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**Last Sunday of End Time: Christ The King**

**November 22, 2020**



**136 W. Seymour Street, Appleton, WI 54915**



Growing in Faith and Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with all People

TODAY'S WORSHIP

**W**elcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today, whether in person or online. What a blessing to gather as God's people around his Word and Sacraments. In these gifts, God promises that his Holy Spirit is at work to bless us.

- ✘ **A virtual "Worship Card"** is available at [www.RiverviewLutheran.org/onlineworship](http://www.RiverviewLutheran.org/onlineworship). We ask all who have joined us today, whether online or in person, to complete a card to leave a record of your worshipping with us today.
- ✘ **Precautions: Thank you for taking these steps out of love for those worshipping with you today.**
  - ✘ Please maintain social distancing (minimum of 6 feet) from those not in your household. A six-foot section at the center of each pew is marked with tape.
  - ✘ Avoid shaking hands or hugging.
  - ✘ Be sure to cover any and all coughs and sneezes.
  - ✘ Following worship, please keep visiting indoors to a minimum. Visiting can be done more safely outside.
  - ✘ Take your printed service folder home, since it will not be reused for other services.
- ✘ **The Offering** is an opportunity for us to thank the Lord for all his blessings to us by giving a portion of our income in support of his gospel ministry. If you are a guest today, you may participate in the offering. But please don't feel obligated. Those interested in giving an offering may do so in several ways:
  - ✘ Mail a check to Riverview (136 W Seymour St, Appleton, WI 54915)
  - ✘ Use the QR Code on the right or click on the giving link on our website to give a gift electronically (one-time or recurring).
  - ✘ Set up Bill Pay with your bank to have your gift mailed to Riverview.
  - ✘ In-person worshippers may leave their offering in one of the plates at the door.
- ✘ **Prayer before Worship:** Lord Jesus, our mighty King, we humbly come before You to worship, praise and to seek your blessings. Do not cast us away, but shower us with the forgiveness You won for us and for all. May we always show our faith by our lives, words, and attitudes of service to You. Preserve us in our Christian faith, and grant us the gift of gratitude and thankfulness this week. Amen.



CLOSING HYMN

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*  
Christian Worship 375 st. 1,4,6

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose  
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With  
 6 And so through all the length of days Your

good - ness fails me nev - er; I noth - ing lack  
 you, dear Lord, be - side me; Your rod and staff  
 good - ness fails me nev - er. Good Shep - herd, may

if I am his, And he is mine for - ev - er.  
 my com - fort still, Your cross be - fore to guide me.  
 I sing your praise With - in your house for - ev - er!

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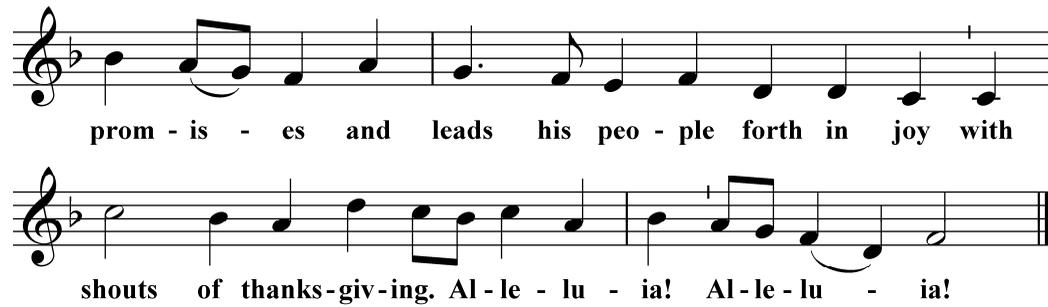
SERVING TODAY

Preacher..... Pastor Dennis Belter  
 Presiding Minister..... Pastor Timothy Wagner  
 Organist..... Mr. Peter Wolfgramm

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### CLOSING PRAYER

**M** Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### BLESSING<sup>8</sup>

**M** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

<sup>8</sup> The blessing of Aaron (Numbers 6:24-26) is more than a pious wish. It is God's own promise to his people, a pronouncement of his protection and love.

## THE SYMBOLS AND COLORS IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

The final weeks in our Christian Church Year are observed as the Sundays of End Time. The Church finds warning, comfort, and encouragement in the teachings of the Scriptures about the last days of the world, Jesus' return to judge, and the coming joys of heaven. The final two Sundays of the year are observed as Saints Triumphant Sunday (last week) and Christ the King Sunday (today).

