

THE HANDS OF THE PASSION

Hands of Humility (Jesus)



As We Gather

The theme for the 2021 Lenten sermons is “The Hands of the Passion.” When we consider Jesus and the people around him in his Passion, we can’t help but think of their hands—the hands that beat their breast, accepted money for betrayal, petulantly swung swords, pointed in accusation, beat and disavowed, praised, washed, were pierced, and offered eternal life. In short, we can’t help but think about how we sinners have had the same sinful hands of those who surrounded Jesus in his Passion, and how Jesus our Savior has touched us with his hands of grace.

Maundy Thursday

April 1, 2021

Our Mission

“To Know Jesus and to Make Him Known”

Our Vision

“Educate, Equip, and Encourage ourselves and our families through worship and study, and engage our community through discipleship, example and Acts of Kindness, using the unique gifts bestowed on each member of our congregation by the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.”

Worship Information

Parents with Young Children: We encourage families to worship together.

Worship Bulletin: Our order of service is printed out in your worship folder.

Worship Form: There are 5 “Movements” in our Worship.

- God grants us the gift of forgiveness.
- God speaks to us from His Word.
- God receives our offerings and prayers.
- God offers us His real presence in Holy Communion.
- God blesses us and sends us out.

Communion: Please read the Statement of Communion below.

(If you are **gluten intolerant** please speak with Pastor or an elder prior to the worship service so we can accommodate you.)

STATEMENT OF COMMUNION

BECAUSE THE WORD OF GOD TEACHES THAT:

- We are all sinners in need of forgiveness.
- Jesus is our only Savior from sin through His death and resurrection.
- The True Body and Blood of Christ is present in the Sacrament of the Holy Communion

 **Please see Pastor if you have any questions about this or do not believe in the Lord’s Supper in this way. You are welcome to come forward for a blessing if you are not communing.**

- **TO PREPARE:** Please use the Christian Questions with Their Answers from “The Sacrament of the Altar” on page 329 in the front of the Lutheran Service Book. You are not obligated to partake if you feel, for whatever reason, the need to refrain from the Lord’s Supper for a short time.
- **Please see Pastor if there is something going on in your life that needs the attention of Christ in private confession and absolution.**

Hymns will be from the Lutheran Service Book (LSB) and printed in the bulletin.

WELCOME to GUESTS & VISITORS

Opening Hymn “Go to Dark Gethsemane” LSB 436

Go to dark Gethsemane, All who feel the
Tempter-er’s pow’r; Your Redeemer’s conflict see
Watch with Him one bit-ter hour; Turn not from His
Griefs away; Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

Follow to the judgment hall, View the Lord of
Life arraigned; Oh, the worm-wood and the gall!
Oh, the pangs His soul sustained! Shun not suf-f’ring,
Shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.

Cal-v’ry’s mourn-ful moun-tain climb; There a-dor-ing
At His feet, Mark that mir-a-cle of time,
God’s own sac-ri-fice complete. It is finished!
Hear Him cry; Learn from Jesus Christ to die.

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: 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.

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

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

P: If we claim to be without sin,

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

Confession

P Let us heed our Lord’s call and go to Him in repentance.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have displayed the same errors of the people who saw our Savior during His sojourn on earth.**

With the tax collector, we beat our breasts saying, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner!”

With Judas, we greedily dip our hands into the money bag, betraying our Lord.

With Peter, we take quick action of our own will rather than following Christ’s lead.

With Caiaphas, we tear our clothes because our shiny nice image doesn’t match our sinful hearts.

With the soldiers, we might be overly aggressive toward

family or others in word and deed.

With Pilate, we don't use our hands to defend but instead do nothing.

With the disciples and crowds, we keep our hands in our pockets not raising them in praise or obedience.

With less than humble hands, we judge needs of our neighbor rather than serving them.

With wounded hands, we are slow to extend a hand of forgiveness.

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.

P: 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

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Psalm 116

Psalm Prayer

P: God of mercy and might, through the resurrection of your Son you have freed us from the anguish of guilt and the bonds of death. Be with us on our pilgrimage and help us glorify you in the presence of all your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 12:1-14

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL John 13:1-15, 34-35

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to John 13th chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Seasonal Response

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

Hymn “Create in Me” LSB 956

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence;
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;
and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.

Sermon Text: John 13:1-15, 34-35

Sermon Theme: Hands of Humility (Jesus)

Prayers of the Church

Peace of the Lord

P The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

We share the Lord’s peace with the words “Peace be with you,” acknowledging that we are at peace with all who come to the Table of the Lord.

Offering Prayer

[Please put your offering in the plate at the back of the sanctuary as you leave.]

TITHE & OFFERING – our sacrifice of thanksgiving to the Lord

Our “**tithes**” are our first fruits returned to God in proportional, joyful, thankful and faithful response to His grace. “**Offerings**” are special gifts for ministries, memorials and needs over and above the tithe.

(If you are a guest, we welcome you as a guest, so please do not feel obligated to give an offering unless you feel moved to do so by the Spirit).

