



**The  
Hands  
of the  
Passion**



**Bethel and Grace Lutheran Churches**

*2021 Lenten Worship*

1 Sweet the moments, rich in blessing, Which before the cross we spend,  
Life and health and peace possessing From the sinner's dying friend.

2 Here we rest in wonder, viewing All our sins on Jesus laid;  
Here we see redemption flowing From the sacrifice he made.

3 Here we find the dawn of heaven While upon the cross we gaze,  
See our trespasses forgiven, And our songs of triumph raise.

4 Oh, that, near the cross abiding, We may to the Savior cleave,  
Naught with him our hearts dividing, All for him content to leave!

5 Lord, in loving contemplation Fix our hearts and eyes on you  
Till we taste your full salvation And your unveiled glory view.

**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.**

**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, God 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**

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.

**LET MY PRAYER RISE BEFORE YOU**

**C:** Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense, the lift - ing  
up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice. O Lord, I  
call to you; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice when I  
cry to you. Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense,  
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

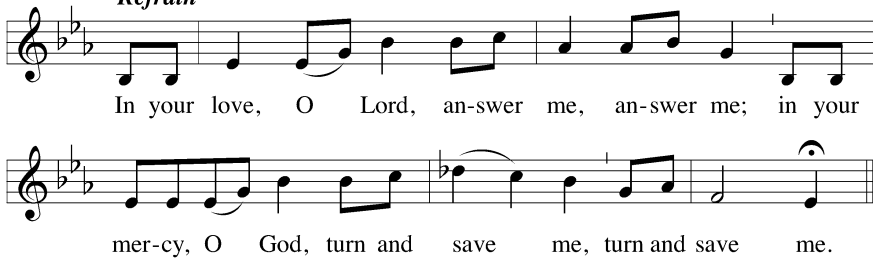
**PRAYER**

Let our prayers be acceptable in your sight. Come and help us in time of need that we may sing your praise in holy joy now and forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**PSALM**

*Refrain*



In your love, O Lord, an-swer me, an-swer me; in your  
mer-cy, O God, turn and save me, turn and save me.

*Psalm Tone*



Save me, O God,  
for the waters have come up to my neck.

Those who hate me without reason outnumber the hairs of my head;  
many are my enemies without cause, those who seek to destroy me.

May those who hope in you not be disgraced because of me, O LORD Almighty;  
may those who seek you not be put to shame because of me, O God of Israel.

For zeal for your house consumes me,  
and the insults of those who insult you fall on me.

Answer me, O LORD, out of the goodness of your love;  
in your great mercy turn to me.

*Refrain*

They put gall in my food  
and gave me vinegar for my thirst.

The LORD hears the needy  
and does not despise his captive people.

Let heaven and earth praise him,  
the seas and all that move in them,

for God will save Zion  
and rebuild the cities of Judah.

I will praise God's name in song  
and glorify him with thanksgiving.

**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

Lord God, our refuge and strength, when the restless powers of this world and the fury of Satan rise up against your holy city, watch over it and keep it safe. Be with us in every time of trouble and bring us to the new Jerusalem where you live and reign, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## PASSION READING

Part 2 | Mark 14:27-42

<sup>27</sup>Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away because of me. For it is written: 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' <sup>28</sup>But after I am raised, I will go ahead of you into Galilee."

<sup>29</sup>But Peter said to him, "Even if all fall away, I will not."

<sup>30</sup>Jesus said to him, "Amen I tell you: Today—this very night—before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times."

<sup>31</sup>But Peter kept saying emphatically, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never deny you." And they all said the same thing.

<sup>32</sup>They went to a place named Gethsemane. Jesus told his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." <sup>33</sup>Then he took Peter, James, and John along with him and began to be troubled and distressed. <sup>34</sup>He said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow, even to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch."

<sup>35</sup>Going forward a little, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. <sup>36</sup>He also said, "*Abba*, Father, everything is possible for you. Take this cup away from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will."

<sup>37</sup>When he returned to the disciples, he found them sleeping. He said to Peter, "Simon, are you sleeping? Were you not strong enough to keep watch for one hour? <sup>38</sup>Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

<sup>39</sup>Again he went away and prayed, saying the same thing. <sup>40</sup>When he returned, he found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. They did not know what they should answer him. <sup>41</sup>He returned the third time and said to them, "Are you going to continue sleeping and

resting? It is enough. The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>42</sup>Rise, let us go. Look, my betrayer is near.”

