

Midweek Lenten Worship

February 24, 2021



**The
Hands
of the
Passion**



Riverview
LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

136 W. Seymour Street, Appleton, WI 54915



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

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Welcome! 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 “**Worship Connection Card**” is available at www.RiverviewLutheran.org/church. 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 from those not in your household. Sit in designated pews, at least six feet from those seated on the other end of the pew.
 - ✘ 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, as 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, as the shadows of the evening fall on this day, I come to you for needed rest. Cast out the darkness of my sin with the light of your forgiving love in Jesus my Savior. And strengthen my hands to serve you tomorrow and each new day. Amen.





Order of Service for **MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP**

Please stand.

INVOCATION

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

1 John 1:5-6,8-9

M This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you:

C **God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.**

M If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness,

C **We lie and do not live by the truth.**

M If we claim to be without sin,

C **We deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.**

C **Father, I have sinned against you and am no longer worthy to be called your child. Yet in mercy you sacrificed your only Son to purge away my guilt. For his sake, O God, be merciful to me, a sinner, and in the joy of the Holy Spirit let me serve you all my days.**

Silence for private confession.

M If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. Upon this, your confession, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

PRAYER

M Lord God, we thank you for this day of grace now drawing to a close. Stay with us and warm our hearts with your forgiving love in Christ. May your Word keep our faith burning brightly that we may walk in the light of your presence through the darkness of this world.

Come and bless us as we worship you: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

Please be seated.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 14¹

Refrain

Come, Lord Je - sus, come. Come, Lord Je - sus,
come. Re - store your peo-ple and bless them.

Psalm Tone

Refrain

The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.”

They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good.

The LORD looks down from heaven on the sons of men
to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God.

All have turned aside, they have together become corrupt;
there is no one who does good, not even one.

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Refrain

Will evildoers never learn—
those who devour my people and do not call on the LORD?

You evildoers frustrate the plans of the poor,
but the LORD is their refuge.

Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!
When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, let Israel rejoice and be glad!

**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.**

Refrain

Silence for meditation.

PSALM PRAYER

- M** O Lord, spare us from the folly of wickedness and the pursuit of evil. Make us rejoice in your saving acts that we who have been redeemed by your Son may abound in works of faith, hope, and love; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord
- C** Amen.

PASSION HISTORY

1. Plot, Passover, and Lord's Supper
Mark 14:1–26

SEASONAL RESPONSE

Isaiah 53:6

- M** All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.
- C** By his wounds we are healed.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

Christian Worship 106



1 Come to Cal-v'ry's ho - ly moun-tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined
2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean-ness, Come de - filed, with -
3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound-ed, par - a -
4 He that drinks shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -



by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain
out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean-ness,
lyzed, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,
new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



Flows to you, to me, to all, In a full, per -
From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and
Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain
Break his cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -



pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.
make them white; You shall walk with God in light.
will re - store; He that drinks shall thirst no more.
deem - er died, Sealed when he was glo - ri - fied.

DEVOTION

Hands of Betrayal (Judas)

John 13:21-30

²¹ After he had said this, Jesus was troubled in spirit and testified, “Very truly I tell you, one of you is going to betray me.”

²² His disciples stared at one another, at a loss to know which of them he meant. ²³ One of them, the disciple whom Jesus loved, was reclining next to him. ²⁴ Simon Peter motioned to this disciple and said, “Ask him which one he means.”

²⁵ Leaning back against Jesus, he asked him, “Lord, who is it?”

²⁶ Jesus answered, “It is the one to whom I will give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish.” Then, dipping the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. ²⁷ As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him.

So Jesus told him, “What you are about to do, do quickly.” ²⁸ But no one at the meal understood why Jesus said this to him. ²⁹ Since Judas had charge of the money, some thought Jesus was telling him to buy what was needed for the festival, or to give something to the poor. ³⁰ As soon as Judas had taken the bread, he went out. And it was night.

