

2nd Sunday in Lent

February 28, 2021



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 virtual "Worship 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 (minimum of 6 feet) from those not in your household. Sit at the ends of the pews designated for each service.
 - ✘ 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:** How great is the love the Father has lavished upon us, that we should be called the children of God. Thank You, Father, for making us one of your own by Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection. Preserve us in our faith, and privilege us to advance your kingdom work in our daily lives. Amen.





Order of Service for the 2nd Sunday in Lent

DIVINE SERVICE I

✙ GATHERING ✙

Please stand.

INVOCATION¹

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

Congregation: **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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.

ABSOLUTION

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.**

¹ The Trinitarian invocation reminds us that we are here to meet the one true God, in whose name we were baptized into Christ and made members of his Church.

✝ PRAYER AND PRAISE ✝

M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

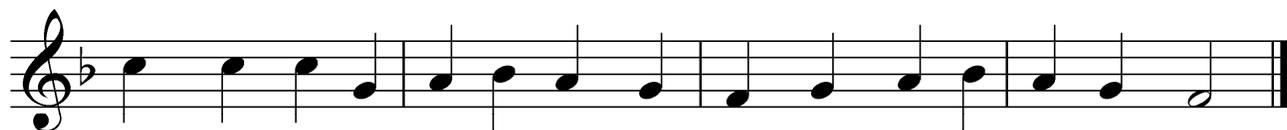
SONG OF PRAISE

Lamb of God, We Fall before You

Christian Worship 354



1 Lamb of God, we fall be-fore you, Hum-bly trust-ing in your cross.
3 Je - sus gives us true re-pen-tance By his Spir - it sent from heav'n,



Our great joy is to a-dore you; All things else are on - ly dross.
Whis-pers this as - sur-ing sen-tence, "All your sins are now for-giv'n."

Please be seated. (9:15 & 10:30)

BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION

Gary W. Bahr

(9:15 service)

RECEPTION INTO MEMBERSHIP

Dave & Barb Meyer

(10:30 service)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray.

Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated. (8:00)

✝ THE WORD ✝

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 28:10-17

¹⁰ Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Harran. ¹¹ When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. ¹² He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³ There above it stood the LORD, and he said: “I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. ¹⁴ Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. ¹⁵ I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.”

¹⁶ When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, “Surely the LORD is in this place, and I was not aware of it.” ¹⁷ He was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven.”

SECOND LESSON

Romans 5:1-11

¹ Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

⁶ You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹ Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God’s wrath through him! ¹⁰ For if, while we were God’s enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! ¹¹ Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

VERSE OF THE DAY²

Philippians 2:8b

M Jesus humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. Alleluia.

Please stand.

GOSPEL

Mark 8:31-38

M The Gospel according to Mark, chapter 8.

C **Glory be to you, O Lord!**

³¹ He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. ³² He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

³³ But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. “Get behind me, Satan!” he said. “You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

³⁴ Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. ³⁶ What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? ³⁷ Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ³⁸ If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father’s glory with the holy angels.”

M This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

² The Verse of the Day reinforces the theme of the day. It looks forward to and welcomes the reading of the Gospel.

HYMN OF THE DAY

*I Lay My Sins on Jesus*³

Christian Worship 372



1 I lay my sins on Je - sus, The spot - less
 2 I lay my wants on Je - sus; All full - ness
 3 I rest my soul on Je - sus, This wea - ry
 4 I long to be like Je - sus: Meek, lov - ing,



Lamb of God; He bears them all and frees us From
 dwells in him. He heals all my dis - eas - es; My
 soul of mine. His right hand me em - brac - es; I
 low - ly, mild; I long to be like Je - sus, The



the ac - curs - ed load. I bring my guilt to Je - sus
 soul he does re - deem. I lay my griefs on Je - sus,
 in his arms re - cline. I love the name of Je - sus,
 Fa - ther's ho - ly child. I long to be with Je - sus



To wash my crim - son stains White in his
 My bur - dens and my cares; He from them
 Im - man - uel, Christ, the Lord; Like fra - grance
 A - mid the heav'n - ly throng To sing with



blood most pre - cious Till not a spot re - mains.
 all re - leas - es; He all my sor - rows shares.
 on the breez - es His name a - broad is poured.
 saints his prais - es, To learn the an - gels' song.

