



## Saints Triumphant Sunday

# A Picture of Peace

## CHRIST OUR REDEEMER

November 17th, 2019

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**Opening Prayer:** Heavenly Father, today we remember with thanksgiving those who in faith have gone on to heaven before us. As you have received our brothers and sisters who now rest from their labors, bring us at last with them into the light of your presence, that in union with all your saints, we may praise your name forever. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**Opening Hymn - "For All the Saints" CW 551 vv 1-3**

### Confession of Sins

P: Heavenly Father we run hard the race which you have marked out for us. Our eyes are fixed on Jesus, your perfect model for our faith. Yet we are easily distracted and hampered by severe strains in this life. Our sinful nature entangles and hinders us. Our thoughts, words and actions fall far short in showing love for you and those around us. Hear us as we confess our sins:

**C: Lord God, have mercy on me, a sinner. Forgive my open sins and my secret sins. Forgive the sins I know and the sins I do not know. Forgive the sins I did to please myself and the sins I did to please others. Forgive them all, gracious Lord, for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

P: Be assured that our heavenly Father has heard your confession. Through the life, death, and resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ, he forgives you all your sins. In faith run with perseverance the race marked out for you.

**Sing:**

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Who knows when death may o-ver-take me! Time pass-es on; my end draws near.  
How swift-ly can my breath for-sake me! How soon can life's last hour ap-pear!  
My God, for Jes-us' sake I pray Your peace may bless my dy-ing day.

### **Prayer of the Day**

P: Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **God's Word**

### **Isaiah 65:17-25 – *Pictures of Peace***

<sup>17</sup> "See, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind.<sup>18</sup> But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create, for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy. <sup>19</sup> I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people; the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more. <sup>20</sup> "Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his years; the one who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere child; the one who fails to reach a hundred will be considered accursed. <sup>21</sup> They will build houses and dwell in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit. <sup>22</sup> No longer will they build houses and others live in them, or plant and others eat. For as the days of a tree, so will be the days of my people; my chosen ones will long enjoy the work of their hands. <sup>23</sup> They will not labor in vain, nor will they bear children doomed to misfortune; for they will be a people blessed by the Lord, they and their descendants with them. <sup>24</sup> Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear. <sup>25</sup> The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox, and dust will be the serpent's food. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain," says the Lord.

**Sing:**

**Though death may come today, tomorrow, I know in Christ I perish not;  
He grants the peace that stills all sorrow, Gives me a robe without a spot.  
My God, for Jesus' sake I pray Your peace may bless my dying day.**

## Matthew 25:1-13 – *The wise and foolish virgins*

<sup>1</sup> “At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup> Five of them were foolish and five were wise. <sup>3</sup> The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. <sup>4</sup> The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. <sup>5</sup> The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

<sup>6</sup> “At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’ <sup>7</sup> “Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup> The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup> “‘No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup> “But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. <sup>11</sup> “Later the others also came. ‘Lord, Lord,’ they said, ‘open the door for us!’ <sup>12</sup> “But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I don’t know you.’ <sup>13</sup> “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

## Confession of Faith – Apostles’ Creed (spoken together)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

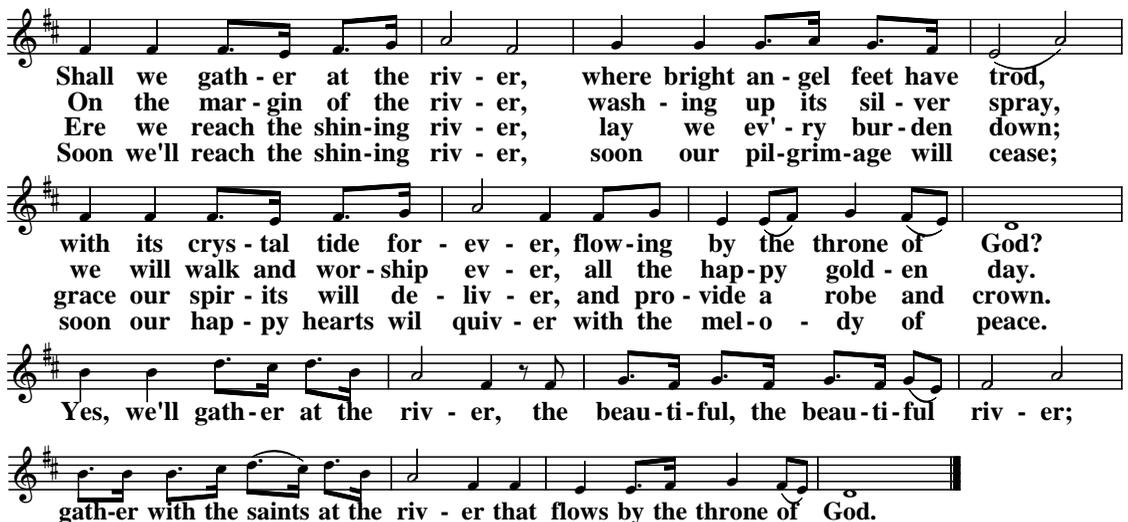
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Sermon Hymn

