



**The
Hands
of the
Passion**



MIDWEEK LENT 2

February 24, 2021



Welcome!

The members of Saint Peter Lutheran Church welcome you! If you have no church of your own, we encourage you to worship with us again and consider making this church your home.

THE SEASON OF LENT The word Lent comes from an Old English word for spring (“lengthen,” spring is when the days grow longer). For the last 1700 years, the Church has set aside the 40 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter as a time of special preparation. While it is a time of repentance and renewal, our 40 days of Lent are lived in the certain hope of the resurrection.

TODAY’S THEME

Hands of Hypocrisy (Caiaphas)

When we consider Jesus and the people around him in his Passion, we can’t help but think of the actions brought about by people’s hands. That leads us to think about how we sinners have had the same sinful hands of those involved in his Passion. Tonight we look at the hands of Caiaphas—a man who was nothing like what he pretended to be.

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THE HANDS OF THE PASSION

Hands of Hypocrisy (Caiaphas)

OPENING HYMN

“He Stood before the Court”

Christian Worship #115



1 He stood be - fore the court On trial in - stead of
2 These are the crimes that tell The tale of hu - man
3 The sen - tence must be passed, The un - known pris - 'ner
4 Shall we be judged and tried? In Christ our trial is



us; He met its pow'r to hurt, Con - demned to
guilt; Our sins, our death, our hell— On these the
killed; The price is paid at last, The law of
done; We live, for he has died, Our con - dem -



face the cross— Our King, ac - cused of treach - er -
case is built. To this world's pow'rs the Lord stays
God ful - filled. He takes our blame, and from that
na - tion gone. In Christ are we both dead and



y; Our God, a - bused for blas - phe - my!
dumb. The guilt is ours; no an - swers come.
day Th' ac - cu - ser's claim is wiped a - way.
raised, A - live and free— his name be praised!

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

C: Amen.

M: 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.

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

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

M: If we claim to be without sin,

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

C: 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.

M: 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

M: 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 2

Refrain

Great are the works of the Lord. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le-
lu - ia! Great are the works of the Lord.

Psalm tone

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Why do the nations conspire*
and the peoples plot in vain?
The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers
gather together against the LORD*
and against his Anointed One.

Refrain

The One enthroned in heaven laughs;*
the Lord scoffs at them.
Then he rebukes them in his anger
and terrifies them in his wrath, saying*,
“I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill.”
I will proclaim the decree of the LORD:*
He said to me, “You are my Son;
today I have become your Father.”

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning*,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

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PSALM PRAYER

P: Lord God, you anointed your Son to be King for the sake of your Church. Help us, as members of his kingdom, to serve him faithfully and to come to the full knowledge of his grace and glory, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

PASSION READING

Mark 14:1-26

Plot, Passover and Lord's Supper

¹ Now the Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread were only two days away, and the chief priests and the teachers of the law were scheming to arrest Jesus secretly and kill him. ² "But not during the festival," they said, "or the people may riot."

³ While he was in Bethany, reclining at the table in the home of Simon the Leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on his head.

⁴ Some of those present were saying indignantly to one another, "Why this waste of perfume? ⁵ It could have been sold for more than a year's wages and the money given to the poor." And they rebuked her harshly.

⁶ "Leave her alone," said Jesus. "Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. ⁷ The poor you will always have with you, and you can help them any time you want. But you will not always have me. ⁸ She did what she could. She poured perfume on my body beforehand to prepare for my burial. ⁹ Truly I tell you, wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her."

¹⁰ Then Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went to the chief priests to betray Jesus to them. ¹¹ They were delighted to hear this and promised to give him money. So he watched for an opportunity to hand him over.

¹² On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when it was customary to sacrifice the Passover lamb, Jesus' disciples asked him,

“Where do you want us to go and make preparations for you to eat the Passover?”

¹³ So he sent two of his disciples, telling them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. ¹⁴ Say to the owner of the house he enters, ‘The Teacher asks: Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ ¹⁵ He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.”

¹⁶ The disciples left, went into the city and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

¹⁷ When evening came, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. ¹⁸ While they were reclining at the table eating, he said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me—one who is eating with me.”

¹⁹ They were saddened, and one by one they said to him, “Surely you don’t mean me?”

²⁰ “It is one of the Twelve,” he replied, “one who dips bread into the bowl with me. ²¹ The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born.”

²² While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take it; this is my body.”

²³ Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it.

²⁴ “This is my blood of the ^[c] covenant, which is poured out for many,” he said to them. ²⁵ “Truly I tell you, I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

²⁶ When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

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

“Jesus, My Great High Priest”

Christian Worship #359



1 Je - sus, my great High Priest, Of - fered his blood and
2 To Christ, my sub - sti - tute, Will I com - mit my
3 My ad - vo - cate ap - pears For my de - fense on
4 Should all the hosts of death And pow'rs of hell un -



died; My guilt - y con - science seeks No sac - ri -
cause; He an - swers and ful - fills His Fa - ther's
high; A gra - cious Fa - ther hears And lays his
known Put their most dread - ful forms Of rage and



fice be - side. His pow'r - ful blood did once a -
bro - ken laws. Be - hold my soul at free - dom
thun - der by. Not all that hell or sin can
mis - chief on, I shall be safe, for Christ dis -



tone, And now it pleads be - fore the throne.
set— My Je - sus paid the dread - ful debt!
say Shall turn his heart, his love, a - way.
plays Su - pe - rior pow'r and guard - ian grace.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, abr., alt.
Tune: BEVAN (66 66 88) John Goss, 1800–80.

