



**The  
Hands  
of the  
Passion**



**Bethel and Grace Lutheran Churches**

*2021 Lenten Worship*

1 Go to dark Gethsemane, All who feel the tempter's pow'r;  
Your Redeemer's conflict see. Watch with him one bitter hour;  
Turn not from his griefs away; Learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

2 Follow to the judgment hall; View the Lord of life arraigned.  
Oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!  
Shun not suff'ring, pain, or loss; Learn of him to bear the cross.

3 Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb; There, adoring at his feet,  
Mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete.  
"It is finished!" hear him cry; Learn of Jesus Christ to die.

**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*



We com - mit our-selves to you, O Lord.



Your faith - ful - ness en - dures for - ev - er.

*Psalm Tone*



Do not fret because of evil men  
or be envious of those who do wrong;  
for like the grass they will soon wither,  
like green plants they will soon die away.

*Refrain*

Trust in the LORD and do good;  
dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.  
Delight yourself in the LORD  
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the LORD;  
trust in him and he will do this:  
He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn,  
the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.

*Refrain*

I was young and now I am old,  
yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread.  
Turn from evil and do good;  
then you will dwell in the land forever.

For the LORD loves the just  
and will not forsake his faithful ones.  
The salvation of the righteous comes from the LORD;  
he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

**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, in this changing world we look to you as our unchanging rock of refuge and hope. Hear us as we plead for your mercy, and grant us your saving grace and protection; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

## PASSION READING

Part 4 | Mark 14:66-15:15

<sup>66</sup>While Peter was in the courtyard below, one of the servant girls of the high priest came there. <sup>67</sup>When she saw Peter warming himself, she looked directly at him and said, "You were also with the Nazarene, Jesus!"

<sup>68</sup>But he denied it, saying, "I don't know or understand what you are saying," and he went out to the entryway. Then a rooster crowed.

<sup>69</sup>When the servant girl saw him, once more she began to tell those standing there, "This is one of them."

<sup>70</sup>But again he denied it. After a little while those who were standing there said to Peter, "Surely you are one of them, because you are a Galilean."

<sup>71</sup>But he began to curse and to swear, "I do not know this man you are talking about!"

<sup>72</sup>Just then, the rooster crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said to him: "Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times." And he broke down and wept.

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests, along with the elders, the experts in the law, and the whole Sanhedrin, reached a decision. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. <sup>2</sup>Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

He answered him, "It is as you say."

<sup>3</sup>The chief priests accused him of many things. <sup>4</sup>Pilate questioned him again, "Are you not going to answer anything? See how many charges they are bringing against you!"

<sup>5</sup>But Jesus still did not answer anything, so Pilate was amazed.

<sup>6</sup>At each Festival, Pilate used to release to the people one prisoner whom they requested. <sup>7</sup>There was one named Barabbas, who was imprisoned with the rebels and had committed murder in the rebellion. <sup>8</sup>The crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do for them what he usually did.

<sup>9</sup>Pilate replied, "Do you want me to release the King of the Jews to you?" <sup>10</sup>In fact, he knew that it was because of envy that the chief priests had handed him over.

<sup>11</sup>But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas to them instead.

<sup>12</sup>Again, Pilate replied to them, "Then what do you want me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?"

<sup>13</sup>"Crucify him!" they shouted back.

<sup>14</sup>But Pilate said to them, "Why? What has he done wrong?"

But they shouted even louder, "Crucify him!"

<sup>15</sup>Since he wanted to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. After he had Jesus flogged, he handed him over to be crucified.

## 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

*In the Hour of Trial* | 116

1 In the hour of trial, Jesus, plead for me  
Lest by base denial I unworthy be.  
When you see me waver, With a look recall,  
Nor for fear or favor Ever let me fall.

2 With forbidden pleasures Should this vain world charm  
Or its tempting treasures Spread to work me harm,  
Bring to my remembrance Sad Gethsemane  
Or, in darker semblance, Cross-crowned Calvary.

3 Should your mercy send me Sorrow, toil, and woe,  
Or should pain attend me On my path below,  
Grant that I may never Fail your cross to view;  
Grant that I may ever Cast my care on you.

4 When my life is ending, Though in grief or pain,  
When my body changes Back to dust again,  
On your truth relying, Through that mortal strife,  
Jesus, take me, dying, To eternal life.

## 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

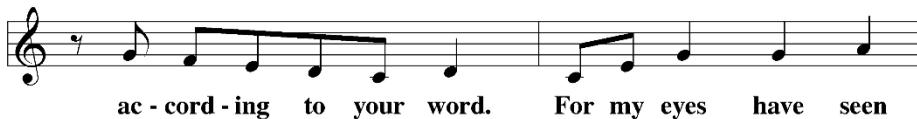
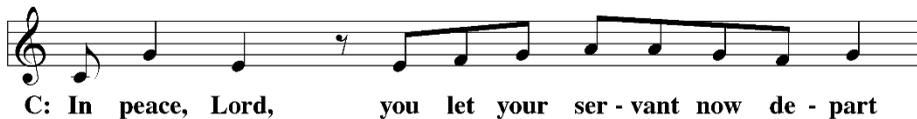
### LORD'S PRAYER

- © 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



## BLESSING

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

☒ **Amen**

## HYMN

*All Praise to Thee* | **592**

1 All praise to thee, my God, this night For all the blessings of the light.  
Keep me, oh, keep me, King of kings, Beneath thine own almighty wings.  
Forgive me, Lord, for thy dear Son The ill that I this day have done,  
That with the world, myself, and thee I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.

2 Teach me to live that I may dread The grave as little as my bed.  
Teach me to die so that I may Rise glorious at the awe-full day.  
Oh, may my soul on thee repose And may sweet sleep mine eyelids close,  
Sleep that shall me more vig'rous make To serve my God when I awake.

3 When in the night I sleepless lie, My soul with heav'nly thoughts supply;  
Let no ill dreams disturb my rest, No pow'rs of darkness me distress.  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

## 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.



Special thanks to the Pastors of the Blue River Circuit for participating in our Lenten Pulpit Exchange:

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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