### *“Shall We Gather at the River”*

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Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,  
On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,  
Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev' - ry bur - den down;  
Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;

with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er, flow - ing by the throne of God?  
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.  
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.  
soon our hap - py hearts wil quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;  
gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

# SERMON

## End Time Pictures

Based on Isaiah 65:17-25

# PEACE

### Offering and Signing of Friendship Register

### Prayer of the Church

P: Lord of eternity and King of saints, all the heavens adore you. Saints and angels sing before you.

**C: We too join them to praise your majesty.**

P: You clothe us with garments of splendor. You bless us with grace and mercy in this life and eternal glory forever. What undeserved love you show us!

**C: We thank you, Lord, that you have made us your saints.**

P: Encourage us by your gracious splendor. Forgive our failures to live as you desire. Strengthen the faith of all who are weak and wandering.

**C: Give us power to live as your faithful people.**

P: Your saints will triumph forever in a new heaven and a new earth. The sound of weeping and crying will be heard no more. We anticipate with joy an eternity of perfect fellowship with you.

**C: Be with us as we work and witness for Christ, so that many more people can join us before your throne.**

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

P: Lord of life, the day is coming when you will come down from heaven with the voice of the archangel and the trumpet call of God. On that glorious day, the saints triumphant will rise in bright array, clothed in your perfect righteousness.

**C: Give us strength until that day when we will share fully in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

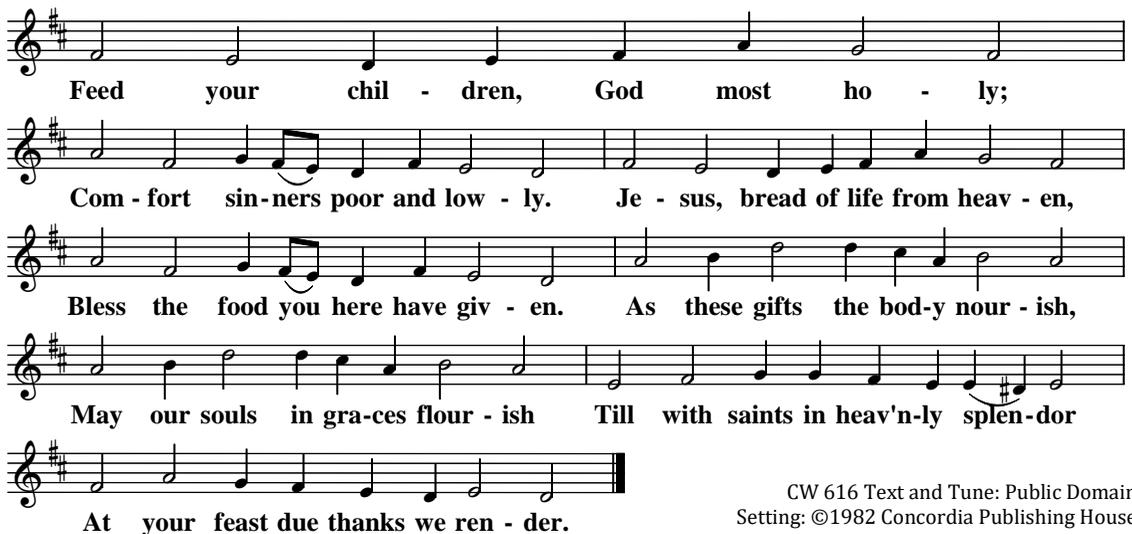
## Lord's Prayer

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.