Sermon

Text: Mark 14:55-65

The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death, but they did not find any. Many testified falsely against him, but their statements did not agree.

Then some stood up and gave this false testimony against him: “We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this man-made temple and in three days will build another, not made by man.’” Yet even then their testimony did not agree.

Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, “Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?” But Jesus remained silent and gave no answer. Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?”

“I am,” said Jesus. “And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

The high priest tore his clothes. “Why do we need any more witnesses?” he asked. “You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?”

They all condemned him as worthy of death. Then some began to spit at him; they blindfolded him, struck him with their fists, and said, “Prophecy!” And the guards took him and beat him.

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OFFERING

The members of Saint Peter Lutheran Church have joined together to do the Lord’s work in this community and around the world. May God bless us as we do his work! Visitors need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry. To give an offering with your smartphone, text “givesplc” to 77977 and click on the link that you receive. Offerings can be given by credit card, debit card, or your bank account. They can also be mailed to our building.

VIDEO ANTHEM

6-8th grades

“Meditation for Lent: There Is a Green Hill”

INTERCESSIONS

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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

P: O God our Father, by your mercy and might, the world turns safely into darkness and returns again to light. We place into your hands our unfinished tasks, our unsolved problems, and our unfulfilled hopes, knowing that only what you bless will prosper. To your great love and protection, we commit each other and all those we love, knowing that you alone are our sure defender; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: 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.

CLOSING HYMN

"All Praise to Thee, My God This Night"

Christian Worship #592



1 All praise to thee, my God, this night For all the
2 Teach me to live that I may dread The grave as
3 When in the night I sleep - less lie, My soul with



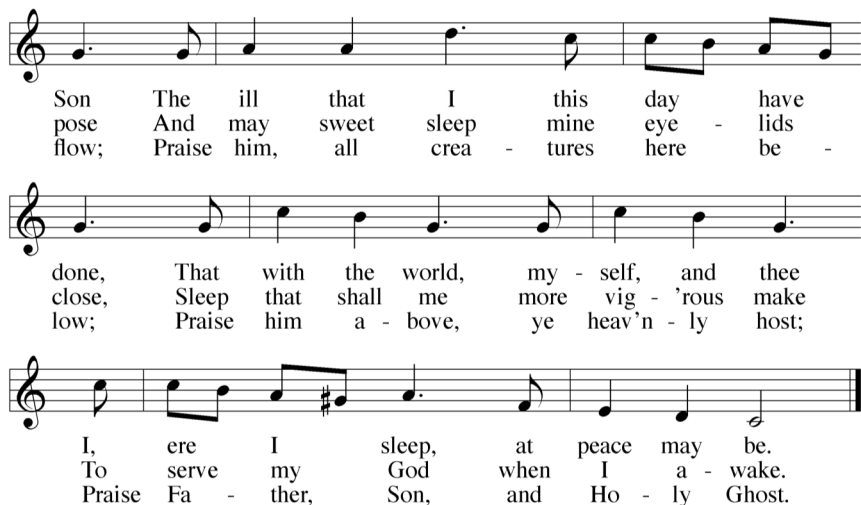
bles - ings of the light. Keep me, oh, keep me,
lit - tle as my bed. Teach me to die so
heav'n - ly thoughts sup - ply; Let no ill dreams dis -



King of kings, Be - neath thine own al - might -
that I may Rise glo - rious at the awe -
turb my rest, No pow'rs of dark - ness me



y wings. For - give me, Lord, for thy dear
full day. Oh, may my soul on thee re -
dis - tress. Praise God, from whom all bless - ings



Son The ill that I this day have
 pose And may sweet I mine eye - lids
 flow; Praise him, all crea - tures here be -

done, That with the world, my - self, and thee
 close, Sleep that shall me more vig - rous make
 low; Praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host;

I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.
 To serve my God when I a - wake.
 Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, abr., alt.
 Tune: EVENING HYMN (LM D) Charles F. Gounod, 1818–93, adapt.



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Lenten Midweek Worship
Wednesdays 4:30 & 6:30 p.m.

February 24

Hands of Hypocrisy

Pastor Jack Kelly

March 3

Hands of Betrayal

Pastor Keith Bilitz, Smith's Mill & Alma City

March 10

Hands of Misguided Zeal

Pastor Tom Smith, Owatonna

March 17

Hands of Repentance

Pastor Phil Gieschen, St. Peter

March 24

Hands of Self-Preservation

Pastor Jack Kelly

Sunday Worship During Lent

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Our Sunday morning messages in Lent will walk through a key chapter in Paul's letter to the Romans. Romans 8 is written for believers—believers who hurt, believers who cry, believers ready to give up, believers about to die, believers who doubt, believers who worry, believers who struggle, believers who feel they are nothing but “sheep to be slaughtered.” **Romans 8 is written for you and me.** Join us on Sundays in Lent as Romans 8 presents this most personal truth: ***God's grace is for me.***

February 28

God's Grace Gives Me the Holy Spirit
Pastor Jack Kelly

March 7

God's Grace Points Me to Heaven
Pastor Justin Heise

March 14

God's Grace Give Me My Own Prayer Counselor
Pastor Jack Kelly

March 21

God's Grace Is a "Forever" Love
Pastor Jack Kelly

March 28, Palm Sunday

Our King Comes to Us in Humility
Pastor Justin Heise

Service Notes

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