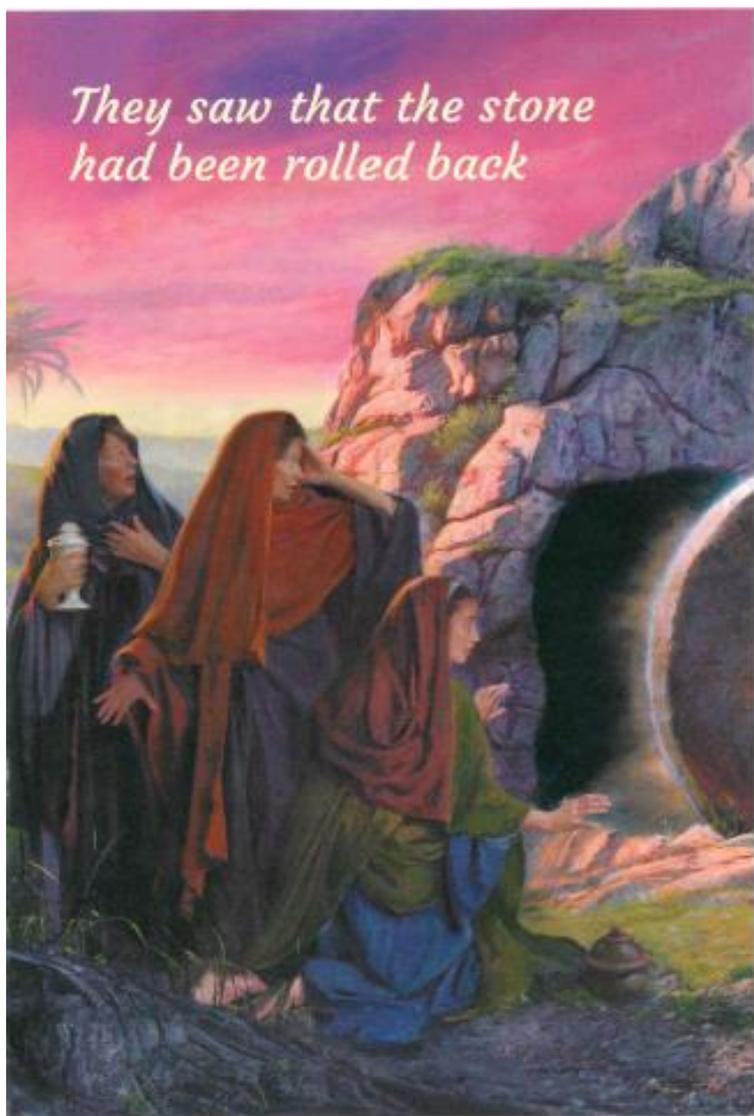


*They saw that the stone
had been rolled back*



THE HANDS OF THE PASSION

Life-Giving Hands of 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.

Easter Sunday

April 4, 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 “He’s Risen, He’s Risen” LSB 480

He’s risen, He’s risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
He opened Death’s prison, the Incarnate Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song,
And, earth, sea, and mountain, the paean prolong.

The Foe was triumphant when on Calvary
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.
In Satan’s domain did the hosts shout and jeer,
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.

But short was their triumph, the Savior arose,
And Death, hell, and Satan He vanquished, His foes;
The conquering Lord lifts His banner on high.
He lives, yea, He lives, and will nevermore die.

Oh, where is thy sting, Death? We fear thee no more;
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden’s door,
For all our transgressions His blood does atone;
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are His own.

Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain,
with Father and Spirit He ever shall reign.

Invocation

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.**

Psalm 118

Psalm Prayer

P: Lord Jesus, when you rose victorious from death, you gave us a day of great rejoicing. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone of our faith. Let cries of joy and exultation ring out to celebrate the good news of your resurrection, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 25:6-9 BACK OF BULLETIN

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 BACK OF BULLETIN

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 16:1-8 BACK OF BULLETIN

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 16th 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.

Hymn “Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia” LSB 466

Christ has arisen, alleluia. Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia. For our Redeemer burst from the tomb, Even from death, dispelling its gloom.

Ref: Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy; Death’s fearful sting He has come to destroy. Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!

For three long days the grave did its worst Until its strength by God was dispersed. He who gives life did death undergo; And in its conquest His might did show. **Refrain**

The angel said to them, “Do not fear! You look for Jesus who is not here. See for yourselves the tomb is all bare; Only the grave cloths are lying there.” **Refrain**

“Go spread the news: He’s not in the grave; He has arisen this world to save. Jesus’ redeeming labors are done; Even the battle with sin is won.”

Refrain

Christ has arisen; He sets us free; Alleluia, to Him praises be. Jesus is living! Let us all sing; He reigns triumphant, heavenly King. **Refrain**

Sermon Text: John 20:19-23

Sermon Theme: Life-Giving 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 drop your offering the plate at the entrance to the sanctuary. Thank you.]

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

“Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won” LSB 490

Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won!
Death no longer can appall me;
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done!
From the grave Christ will recall me.
Brighter scenes will then commence;
This shall be my confidence.

Jesus lives! To Him the throne
High above all things is given.
I shall go where He is gone,
Live and reign with Him in heaven.
God is faithful; doubtings, hence!
This shall be my confidence.

Jesus lives! For me He died.
Hence will I, to Jesus living,
Pure in heart and act abide,
Praise to Him and glory giving.
All I need God will dispense;
This shall be my confidence.

Jesus lives! I know full well
Nothing me from Him shall sever,
Neither death nor pow'rs of hell
Part me now from Christ forever.
God will be my sure defense;
This shall be my confidence.

Jesus lives! And now is death
But the gate of life immortal;
This shall calm my trembling breath
When I pass its gloomy portal.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense;
Jesus is my confidence!

“I Know that My Redeemer Lives” LSB 461

I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head.

He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.

He lives to bless me with His love;
He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.

He lives to grant me rich supply;
He lives to guide me with His eye;
He lives to comfort me when faint;
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.

He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly Friend;
He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;

Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives;
I know that my Redeemer lives!

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.

Address

P Through our hearing of the Gospel and receiving of our Lord's body and blood, we have been strengthened for the task. Indeed, in terms of seeing our Savior by faith, we can be sure that by His grace, though we once were blind, now we see. Let us confidently sing "Amazing Grace."

Hymn "Amazing Grace"

LSB 744 v. 1

Amazing grace--how sweet the sound--
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see!

Dismissal

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

DISMISSAL & SHARING of the PEACE of CHRIST

[You are dismissed. As you exit, we encourage you to get to know one another and to take this opportunity to share the peace of the risen and living Lord Jesus Christ! 😊]

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Old Testament Reading:

Isalah 25:6-9

- 6 On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.
- 7 And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.
- 8 He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.
- 9 It will be said on that day,
"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.
This is the Lord; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵and

that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Holy Gospel: Mark 16:1-8

¹When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" ⁴And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. ⁵And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.



About the Cover: The three women depicted on the cover paint a picture of shock, then bewilderment, and, finally, wonder as they stand closer to the empty tomb. It was, without a doubt, a jarring experience for those who witnessed the first Easter. And yet, Jesus does not leave us in shock but fills us with a joyful response to His saving work. His death and resurrection are for our forgiveness, life, and salvation! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!