# Lord's Supper

Our church practices membership communion. We ask that only members of our church body, the Wisconsin Lutheran synod, partake of the sacrament.

## Words of Institution



Feed your chil - dren, God most ho - ly;  
Com - fort sin - ners poor and low - ly. Je - sus, bread of life from heav - en,  
Bless the food you here have giv - en. As these gifts the bod - y nour - ish,  
May our souls in gra - ces flour - ish Till with saints in heav'n - ly splen - dor  
At your feast due thanks we ren - der.

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## Distribution

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

## Commemoration

P: On this Saints Triumphant Day, we remember those of our congregation who have gone before us with the sign of faith. They were created by God to offer him praise forever, redeemed by Jesus, God's Son, and filled with the Holy Spirit through Baptism, where God gave them new life. They have been nourished in the company of his people through the Lord's Supper and the Word, and in his mercy God has summoned them to his presence that they may continue in joyful service to him forever. We especially remember this day:

## † Marlene Dahlgard †

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on, for they will rest from their labors, and their deeds will follow them.

Revelation 14:13

P: In joyful expectation for the resurrection of the body to life, we remember before you, O Lord, all those who have gone before us in faith, whom we pause now to name in our hearts.

### *Silence*

P: May their memory among us be blessed and may we follow their foot steps of faith to your eternal presence in the heavenly kingdom.

**C: Amen.**

### Closing Hymn - "Then the Glory

**CW 218**

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## CALENDAR

Today	8 & 10:30a	Worship with Communion
	9:15a	Bible Class & Sunday School
	12:00p	Catechism
Monday		<i>Calendar &amp; Newsletter Deadline</i>
Mon - Wed		WELSSA Accreditation Team Visit
Wed	3:30p	Accreditation Team's Oral Report
	7:00p	Choir
Thursday	8:00a	Breakfast Bible Study
	7:00p	Worship
	7:45p	Bible Study
Sunday	8 & 10:30a	Worship
	9:15a	Bible Class & Sunday School
	12:00p	Catechism

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Thanksgiving Worship**  
**Thursday, November 28, at 9:00a**  
**Our Theme "An Attitude Adjustment"**  
**Psalm 116:12-19**

Our annual **CHRISTMAS MISSION MARKET** begins today! The Market will occur for about three to four weeks before first service and in between services. Here is an opportunity to pick up teacher gifts, hostess gifts, neighbor gifts, and the list could go on! All crated items or baked goods are donated by the COR Women's Group. ALL donations will go to the current Befriend-A-Mission project which is Venezuela Project. Stop by to browse and read about the wonderful mission work being performed in Venezuela.

### **Living Nativity**

**Saturday & Sunday, December 14 & 15, from 5-7:00p**

Over the years thousands of people have attended and heard the simple and beautiful Christmas message. We hope you have made it part of your Christmas Traditions. There is a board in the narthex to sign up and help.

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Worship services Sundays at 8 &  
10:30a (Summer Worship at 9a)  
Thursdays at 7p, during Lent and  
Advent Wednesdays at 7p  
Bible Study and Sunday  
School at 9:15a



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- A warm welcome to our visitors. May the Lord bless your worship with us today. We ask that you please sign the friendship register located at the end of the pew.
- Children – Activity bags are available in the coat room, off the narthex. During our service a staffed nursery is located straight ahead and to your left as you exit the sanctuary. While we encourage young children to be in the service, families may like to use the nursery and are invited to do so.
- Please let an usher know if you require a larger print bulletin.
- Our services can also be viewed online. Go to our website [corchurch.com](http://corchurch.com) and click on Video Broadcast.
- As a member of Christ Our Redeemer we are connected to each other through our unity of faith and the public confession of that faith in Lord's Supper. To read what our profession of faith is, go to [www.corchurch.com](http://www.corchurch.com) and click on "Our Beliefs" or take a copy of the tract "What We Believe" in the Visitor Information Center kiosk. To become a member of our church family, please speak with the pastor.