



**The
Hands
of the
Passion**



MIDWEEK LENT 3

March 3, 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 Betrayal (Judah)

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 Judas—a man whose love for money led him to be disloyal to his Lord.

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Serving Today:	Preacher —Pr. Keith Bilitz Liturgist —Pr. Keith Bilitz Organ/piano—Michelle Yotter A/V Technician—Steve Willett

THE HANDS OF THE PASSION

Hands of Betrayal (Judas)

Guest Pastor: Pr. Keith Bilitz, Smith's Mill & Alma City

OPENING HYMN

"Go to Dark Gethsemane"

Christian Worship #104



1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, All who feel the
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall; View the Lord of
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; There, a - dor - ing
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb Where they laid his



tempt - er's pow'r; Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see.
life ar - raigned. Oh, the worm - wood and the gall!
at his feet, Mark that mir - a - cle of time,
breath - less clay; All is sol - i - tude and gloom.



Watch with him one bit - ter hour; Turn not from his
Oh, the pangs his soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,
God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete. "It is fin - ished!"
Who has tak - en him a - way? Christ is ris'n! He



griefs a - way; Learn of Je - sus Christ to pray.
pain, or loss; Learn of him to bear the cross.
hear him cry; Learn of Je - sus Christ to die.
meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt.

Tune: GETHSEMANE (77 77 77) Richard Redhead, 1820-1901.

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 32

Refrain



Re - mem - ber your mer - cy, O Lord;



re - mem - ber your mer - cy and love.

Psalm tone



Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven,*
whose sins are covered.

When I kept silent, your hand was heavy upon me;*
my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you*
and did not cover up my iniquity.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"*
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Refrain

You are my hiding place,*

you will protect me from trouble.

Many are the woes of the wicked,*

but the LORD'S unfailing love surrounds those who trust in him.

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

PSALM PRAYER

P: Gracious Father in heaven, in countless ways we have transgressed against you. But you have been merciful to us and have forgiven the guilt of our sin. Surround us with your unfailing love that we may rejoice in your great goodness now and forever; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

PASSION READING

Mark 14:27-42

Gethsemane

²⁷ “You will all fall away,” Jesus told them, “for it is written: ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.’”

²⁸ But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.”

²⁹ Peter declared, “Even if all fall away, I will not.”

³⁰ “Truly I tell you,” Jesus answered, “today—yes, tonight—before the rooster crows twice^[b] you yourself will disown me three times.”

³¹ But Peter insisted emphatically, “Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you.” And all the others said the same.

³² They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” ³³ He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled. ³⁴ “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death,” he said to them. “Stay here and keep watch.”

³⁵ Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. ³⁶ “Abba,^[c] Father,” he said, “everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.”

³⁷ Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. “Simon,” he said to Peter, “are you asleep? Couldn’t you keep watch for one hour?” ³⁸ Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is

weak.”

³⁹ Once more he went away and prayed the same thing. ⁴⁰ When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. They did not know what to say to him.

⁴¹ Returning the third time, he said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. ⁴² Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!”

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 Grant that Balm and Healing”

Christian Worship #121



1 Je - sus, grant that balm and heal - ing In your
2 Should some lust or sharp temp - ta - tion Fas - ci -
3 If the world my heart en - tic - es With the
4 Ev - 'ry wound that pains or grieves me By your
5 O my God, my Rock and Tow - er, Grant that



ho - ly wounds I find, Ev - 'ry hour that
nate my sin - ful mind, Let me think a -
broad and eas - y road, With se - duc - tive,
wounds, Lord, is made whole; When I'm weak, your
in your death I trust, Know - ing death has



I am feel - ing Pains of bod - y and of mind.
bout your pas - sion, And new cour - age I shall find.
sin - ful vic - es, Let me think a - bout the load
cross re - vives me, Grant - ing new life to my soul.
lost his pow - er Since you crushed him in the dust.