OFFERING

Members of our congregation give offerings in thankful response to God’s blessings and in support of our ministry and mission locally and around the world. Those who wish may place their offering in the plates near the exits or give using the alternate means described on page 1.

Please stand.

PRAYERS

Additional prayers and intercessions may be spoken, concluding with the following:

M O God our Father, by your mercy and might, the world turns safely into darkness and returns again to light. We place into your hands our unfinished tasks, our unsolved problems, and our unfulfilled hopes, knowing that only what you bless will prosper. To your great love and protection, we commit each other and all those we love, knowing that you alone are our sure defender, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

A Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

M In the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
C I thank you, my heavenly Father,
through Jesus Christ, your dear Son,
that you have graciously kept me this day.
Forgive me all my sins,
and graciously keep me this night.
Into your hands I commend
my body and soul and all things.
Let your holy angel be with me,
that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

BLESSING

2 John 3

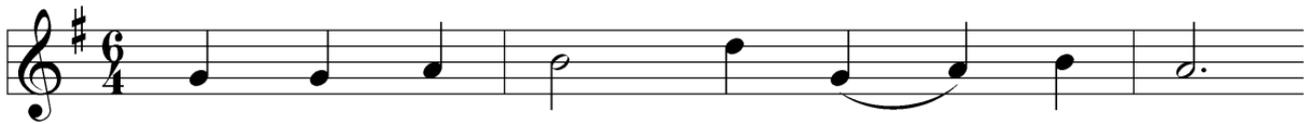
M Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, will be with us in truth and love.
C Amen.

Please be seated.

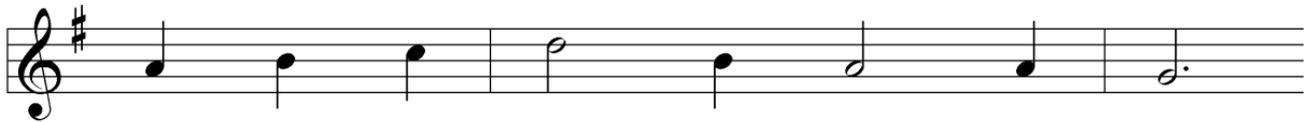
CLOSING HYMN

O Christ, Our True and Only Light

Christian Worship 569



1 O Christ, our true and on - ly light,
2 Fill with the ra - diance of your grace
3 Oh, gent - ly call those gone a - stray
4 Shine on the dark - ened and the cold;
5 That they with us may ev - er - more



En - light - en those who sit in night;
The souls now lost in er - ror's maze
That they may find the sav - ing way!
Re - call the wan - d'ers to your fold.
Such grace with won - d'ring thanks a - dore



Let those a - far now hear your voice
And all whom in their se - cret minds
Let ev - 'ry con - science sore op - pressed
U - nite all those who walk a - part;
And end - less praise to you be giv'n



And in your fold with us re - joice.
Some dark de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.
In you find peace and heav'n - ly rest.
Con - firm the weak and doubt - ing heart
By all your Church in earth and heav'n.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVING TODAY

Preacher..... Pastor David Olson (St. Matthew, Appleton)
Presiding Minister.....Pastor Timothy Wagner
Organists..... Mrs. Paula Krueger & Mrs. Rhoda Belter

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A Worship Series for Midweek Lent 2021

Wednesdays

3:30 pm (livestreamed) & 6:30 pm

February 24 – **Hands of Betrayal (Judas)** – John 13:21-30
Pastor David Olson (St. Matthew)

March 3 – **Hands of Misguided Zeal (Peter)** – John 18:4-11
Pastor David Backus (Eternal Love)

March 10 – **Hands of Hypocrisy (Caiaphas)** – Mark 14:55-65
Pastor Jonathan Kuske (St. Matthew)

March 17 – **Hands of Brutality (Soldiers)** – Matthew 27:27-31
Pastor Timothy Wagner (Riverview)

March 24 – **Hands of Self-Preservation (Pilate)** – Matthew 27:15-26
Pastor David Pries (Eternal Love)

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