



**The  
Hands  
of the  
Passion**



**MIDWEEK LENT 5**

March 17, 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 Repentance (Tax Collector)*

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 the tax collector—a man who shows us exactly the kind of hands of humility we want to have.

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| <b>Online streamed services</b> | Sundays at 10:30 a.m.<br>Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m.                                                                           |
| <b>Serving Today:</b>           | Preacher — Pr. Phil Gieschen<br>Liturgist — Pr. Phil Gieschen<br>Organ/piano—Jennie Boeder<br>A/V Technician—Steve Willett |

# THE HANDS OF THE PASSION

## *Hands of Repentance (Tax Collector)*

Guest Pastor: Pr. Phil Gieschen

### OPENING HYMN

“Jesus Sinners Does Receive”

*Christian Worship #304, v. 1-4*



1 Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive; Oh, may all this  
2 We de - serve but grief and shame, Yet his words, rich  
3 Sheep that from the fold did stray Are not by the  
4 Come, O sin - ners, one and all, Come, ac - cept his  
5 I, a sin - ner, come to you With a pen - i -



say - ing pon - der Who in sin's de - lu - sions live  
grace re - veal - ing, Par - don, peace, and life pro - claim;  
Lord for - sak - en; Wea - ry souls who lost their way  
in - vi - ta - tion. Come, o - bey his gra - cious call;  
tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, show me mer - cy, too;



And from God and heav - en wan - der. Here is hope  
Here their ills have per - fect heal - ing Who with hum -  
Are by Christ, the shep - herd, tak - en In his arms  
Come and take his free sal - va - tion! Firm - ly in  
Grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words



for all who grieve— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.  
ble hearts be - lieve— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.  
that they may live— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.  
these words be - lieve— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.  
my soul re - ceive— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.

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 51A

*Refrain*

Be mer - ci - ful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

*Psalm tone*

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O Have mercy on me, O God,\*  
according to your unfailing love.  
Wash away all my iniquity,\*  
and cleanse me from my sin.  
For I know my transgressions,\*  
and my sin is always before me.

### ***Refrain***

Against you, you only, have I sinned\*  
and done what is evil in your sight.  
Surely I was sinful at birth,\*  
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.  
Hide your face from my sins,\*  
and blot out all my iniquity.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,\*  
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

**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: Almighty and merciful Father, you freely forgive those who, as David of old, acknowledge and confess their sins. Create in us pure hearts, and wash away all our sins in the blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

## VIDEO ANTHEM

Grades 2-3

*“In Christ Alone”*

## PASSION READING

Mark 14:66-15:15

*Trial before Pilate*

<sup>66</sup> While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came by. <sup>67</sup> When she saw Peter warming himself, she looked closely at him.

“You also were with that Nazarene, Jesus,” she said.

<sup>68</sup> But he denied it. “I don’t know or understand what you’re talking about,” he said, and went out into the entryway. <sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>69</sup> When the servant girl saw him there, she said again to those standing around, “This fellow is one of them.” <sup>70</sup> Again he denied it.

After a little while, those standing near said to Peter, “Surely you are one of them, for you are a Galilean.”

<sup>71</sup> He began to call down curses, and he swore to them, “I don’t know this man you’re talking about.”

<sup>72</sup> Immediately the rooster crowed the second time. <sup>[b]</sup> Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken to him: “Before the rooster crows twice <sup>[c]</sup> you will disown me three times.” And he broke down and wept.

<sup>15</sup> Very early in the morning, the chief priests, with the elders, the teachers of the law and the whole Sanhedrin, made their

plans. So they bound Jesus, led him away and handed him over to Pilate.

<sup>2</sup> “Are you the king of the Jews?” asked Pilate.

“You have said so,” Jesus replied.

<sup>3</sup> The chief priests accused him of many things. <sup>4</sup> So again Pilate asked him, “Aren’t you going to answer? See how many things they are accusing you of.”

<sup>5</sup> But Jesus still made no reply, and Pilate was amazed.

<sup>6</sup> Now it was the custom at the festival to release a prisoner whom the people requested. <sup>7</sup> A man called Barabbas was in prison with the insurrectionists who had committed murder in the uprising. <sup>8</sup> The crowd came up and asked Pilate to do for them what he usually did.

