



**The
Hands
of the
Passion**



MIDWEEK LENT 4

March 10, 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 For centuries 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 Misguided Zeal (Peter)*

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 Peter—a man who loved his Lord, but tried to serve him without insight into God's will.

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Serving Today:	Worship leader— Pr. Tom Smith Organ/piano—Jennie Boeder A/V Technician—Steve Willett

THE HANDS OF THE PASSION

Hands of Misguided Zeal (Peter)

Guest Pastor: Pr. Tom Smith, Owatonna

OPENING HYMN

“Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain”

Christian Worship #106



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun-tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined
2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean-ness, Come de - filed, with -
3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound-ed, par - a -
4 He that drinks shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -



by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun-tain
out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean-ness,
lyzed, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,
new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



Flows to you, to me, to all, In a full, per -
From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and
Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain
Break his cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -



pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.
make them white; You shall walk with God in light.
will re - store; He that drinks shall thirst no more.
deem - er died, Sealed when he was glo - ri - fied.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.

Tune: NAAR MIT ÖIE (87 87 77) Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–87.

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 38

Refrain



Psalm tone



LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger*
or discipline me in your wrath.
For your arrows have pierced me,*
and your hand has come down upon me.
My guilt has overwhelmed me*
like a burden too heavy to bear.

Refrain

All my longings lie open before you, O LORD;*
my sighing is not hidden from you.
I wait for you, O LORD;*
you will answer, O Lord my God.
Come quickly to help me,*
O Lord my Savior.

**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: God our Father, you did not forget the pierced body of your Son and his sighing was not hidden from you. In your kindness look also on us, your children, weighed down with sins and grant us the fullness of your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

DUET

Paige Winkleman and Nora Otto

“His Mercy is More”

Arranged by Paul Campbell

PASSION READING

Mark 14:43-65

Trial before the High Priest

⁴³ Just as he was speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, appeared. With him was a crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests, the teachers of the law, and the elders.

⁴⁴ Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: “The one I kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.” ⁴⁵ Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, “Rabbi!” and kissed him. ⁴⁶ The men seized Jesus and arrested him. ⁴⁷ Then one of those standing near drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

⁴⁸ “Am I leading a rebellion,” said Jesus, “that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? ⁴⁹ Every day I was with you, teaching in the temple courts, and you did not arrest me. But the Scriptures must be fulfilled.” ⁵⁰ Then everyone deserted him and fled.

⁵¹ A young man, wearing nothing but a linen garment, was following Jesus. When they seized him, ⁵² he fled naked, leaving his garment behind.

⁵³ They took Jesus to the high priest, and all the chief priests, the elders and the teachers of the law came together. ⁵⁴ Peter followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. There he sat with the guards and warmed himself at the fire.

⁵⁵ 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. ⁵⁶ Many testified falsely against him, but their statements did not agree.

⁵⁷ Then some stood up and gave this false testimony against him: ⁵⁸ “We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this temple made with human hands and in three days will build another, not made with hands.’” ⁵⁹ Yet even then their testimony did not agree.

⁶⁰ 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?” ⁶¹ But Jesus remained silent and gave no answer.

Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?”

⁶² “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.”

⁶³ The high priest tore his clothes. “Why do we need any more witnesses?” he asked. ⁶⁴ “You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?”

They all condemned him as worthy of death. ⁶⁵ 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.

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

“Abide, O Dearest Jesus”

Christian Worship #333



1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, A - mong us
2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, A - mong us
3 A - bide with heav'n - ly bright - ness, A - mong us,
4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings A - mong us,
5 A - bide with your pro - tec - tion A - mong us,



with your grace That Sa - tan may not
with your Word And thus now and here -
pre - cious Light; Your truth di - rect and
boun - teous Lord; Let us in grace and
Lord, our Strength, Lest world and Sa - tan



harm us Nor we to sin give place.
af - ter True peace and joy af - ford.
keep us From er - ror's gloom - y night.
wis - dom Grow dai - ly through your Word.
fell us And ov - er - come at length.

6 Abide, O faithful Savior,
Among us with your love;
Grant steadfastness and help us
To reach our home above.

Text: Josua Stegmann, 1588–1632; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.
Tune: CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN (76 76) Melchior Vulpius, c. 1570–1615, alt.

Sermon

“Hands of Misguided Zeal” (Peter)

Text: John 18:2-11

² Now Judas, who betrayed him, knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with his disciples. ³ So Judas came to the garden, guiding a detachment of soldiers and some officials from the chief priests and the Pharisees. They were carrying

torches, lanterns and weapons.

⁴ Jesus, knowing all that was going to happen to him, went out and asked them, “Who is it you want?”

⁵ “Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied.

“I am he,” Jesus said. (And Judas the traitor was standing there with them.) ⁶ When Jesus said, “I am he,” they drew back and fell to the ground.

⁷ Again he asked them, “Who is it you want?”

“Jesus of Nazareth,” they said.

⁸ Jesus answered, “I told you that I am he. If you are looking for me, then let these men go.” ⁹ This happened so that the words he had spoken would be fulfilled: “I have not lost one of those you gave me.”^[a]

¹⁰ Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it and struck the high priest’s servant, cutting off his right ear. (The servant’s name was Malchus.)

¹¹ Jesus commanded Peter, “Put your sword away! Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given me?”

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.

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 Light Has Gone Away "

Christian Worship #593



1 Now the light has gone a - way;
2 Je - - sus, Sav - ior, wash a - way
3 Let my near and dear ones be
4 Now my eve - ning praise I give;
5 Ah, my best and kind - est Friend,



Fa - ther, lis - ten while I pray,
All that I've done wrong to - day.
Safe with you e - ter - nal - ly.
You once died that I might live.
You will love me to the end.



Ask - ing you to watch and keep
Make me ev - er more like you,
Oh, bring me and all I love
All your pre - cious gifts are free—
Let me love you more and more,



And to send me qui - et sleep.
Good and gen - tle, kind and true.
To your hap - py home a - bove.
Oh, how good you are to me!
Al - ways bet - ter than be - fore.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–79, alt.

Tune: MÜDE BIN ICH (77 77) *Liederbuch für Kleinkinder-Schulen*, Kaiserwerth, 1842, alt.



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*

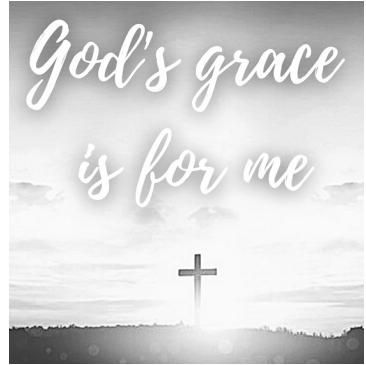
Pastor Jack Kelly

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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