cry Holy
All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy
Holy forever*

2. If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
We'll sing the song forever and amen **Pre-Chorus, Chorus 1 & 2**

Chorus 2: *Hear Your people sing Holy
To the King of Kings Holy
You will always be Holy
Holy forever*

Tag
You will always be Holy
Holy forever

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Confession and Absolution

- P** The Lord God, the King of the universe, has invited all, both bad and good, to the wedding feast of salvation. Let us not reject that invitation but fill His house as guests of repentance and faith.
- C** **Merciful Father, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have neglected Your Word, trusted in ourselves, and failed to love our neighbors. We cannot make ourselves righteous before You. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, forgive us, renew our faith, and lead us in Your ways. Amen.**
- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and 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 Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Introit

Isaiah 61:10; antiphon: Psalm 146:2

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;

my soul shall exult in my God,

for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;

he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,

as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,

and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

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 praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25:6–9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,
"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

¹The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want.

²**He makes me lie down in green pastures.**
He leads me beside still waters.

³He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

**⁴Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

**⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Epistle

Philippians 4:4–13

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Verse

Revelation 22:17

G Alleluia. The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” Let the one who hears say, “Come.” Let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:1–14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

G Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.’ ⁵But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them.

⁷The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' ¹⁰And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹"But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹²And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Thy Word Is a Lamp

REFRAIN: *Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet*

And a light unto my path.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet

And a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
Still You're there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear as long as You are near.
Please be near me to the end. **REFRAIN**

I will not forget Your love for me, and yet
My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side;
And I will love You to the end. **REFRAIN**

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Sermon – “A Place at His Table” from Isaiah 25:6–9; Psalm 23; Philippians 4:4–13; Matthew 22:1–14

God's promise: "He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces." Isaiah 25:8

1. A gathering death will never interrupt

- Death is an enemy we cannot overcome.
- God promises to swallow up death forever and wipe away our tears.

2. Christ's victory is ours through faith

- Jesus bore our sins, died for us, and rose victorious.
- Our hope includes the resurrection of the body.
- Our Shepherd stays with us through grief, fear, and suffering. Needing help does not mean our faith has failed.

3. Christ clothes us for His feast

- Membership, service, and reputation cannot make us righteous before God.
- Christ supplies the righteousness we lack.
- In Baptism and absolution, God gives us His saving gifts and assurance.

4. While we wait, our calling continues

- Christ sustains us through abundance, need, and uncertainty.
- We can pray before we have the answers.
- We cannot put reaching people for Christ on hold. God has placed us here to love, serve, and share His promises now.

5. The promised Savior serves us now

- Christ is present through His Word and Holy Supper.
- He gives His body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins.
- Those who have died in Him are not lost to Him. He will raise His people and bring them home.

Take this promise with you: Your salvation rests on the Savior who holds you, even when your hands are shaking.

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.**

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Doxology

Prayer of the Church

P Heavenly Father, You have prepared salvation for all peoples through Your Son, Jesus Christ. We thank You that He bore our sins, rose from the grave, and clothes us in His righteousness. Keep us faithful to Your Word, and strengthen our confidence in Your promise that You will swallow up death forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd, walk with those who grieve and those who are afraid. Comfort those who miss a loved one and those facing illness, difficult treatment, or uncertainty about tomorrow. When the waiting is painful, sustain them with Your presence and the promise of the resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful Father, care for those carrying wounds others cannot see. Protect those who are being harmed, and provide help for those living with the effects of trauma. Give wisdom, patience, and compassion to counselors, therapists, medical professionals, and pastors. Help us listen without blame, offer practical care, and remain beside those whose healing takes time. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of the Church, guide this congregation as we consider our future. Give us wisdom for our decisions, honesty in our conversations, and love for one another. Keep our uncertainties from distracting us from the neighbors You have given us to serve. Open our eyes to those who are lonely, hurting, or without hope, and give us courage to share Christ's promises and invite others to hear His Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, bless our nation and all who hold public office. Guide them to protect life, uphold justice, and serve their neighbors faithfully. Preserve those who protect and care for our communities. Bring relief to people suffering from violence, disaster, hunger, or displacement, and make us willing to help according to the opportunities You give us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Gracious Father, we commend to Your care all who are sick, recovering, homebound, or in particular need, especially [...]. Grant healing according to Your gracious will. Sustain those who care for them, and guard their hearts and minds with Your peace in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord Jesus, You welcome us to Your table and give us Your true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. Grant us repentant hearts and faith in Your words. Through this foretaste of the feast to come, strengthen us to love and serve our neighbors as we await the day when You will gather Your people into everlasting joy. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

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

Preface

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

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.**

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."

Pax Domini

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

Communion

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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Just as I Am, without One Plea

1. Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

2. Just as I am and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

3. Just as I am, though tossed about
With many_a conflict, many_a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

4. Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P Let us pray.
Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Goodness of God

1. I love You Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days
I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

**CHORUS: All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God**

2. I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God **CHORUS**

BRIDGE: Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me **CHORUS**

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Benedicamus

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

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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