

THE HANDS OF THE PASSION

Good Friday: Nail-Pierced Hands (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.

Good Friday

April 2, 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.

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’s pow’r; Your Redeemer’s conflict see,
Watch with Him one bitter 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 wormwood and the gall!
Oh, the pangs His soul sustained! Shun not suff’ring
Shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross

Calv’ry’s mournful mountain climb; There adoring
At His feet. Mark that miracle of time,
God’s own sacrifice 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.

Stations of the Cross – poster coloring stations / Readings

Station 1: Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane (Matthew 26:36-41)

Station 2: Jesus, Betrayed by Judas, is Arrested (Mark 14:43-46)

Station 3: Jesus is Condemned by the Sanhedrin (Luke 22:66-71)

Station 4: Jesus is Denied by Peter (Matthew 26:69-75)

Station 5: Jesus is Judged by Pilate (Mark 15:1-5, 15)

Station 6: Jesus is Scourged and Crowned with Thorns (John 19:1-3)

Station 7: Jesus Bears the Cross (John 19:6, 15-17)

Station 8: Jesus is Helped by Simon the Cyrenian to Carry the Cross (Mark 15:21)

Station 9: Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem (Luke 23:27-31)

Station 10: Jesus is Crucified (Luke 23:33-34)

Station 11: Jesus Promises His Kingdom to the Good Thief (Luke 23:39-43)

Station 12: Jesus Speaks to His Mother and the Disciples (John 19:25-27)

Station 13: Jesus Dies on the Cross (Luke 23:44-46)

Station 14: Jesus is Placed in the Tomb (Matthew 27:57-60)

Hymn “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” LSB 450

O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, Thine only crown;
O sacred Head, what glory, what bliss till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.

What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered, was all for sinners' gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression, but Thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve Thy place;
Look on me with Thy favor, vouchsafe to me Thy grace.

What language shall I borrow to thank Thee, dearest friend,
For this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?
O make me Thine forever, and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to Thee.

Be Thou my consolation, my shield when I must die;
Remind me of Thy passion when my last hour draws nigh.
Mine eyes shall then behold Thee, upon Thy cross **shall dwell**,
My heart by faith enfolds Thee. Who dieth thus dies well.

Sermon Text: Luke 23:32-34

Sermon Theme: Nail-Pierced Hands (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 in the back of the sanctuary upon leaving.]

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).

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.

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.

Blessing

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.

Hymn "Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted" LSB 451

Stricken, smitten, and afflicted,
See Him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ, by man rejected;
Yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!
'Tis the long-expected Prophet,
David's Son, yet David's Lord;
Proofs I see sufficient of it:
'Tis the true and faithful Word.

Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning,
Was there ever grief like His?
Friends through fear His cause disowning,
Foes insulting His distress;
Many hands were raised to wound Him,
None would interpose to save;
But the deepest stroke that pierced Him
Was the stroke that Justice gave.

Ye who think of sin but lightly
Nor suppose the evil great
Here may view its nature rightly,
Here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the sacrifice appointed,
See who bears the awful load;
'Tis the Word, the Lord's anointed,
Son of Man and Son of God.

Here we have a firm foundation,
Here the refuge of the lost;
Christ, the Rock of our salvation,
His the name of which we boast:
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded,
Sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded
Who on Him their hope have built.

Streptitus – Great Noise – Closing of Christ’s Tomb

EASTER VIGIL MEDITATION AS YOU DEPART IN SILENCE

“Go to Dark Gethsemane” LSB 436 v. 4

Early hasten to the tomb Where they laid His
Breathless clay; All is solitude and gloom.
Who has taken Him away? Christ is ris’n!
He meets our eyes. Savior, teach us so to rise.

[Station 15: The Resurrection of Jesus (Mark 16:1-6)]

Lenten Schedule at Beautiful Savior

Easter Sunday: Life-Giving Hands (Jesus)

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