Should some e - vil thought with - in Tempt my treach - 'rous
 Or should Sa - tan press me hard, Let me then be
 You were will - ing to en - dure; Then I'll flee all
 Yes, your com - fort ren - ders sweet Ev - 'ry bit - ter
 Sav - ior, let your ag - o - ny Ev - er help and



heart to sin, Show the per - il, and from sin - ning
 on my guard, Say - ing, "Christ for me was wound - ed,"
 thoughts im - pure, Mas - ter - ing each wild temp - ta - tion,
 cup I meet; For your all - a - ton - ing pas - sion
 com - fort me; When I die be my pro - tec - tion,



Keep me from its first be - gin - ning.
 That the tempt - er flee con - found - ed.
 Calm in prayer and med - i - ta - tion.
 Has pro - cured my soul's sal - va - tion.
 Light and life and res - ur - rec - tion.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647, abr.; tr. composite.
 Tune: DER AM KREUZ (87 87 77 88) Johann B. König, 1691–1758.

Sermon

Text: John 13:21-30

²¹ After he had said this, Jesus was troubled in spirit and testified, "Very truly I tell you, one of you is going to betray me."

²² His disciples stared at one another, at a loss to know which of them he meant. ²³ One of them, the disciple whom Jesus loved, was reclining next to him. ²⁴ Simon Peter motioned to this disciple and said, "Ask him which one he means."

²⁵ Leaning back against Jesus, he asked him, "Lord, who is it?"

²⁶ Jesus answered, "It is the one to whom I will give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish." Then, dipping the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. ²⁷ As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him.

So Jesus told him, "What you are about to do, do quickly." ²⁸ But no one at the meal understood why Jesus said

this to him.²⁹ Since Judas had charge of the money, some thought Jesus was telling him to buy what was needed for the festival, or to give something to the poor.³⁰ As soon as Judas had taken the bread, he went out. And it was night.

“Hands of Betrayal (Judas)”

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

K-1 grades

“The Coloring Song”

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

“Now the Day is Over ”

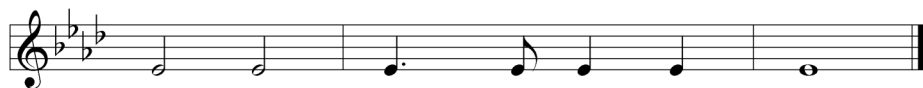
Christian Worship #589



1 Now the day is o - ver; Night is
2 Je - sus, give the wea - ry Calm and
3 Com - fort ev - 'ry suf - f'rer Watch - ing
4 Through the long night watch - es May your
5 When the morn - ing wak - ens, Then may



draw - ing nigh. Shad - ows of the
sweet re - pose; With your ten - d'rest
late in pain; Those who plan some
an - gels spread Their bright wings a -
I a - rise Pure and fresh and



eve - ning Steal a - cross the sky.
bless - ing May my eye - lids close.
e - vil, From their sin re - strain.
bove me, Watch - ing round my bed.
sin - less In your ho - ly eyes.

Text: Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834–1924, abr., alt.
Tune: MERRIAL (65 65) Joseph Barnby, 1838–96.



The Hands of the Passion

Lenten Midweek Worship

Wednesdays 4:30 & 6:30 p.m.

March 10 | *Hands of Misguided Zeal*
Pastor Tom Smith, Owatonna

March 17 | *Hands of Repentance*
Pastor Phil Gieschen, St. Peter

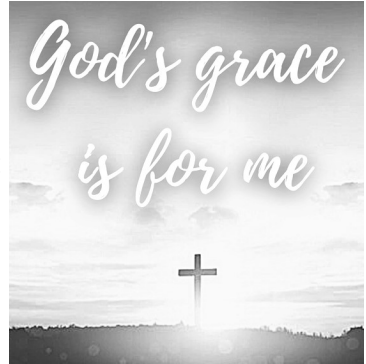
March 24 | *Hands of Self-Preservation*
Pastor Jack Kelly

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.***



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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