<sup>9</sup> “Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?” asked Pilate, <sup>10</sup> knowing it was out of self-interest that the chief priests had handed Jesus over to him. <sup>11</sup> But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have Pilate release Barabbas instead.

<sup>12</sup> “What shall I do, then, with the one you call the king of the Jews?” Pilate asked them.

<sup>13</sup> “Crucify him!” they shouted.

<sup>14</sup> “Why? What crime has he committed?” asked Pilate.

But they shouted all the louder, “Crucify him!”

<sup>15</sup> Wanting to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. He had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.

## **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 OF THE DAY

### “Chief of Sinners Though I Be”

*Christian Worship #385*



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed his  
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the  
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part, Com - fort to a  
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in  
5 Strength - en me, O gra - cious Lord, By your Spir - it



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,  
heav'n's a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,  
wound - ed heart: Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,  
all to me. All my wants to him are known;  
and your word. When my way - ward heart would stray,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is  
Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty, Love that found me—  
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to  
All my sor - rows are his own. Safe with him in  
Keep me in the nar - row way; Grace in time of



to the vine, I am his and he is mine!  
won - drous thought!— Found me when I sought him not.  
walk with God In the way that È - noch trod.  
earth - ly strife, I a - wait the heav'n - ly life.  
need sup - ply While I live and when I die.

Text: William McComb, 1793–c. 1870, alt.  
Tune: GETHSEMANE (77 77 77) Richard Redhead, 1820–1901.

## Sermon

### “Hands of Repentance” (Tax Collector)

**Text: Luke 18:9-14**

<sup>9</sup> To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this



parable: <sup>10</sup> “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup> The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup> I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’

<sup>13</sup> “But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’

<sup>14</sup> “I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

## **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 Rest Beneath Night's Shadow"

*Christian Worship #587*



1 Now rest be - neath night's shad - ow The wood - land,  
2 The rule of day is o - ver And shin - ing  
3 Lord Je - sus, since you love me, Oh, spread your  
4 My loved ones, rest se - cure - ly, For God this



field, and mead - ow; The world in slum - ber  
jew - els cov - er The heav - en's bound - less  
wings a - bove me And shield me from a -  
night will sure - ly From per - il guard your



lies. But you, my heart, a - wak - en,  
blue. Thus I shall shine in heav - en,  
larm. Though Sa - tan would as - sail me,  
heads. Sweet slum - bers may he send you



With prayer and song be tak - en;  
Where crowns of gold are giv - en  
Your mer - cy will not fail me;  
And bid his hosts at - tend you



Let praise to your Cre - a - tor rise.  
To all who faith - ful prove and true.  
I rest in your pro - tect - ing arm.  
And through the night watch o'er your beds.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76, abr.; tr. composite.

Tune: O WELT, ICH MUSS DICH LASSEN (776 778) Heinrich Isaac, c. 1450–1517, alt.



# The Hands of the Passion

## Lenten Midweek Worship

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

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

## Sunday Worship in Lent

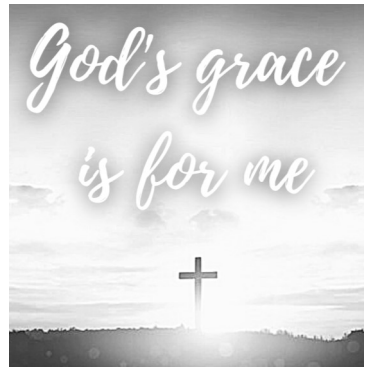
**8:00 & 10:30 a.m.**

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

**March 28, Palm Sunday** | *Hands of Praise*  
Pastor Justin Heise

# HOLY WEEK



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday.....March 28 at & 10:30 a.m.

*Hands of Praise*

Maundy Thursday .....April 1 at 6:30 p.m.

*Hands of Humility*

Good Friday afternoon.....April 2 at 1:30 p.m.

*God's grace acquitted me!*

Good Friday Hispanic .....April 2 at 3:00 p.m.

Good Friday evening .....April 2 at 7:00 p.m.

*Service of Darkness*

Easter Sunrise Service .....April 4 at 6:30 a.m.

*With Holy Communion*

Easter Festival Services ..... 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

### Service Notes

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