## SEASONAL RESPONSE

**A** **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

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* | 105

1 O sacred head, now wounded, With grief and shame weighed down,  
Now scornfully surrounded, With thorns your only crown,  
O sacred head, no glory Now from your face does shine;  
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call you mine.

2 Men mock and taunt and jeer you, They smite your countenance,  
Though mighty worlds shall fear you And flee before your glance.  
How pale you are with anguish, With sore abuse and scorn!  
Your eyes with pain now languish That once were bright as morn!

3 Now from your cheeks has vanished Their color, once so fair;  
From your red lips is banished The splendor that was there.  
Grim death with cruel rigor Has robbed you of your life;  
Thus you have lost your vigor, Your strength, in this sad strife.

4 My burden in your passion, Lord, you have borne for me,  
For it was my transgression, My shame, on Calvary.  
I cast me down before you; Wrath is my rightful lot.  
Have mercy, I implore you; Redeemer, spurn me not!

5 What language shall I borrow To thank you, dearest Friend,  
For this, your dying sorrow, Your pity without end?  
Oh, make me yours forever, And keep me strong and true;  
Lord, let me never, never Outlive my love for you.

## SERMON



C: My soul pro-claims the great-ness of the Lord; my spir-it re-



joic - es in God my Sav - ior, for he has looked with fa - vor



on his low - ly ser - vant. From this day all gen - er - a - tions



will call me bless - ed. The Al - might - y has done great



things for me, and ho - ly is his name. He has mer - cy on




those who fear him in ev - 'ry gen - er - a - tion.



He has shown the strength of his arm; he has scat - tered the




proud in their con - ceit. He has cast down the might - y



from their thrones and has lift - ed up the low - ly.



He has filled the hun - gry with good things, and the rich




he has sent a - way emp - ty. He has come to the



help of his ser - vant Is - ra - el, for he has re - mem - bered his



prom - ise of mer - cy, the prom - ise made to our fa - thers,



to A - bra - ham, and to his chil - dren for - ev - er. A - men.

**OFFERING** *(Please make use of the offering plate in the entry or online options.)*

## PRAYER

### 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.

### SONG OF SIMEON



C: In peace, Lord, you let your ser - vant now de - part



ac - cord - ing to your word. For my eyes have seen



your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry



peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles



and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

## BLESSING

**M** The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** Amen

## HYMN

*Now the Day Is Over* | 589

- 1 Now the day is over; Night is drawing nigh.  
Shadows of the evening Steal across the sky.
- 2 Jesus, give the weary Calm and sweet repose;  
With your tend'rest blessing May my eyelids close.
- 3 Comfort ev'ry suff'rer Watching late in pain;  
Those who plan some evil, From their sin restrain.
- 4 Through the long night watches May your angels spread  
Their bright wings above me, Watching round my bed.
- 5 When the morning wakens, Then may I arise  
Pure and fresh and sinless In your holy eyes.

## Lenten Schedule for 2021

Week 1 – Pastor Beckmann – Hands of Hypocrisy (Caiaphas)

Week 2 – Pastor Stellick – Hands of Brutality (Soldiers)

Week 3 – Pastor Dauck – Hands of Betrayal (Judas)

Week 4 – Pastor Berger – Hands of Misguided Zeal (Peter)

Week 5 – Pastor Kemnitz – Hands of Self-Preservation (Pilate)

Week 6 – Pastor Kahrs - Hands of Repentance (Tax Collector)

## Sunday Lenten Series: The Struggle

Lent 1 – Psalm 3 The Struggle against the Enemy

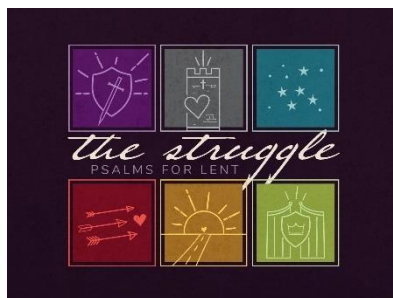
Lent 2 – Psalm 73 The Struggle seems Unfair.

Lent 3 – Psalm 19 – The Struggle. Empowered by God’s Word

Lent 4 - Psalm 38 - The Struggle with Guilt

Lent 5 – Psalm 143 – The Struggle is Relentless.

Lent 6 – Psalm 24 – The Return of the King.



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Pastor Justin Dauck from St. Paul's Plymouth, also serving Christ in Beatrice

Pastor Fred Berger from St. Paul's Plymouth, also serving Christ in Beatrice

Pastor Timothy Kemnitz from Mt. Olive in Lincoln

Pastor Steven Kahrs from Zion Clatonia and St. John Cortland, also serving as Circuit Pastor

