Midweek Lent 6\_\_\_

# Hands of Brutality



March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021





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.

## **Hands of Brutality**

## **Opening Hymn**

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded – CW 105

- 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.

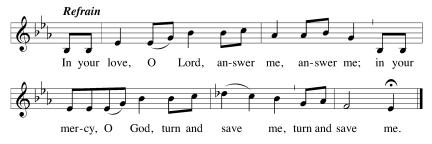
Silence for private confession.

- 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.

**Psalm** Psalm 69





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 <u>fall</u> on me.

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

#### Refrain

They put gall <u>in</u> my food and gave me vinegar <u>for</u> my thirst.

The LORD hears the <u>needy</u> and does not despise his captive <u>people</u>.

Let heaven and earth <u>praise</u> him, the seas and all that <u>move</u> in them,

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

I will praise God's <u>name</u> in song and glorify him with thanks<u>giv</u>ing.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it,

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

#### Refrain

#### **Psalm Prayer**

P: 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**

#### 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

O Dearest Jesus - CW 117

Sermon Text Matthew 27:27-31

Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. <sup>28</sup> They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, <sup>29</sup> and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. "Hail, king of the Jews!" they said. <sup>30</sup> They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. <sup>31</sup> After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

**Sermon** Pastor Robert Raasch

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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** (Grades 7-8 will sing verses 1-2) What Wondrous Love Is This – **CW 120** 

#### **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

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Glory Be to Jesus - CW 103

## **Worship Notes**

Presiding Minister: Matthew Holtz

Organist: Marilyn McCarthy
Service Teams: 3:45pm Team Fischer

6:00pm Team Holz



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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