

_____Midweek Lent 4_____

Hands of Misguided Zeal



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As Christians united in common faith, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church exists to nurture believers and bring the lost to faith in Jesus through God's Holy Word and Sacraments.

Welcome!

- All worshipers are asked to complete an online 'Connection Card' on our website www.stpaulappletonwi.com.
 - Restrooms are in the church basement located just at the bottom of the front stairs. Changing tables are available to parents.
 - An elevator is available on the north side of the church entrance.
 - The basement is available to parents needing to quiet small children. The area is equipped with closed circuit TV.
 - Out of respect for all who worship today, please silence all electronic devices.
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Opening Hymn

Jesus, Refuge of the Weary – **CW 108**

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: 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.

P: If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness,

C: We lie and do not live by the truth.

P: 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.

P: 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

P: 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.

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

P: 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.

ECC Sings

Love in a Box

Oh, you can't keep Jesus' love in a box, Love in a box, love in a box. Oh, you can't keep Jesus' love in a box 'Cause his love'll come a-bubblin' through.

Oh, you can't keep Jesus' love in a bag, love in a bag, love in a bag. Oh, you can't keep Jesus' love in a bag 'Cause his love'll come a-bubblin' through.

Oh, you can't keep Jesus' love in a jar, love in a jar, love in a jar. Oh, you can't keep Jesus' love in a jar 'Cause his love'll come a-bubblin' through.

Oh, you can't keep Jesus' shut in the grave, shut in the grave, shut in the grave. Oh, you can't keep Jesus' shut in the grave 'Cause he rose again on Easter day!

So I'll just keep Jesus' love in my heart, Love in my heart, love in my heart. So I'll just keep Jesus' love in my heart So his love'll come a-bubblin' through.

Passion Reading

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

When O'er My Sins I Sorrow – **CW 109**

Sermon Text

John 18:4-11

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." 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?"

Sermon

Pastor Nathan Wordell

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Offering

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

Hymn

Jesus, Grant that Balm and Healing – **CW 121**

Evening Prayer

All: All praise to you, our God, this night for all the blessings of the light. Keep us, yes, keep us, King of kings beneath your own almighty wings. Forgive us, Lord, through your dear Son for sins that we this day have done, that as we sleep, peace we would hold with all, with you, within our souls. Amen.

Blessing

P: 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.

Hymn

Abide, O Dearest Jesus – **CW 333**

Worship Notes

Presiding Minister:	Kenneth Frey
Organist:	Nancy Zander
Service Teams:	3:45pm Team Fischer
	6:00pm Team Abitz

Welcome

In an age of anxiety we still believe that peace comes from Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

In an age of confusion we still believe that the Bible is the word of God, inerrant and infallible.

In an age of doubt we still believe that Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary.

In an age of guilt we still believe that Jesus died on the cross to pay for the sins of the world, bringing complete pardon and joy to all believers.

In an age of reason we still believe that God is at work in the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion.

In an age of change we still believe in one unchanging God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Whether you are a first time visitor or returning guest, we are delighted to share our worship with you. Please come back and worship with us again.



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