### Seasonal Color:

**White** is the color of victory, perfection, joy, and purity, reminding us of how God's saints in earth and heaven are holy and pure through Jesus Christ.

### Seasonal Symbols on the Paraments and Stoles:

- The **Chi-Rho** (☩) is an ancient Christian symbol that incorporates the first two letters of the word Christ in Greek (ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ).
- **Alpha and Omega** (ΑΩ) are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. Jesus called himself "the Alpha and the Omega," to say that he is the unchanging, eternal God who always has been and always will be (Revelation 1:8, 21:6, 22:13).





Order of Service for Christ the King Sunday  
**SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT**

✚ **GATHERING** ✚

Please stand.

**GREETING<sup>1</sup>**

**M**inister: The grace of our Lord ✚ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C**ongregation: **And also with you.**

**CONFESSION OF SINS**

**M** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**All** **Holy and merciful Father,**  
**I confess that I am by nature sinful,**  
**and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**  
**I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good.**  
**For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity.**  
**But I am truly sorry for my sins,**  
**and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray:**  
**Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

**M** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✚ and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

<sup>1</sup> After the pastor speaks the apostolic greeting, the congregation returns the blessing (“And also with you”), expressing its unity with the pastor and recognizing their mutual need for God’s blessings at the beginning of corporate worship.

**DISTRIBUTION**

All confirmed members of Riverview or another WELS or ELS congregation are invited to approach the altar at the direction of the ushers to receive holy communion.

**Instructions for Receiving the Sacrament**

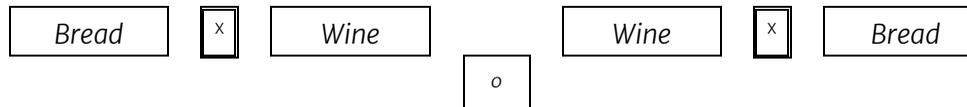
The left (pulpit) side of the congregation is ushered up first, then the right (font) side. Please maintain at least six feet between households as you approach the altar.

Holy Communion will be served by continuous distribution. First approach the table with the host (bread) and take a paper with the host in it (gluten-free wafers are also available and are marked as such). After pausing to receive the body of Christ, discard the paper in the receptacle next to the table.

Then approach the table with the individual cups and take a cup from the tray (white grape juice is also available). Please be careful not to touch cups other than the one you take. After pausing to receive the blood of Christ, discard the cup in the wooden receptacle in the center aisle, and return to your seat.

Communicants may choose to say “Amen” after receiving each of the elements.

The blessing follows the distribution.



**THANK THE LORD<sup>7</sup>**

<sup>7</sup> **Thank the Lord:** Tune: Richard Hillert © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, Augsburg Fortress. Used by permission under OneLicense #A-712433.

**M** Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He protects and preserves his Church in every age and gives us confidence to lift up our heads and watch for Jesus with joy. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

### **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY<sup>6</sup>**

**C** **Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.**  
**The whole earth is full of your glory.**

**M** You are my God, and I will exalt you.  
I will give you thanks, for you have become my salvation.

**C** **Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.**  
**The whole earth is full of your glory.**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**M** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

**M** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **Amen.**

### **O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD**

**M** O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

**C** **Have mercy on us, and grant us your peace. Amen**

*Please be seated.*

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<sup>6</sup> Christ has destroyed death and demolished the bonds of Satan. With this song, we join the thousands of angels and all Christians who have died in faith to sing a song of praise to God, who is worthy of our highest worship.

### **LORD, HAVE MERCY (Kyrie)**

**M** For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**M** For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**C** **Christ, have mercy.**

**M** For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**M** Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

**C** **Amen.**

### **O LORD, OUR LORD**

**M** The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

**C** **O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.**

**M** Almighty God, merciful Father, you crown our life with your love.  
You take away our sin; you comfort our spirit;  
you make us pure and holy in your sight.  
You did not spare your only Son, but gave him up for us all.

**C** **O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.**

**M** O Son of God, eternal Word of the Father, you came to live with us;  
you made your Father known;  
you washed us from our sins in your own blood.  
You are the King of glory; you are the Lord!