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.**

The Words of Our Lord

Pastor: 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."

Proclamation of Christ

- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
P O Lord Jesus Christ, in this Sacrament You open our eyes again to view Your entire life among us in the past, Your presence with us now, and Your promised return. Hear us as we pray in Your name and as You have taught us.

Lord's Prayer *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

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.

Distribution Hymns

"What Is This Bread"

LSB 629

What is this bread?
Christ's body risen from the dead:
This bread we break,
This life we take,
Was crushed to pay for our release.
O taste and see the Lord is peace.

What is this wine?
The blood of Jesus shed for mine;
The cup of grace
Brings His embrace
Of life and love until I sing!
O taste and see the Lord is King.

So who am I,
That I should live and He should die
Under the rod?
My God, my God,
Why have You not forsaken me?
O taste and see the Lord is free.

Yet is God here?
Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,
In mouth and soul
He makes us whole
Christ, truly present in this meal.
O taste and see the Lord is real.

Is this for me?
I am forgiven and set free!
I do believe
That I receive
His very body and His blood.
O taste and see the Lord is good.

Hymn “Your Table I Approach”

LSB 628 v 1,2,3

Your table I approach;
Dear Savior, hear my prayer.
Let not an unrepentant heart
Prove hurtful to me there.

Lord, I confess my sins
And mourn their wretched bands;
A contrite heart is sure to find
Forgiveness at Your hands.

Your body and Your blood,
Once slain and shed for me,
Are taken at Your table, Lord,
In blest reality.

Evening Prayer

All: All praise to you, our God, this night for all the blessings of the light. Keep us, yes, keep us, King of kings beneath your own almighty wings. Forgive us, Lord, through your dear Son for sins that we this day have done, that as we sleep, peace we would hold with all, with you, within our souls. Amen.

Stripping of the Altar

P This is the night in which our Lord was betrayed. Knowing that it was for our salvation, He willingly let the forces of evil strip Him of freedom, friends, dignity, and life itself. All the appointments in the chancel remind us of our Lord, the light of the world, the Word of God appearing in the flesh, the covering for our sins, and so on. This evening, they are stripped away, leaving only the altar—the symbol for Christ Himself.

As the various items are removed, we speak together the words of Psalm 22, which anticipated our Lord's Passion and which He seems to have prayed while on the cross. And then we depart until our worship continues tomorrow.

Psalm 22 READ RESPONSIVELY

P Jesus may have prayed Psalm 22 as He hung on the cross. Today, we will use it to “frame” the Passion. Verses 1-18 read as if describing what Jesus was observing and experiencing on the cross. The last part is the conviction of everyone who sees in Him the salvation He won for us.

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the words of groaning?

C **O My God, I cry by day, but You do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest.**

P Yet You are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

C **In You our fathers trusted; they trusted, and You delivered them.**

P To You they cried and were rescued; in You they trusted and were not put to shame.

C **But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people.**

P All who see Me mock Me; they make mouths at Me; they wag their heads;

C **“He trusts in the Lord; let Him deliver Him; let Him rescue Him, for He delights in Him!”**

P Yet You are He who took Me from the womb;
You made Me trust You at My mother's breasts.

C **On You was I cast from My birth,
and from My mother's womb You have been My God.**

P Be not far from Me,
for trouble is near, and there is none to help.

C **My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?
Why are You so far from saving Me, from the words of
My groaning?**

P Many bulls encompass Me;
strong bulls of Bashan surround Me;

C **they open wide their mouths at Me,
like a ravening and roaring lion.**

P I am poured out like water, and all My bones are out of joint;

C **My heart is like wax; it is melted within My breast;**

P My strength is dried up like a potsherd,
and My tongue sticks to My jaws;

C **You lay Me in the dust of death.**

P For dogs encompass Me;
a company of evildoers encircles Me;

C **they have pierced My hands and feet—**

P I can count all My bones—
they stare and gloat over Me;

C **they divide My garments among them,
and for My clothing they cast lots.**

P But you, O LORD, do not be far off!
O you my help, come quickly to my aid!

C **Deliver my soul from the sword,
my precious life from the power of the dog!**

P Save me from the mouth of the lion!
You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

C **I will tell of your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:**

P You who fear the LORD, praise him!
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

C **For he has not despised or abhorred
the affliction of the afflicted,
and he has not hidden his face from him,
but has heard, when he cried to him.**

P From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

- C The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the LORD!
May your hearts live forever!**
- P All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations
shall worship before you.
- C For kingship belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations.**
- P All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
even the one who could not keep himself alive.
- C Posterity shall serve him;
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;**
- P they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people
yet unborn, that he has done it.

Hymn “Lamb of God, Pure and Holy” LSB 434

Lamb of God, pure and holy,
Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us,
Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O, Jesus!

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Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Thy peace be with us, O Jesus! O, Jesus!

Please observe silence while leaving.

Lenten Schedule at Beautiful Savior

Good Friday: Nail-Pierced Hands (Jesus)

Easter Sunday: Life-Giving Hands (Jesus)

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