



**The
Hands
of the
Passion**



Bethel and Grace Lutheran Churches

2021 Lenten Worship

1 Alas! and did my Savior bleed, And did my Sov'reign die?
Would he devote that sacred head For sinners such as I?

2 Was it for crimes that I had done He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown, And love beyond degree!

3 Well might the sun in darkness hide And shut its glories in
When God, the mighty Maker, died For his own creatures' sin.

4 Thus might I hide my blushing face While his dear cross appears,
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness, And melt my eyes to tears.

5 But drops of grief can ne'er repay The debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away—'Tis all that I can do.

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



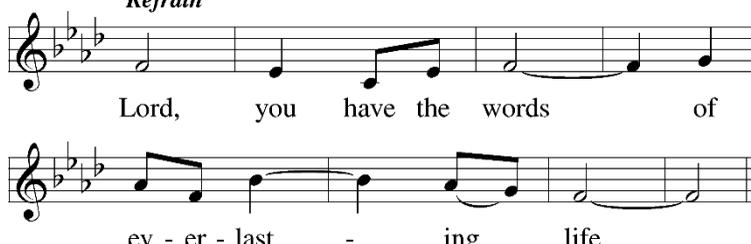
C: Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense, the lift - ing
up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice. O Lord, I
call to you; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice when I
cry to you. Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense,
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri -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

Refrain



Lord, you have the words of
ev - er - last - ing life.

Psalm tone *

Teach me, O LORD, to follow your decrees;*
then I will keep them to the end.

Give me understanding, and I will keep your law*
and obey it with all my heart.

Direct me in the path of your commands,*
for there I find delight.

Refrain

Turn my eyes away from worthless things;*
preserve my life according to your Word.

Fulfill your promise to your servant,*
so that you may be feared.

How I long for your precepts!*
Preserve my life in your righteousness.

**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

O Lord, your Word is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness. Guide our footsteps by your Word so that we may remain steadfast in faith, love you with all our hearts, and love our neighbor as ourselves; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C Amen.

PASSION READING

Part 5 | Mark 15:16-32

¹⁶The soldiers led him away inside the palace, which is the Praetorium, and called together the whole cohort^a of soldiers. ¹⁷They put a purple robe on him, twisted together a crown of thorns, and put it on him. ¹⁸The soldiers began to salute him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ¹⁹They kept hitting him on the head with a reed and spitting on him. They also kneeled down to pay homage to him.

²⁰When they had mocked him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothing on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

²¹A certain man, Simon of Cyrene (the father of Alexander and Rufus), was passing by on his way in from the country. They forced him to carry Jesus' cross. ²²They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means, "The place of a skull." ²³They tried to give him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. ²⁴They crucified him. And they divided his garments, casting lots for them to decide what each of them would take.

²⁵Now it was the third hour^a when they crucified him. ²⁶The superscription stating the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." ²⁷They also crucified two criminals with him, one on his right and one on his left.^b

²⁹Those who passed by ridiculed him, shaking their heads and saying, "Ha! You who are going to destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, ³⁰save yourself! Come down from the cross!"

³¹In the same way, the chief priests along with the experts in the law mocked him among themselves. "He saved others," they said. "He cannot save himself. ³²Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross so that we may see and believe!"

Those who were crucified with him also insulted him.

^a A Roman cohort was about six hundred soldiers.

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^b Some witnesses to the text include verse 28: *The Scripture was fulfilled, which says, "He was numbered with transgressors."* See Luke 22:37, where its inclusion is certain.

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 Dearest Jesus | 117

1 O dearest Jesus, what law have you broken
That such sharp sentence should on you be spoken?
Of what great crime have you to make confession—What dark transgression?

2 They crown your head with thorns, they smite, they scourge you;
With cruel mockings to the cross they urge you;
They give you gall to drink, they still decry you; They crucify you.

3 Whence come these sorrows, whence this mortal anguish?
It is my sins for which you, Lord, must languish;
Yes, all the wrath, the woe that you inherit, This I do merit.

4 What punishment so strange is suffered yonder!
The Shepherd dies for sheep that love to wander;
The Master pays the debt his servants owe him, Who would not know him.

5 The sinless Son of God must die in sadness;
The sinful child of man may live in gladness;
We forfeited our lives, yet are acquitted—God is committed.

6 I'll think upon your mercy without ceasing,
That earth's vain joys to me no more be pleasing;
To do your will shall be my sole endeavor Henceforth forever.

7 And when, dear Lord, before your throne in heaven
To me the crown of joy at last is given,
Where sweetest hymns your saints forever raise you, I too shall praise 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-ceil. 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

☒ 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

God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven | 590

1 God, who made the earth and heaven, Darkness and light,
You the day for work have given, For rest the night.
May your angel host defend us, Slumber sweet your mercy send us,
Holy dreams and hopes attend us All through the night.

2 And when morn again shall call us To run life's way,
May we still, whate'er befall us, Your will obey.
From the pow'r of evil hide us; In the narrow pathway guide us;
Never be your smile denied us, All through the day.

3 Guard us waking, guard us sleeping, And, when we die,
May we in your mighty keeping All peaceful lie.
When the last dread call shall wake us, Then, O Lord, do not forsake us,
But to reign in glory take us With you on high.

4 Holy Father, throned in heaven, All-holy Son,
Holy Spirit, freely given—Blest Three in One,
Grant us grace, we now implore you, Till we lay our crowns before you
And in worthier strains adore you While ages run

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

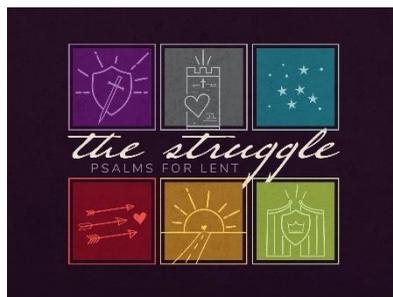
Lent 2 – Psalm 73 The Struggle seems Unfair.

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 Timothy Kemnitz from Mt. Olive in Lincoln

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