**C** **O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M** Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, by your victory you have broken the power of the evil one. Fill our hearts with joy and peace as we look with hope to that day when every creature in heaven and earth will acclaim you King of kings and Lord of lords to your unending praise and glory; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Please be seated.*

### FIRST LESSON

**Ezekiel 34:11-16,23-24**

<sup>11</sup> “For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. <sup>12</sup> As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. <sup>13</sup> I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. <sup>14</sup> I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup> I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign LORD. <sup>16</sup> I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.

<sup>23</sup> “I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup> I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David will be prince among them. I the LORD have spoken.’ ”

### VERSE OF THE DAY

**Revelation 22:13**

**M** Alleluia. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Alleluia.

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

#### LORD’S PRAYER

**A** 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 SACRAMENT ✝

#### PREFACE<sup>5</sup>

**M** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**M** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up to the Lord.

**M** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

<sup>5</sup> This dialogue at the beginning of the service of the Sacrament dates back to the early days of the Christian Church. It concludes with a prayer that connects this season of the church year with the blessings of the Lord’s Supper.

## NICENE CREED<sup>4</sup>

**A** We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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<sup>4</sup> The Nicene Creed is one of three “ecumenical creeds” professed by all Christian denominations. It was crafted to express the clear truths of Scripture in opposition to the Arian heresy, which denied that the Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit are God. The Nicene Creed originated at the First Council of Nicaea (325 A.D.) and was finalized at the First Council of Constantinople (381 A.D.).

## SECOND LESSON

## 1 Corinthians 15:20–28

<sup>20</sup> But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. <sup>23</sup> But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. <sup>24</sup> Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death. <sup>27</sup> For he “has put everything under his feet.” Now when it says that “everything” has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. <sup>28</sup> When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.

*Please stand.*<sup>2</sup>

## GOSPEL

## Matthew 27:27–31

<sup>27</sup> Then the governor’s soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. <sup>28</sup> They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, <sup>29</sup> and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. “Hail, king of the Jews!” they said. <sup>30</sup> They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. <sup>31</sup> After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

**M** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to you, O Christ!

*Please be seated.*

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<sup>2</sup> The congregation stands and speaks words of acclamation out of respect for the words of Christ, our King. As you boldly say, “Praise be to you, O Christ!,” it is as if you are welcoming your victorious King back from battle and shouting, “Long live the King!”

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### *The King of Glory Comes*<sup>3</sup> Christian Worship 363

*Refrain*



The King of glo - ry comes; the na - tion re - joic - es.



O - pen the gates be - fore him; lift up your voic - es.



1 Who is the King of glo - ry? How shall we call him?  
2 In all of Gal - i - lee, in cit - y or vil - lage,  
3 He gave his life for us, the lamb of sal - va - tion;  
4 He con - quered sin and death; he tru - ly has ris - en,

*Refrain*



He is Im - man - u - el, the prom - ised of a - ges.  
He goes a - mong his peo - ple, cur - ing their ill - ness.  
He took up - on him - self the sin of the na - tions.  
And he will share with us his heav - en - ly king - dom.

<sup>3</sup> **The King of Glory Comes:** Text: Willard F. Jabusch, b. 1930, alt. © 1966,1985 Willard F. Jabusch (admin. OCP Publications). All rights reserved. Used by permission under OneLicense #A-712433. Tune: PROMISED ONE, Israeli melody, 20<sup>th</sup> century.

## SERMON

## Psalm 47

### **"King of Kings and Lord of Lords!"**

- 1) **A Psalm of Celebration at the Victory of our King**
- 2) **A Psalm of Consolation for those who Long for His Return**

- <sup>1</sup> Clap your hands, all you nations;  
shout to God with cries of joy.
- <sup>2</sup> For the LORD Most High is awesome,  
the great King over all the earth.
- <sup>3</sup> He subdued nations under us,  
peoples under our feet.
- <sup>4</sup> He chose our inheritance for us,  
the pride of Jacob, whom he loved.
- <sup>5</sup> God has ascended amid shouts of joy,  
the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.
- <sup>6</sup> Sing praises to God, sing praises;  
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
- <sup>7</sup> For God is the King of all the earth;  
sing to him a psalm of praise.
- <sup>8</sup> God reigns over the nations;  
God is seated on his holy throne.
- <sup>9</sup> The nobles of the nations assemble  
as the people of the God of Abraham,  
for the kings of the earth belong to God;  
he is greatly exalted.



*Please stand.*