³ Horatius Bonar wrote this hymn in 1841 for children in a desire to provide "something which children could sing and appreciate in divine worship."

SERMON

Romans 5:1-11

God's Demonstration of Love: Christ Died for Us

1. We Stand in Grace and Peace

2. We Advance with Confidence and Hope

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.

✝ PRAYERS ✝

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

All 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.

Please stand.

✝ THE SACRAMENT ✝

PREFACE

M The Lord be with you.

G 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 good and right so to do.**

M It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts: heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

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.

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

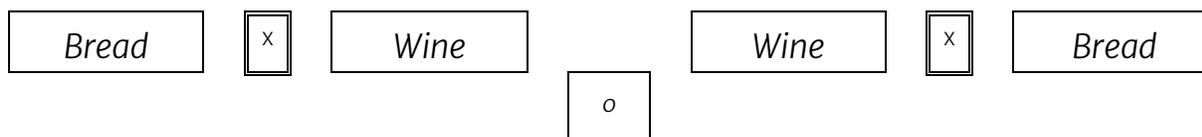
The left (pulpit) side of the congregation is ushered up first, then the right (font) side. Please maintain at least six feet between households as you approach the altar.

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.



CLOSING PRAYER

M We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this Holy Supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BLESSING⁴

M 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.

⁴ 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.

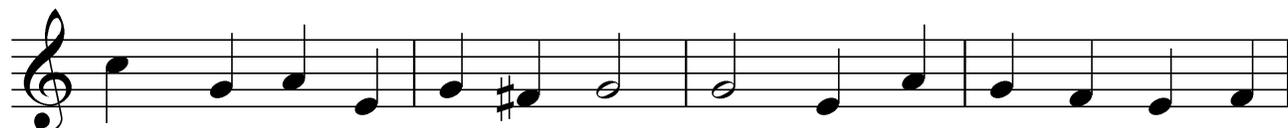
CLOSING HYMN

Here, O Lord I See You Face to Face

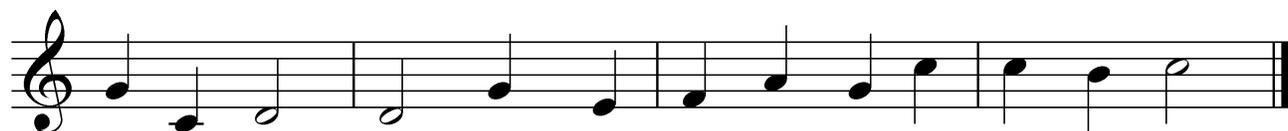
Christian Worship 315, st. 1,2,5,6



1 Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face; Here would I
 2 This is the hour of ban-quet and of song; Here is the
 5 Too soon we rise; the ves-sels dis-ap-pear. The feast, though
 6 Feast af-ter feast thus comes and pass-es by, Yet, pass-ing,



touch and han-dle things un-seen, Here grasp with firm-er hand e-
 heav'n-ly ta-ble spread a-new. Here let me feast and, feast-ing,
 not the love, is past and gone. The bread and wine re-move, but
 points to that glad feast a-bove, Giv-ing sweet fore-taste of the



ter-nal grace, And all my wea-ri-ness up-on you lean.
 still pro-long The brief bright hour of fel-low-ship with you.
 you are here, Near-er than ev-er, still my shield and sun.
 fest-al joy, The Lamb's great mar-riage feast of bliss and love.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVING TODAY

Preacher.....Pastor Dennis Belter
 Presiding Minister.....Pastor Timothy Wagner
 Organist Mrs. Paula Krueger

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Holy Week Worship Schedule 2021

Maundy Thursday, April 1

Worship with Holy Communion

3:30 pm

6:30 pm

Good Friday, April 2

Tre Ore Service (at St. Paul, Appleton)

12:00–3:00 pm

Good Friday Tenebrae Service

3:30 pm

6:30 pm

Easter Sunday, April 4

Easter Festival Service

6:45 am

8:00 am

9:15 am

10:30 am

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FOR UNCERTAIN TIMES