

_____Midweek Lent 3_____

Hands of Hypocrisy



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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

Go to Dark Gethsemane – **CW 104**

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

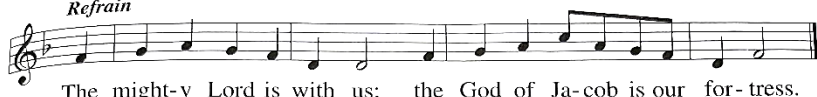
P: Lord God, we thank you for this day of grace now drawing to a close. Stay with us and warm our hearts with your forgiving love in Christ. May your Word keep our faith burning brightly that we may walk in the light of your presence through the darkness of this world. Come and bless us as we worship you: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Psalm

Psalm 18

Refrain



Psalm tone



The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer;*
my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge.

He reached down from on high and took hold of me;*
he rescued me from my powerful enemy.

He brought me out into a spacious place;*
he rescued me because he delighted in me.

Refrain

You, O LORD, keep my lamp burning;*
my God turns my darkness into light.

You save the humble*
but bring low those whose eyes are haughty.

You give me your shield of victory,*
and your right hand sustains me.

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, our mighty Rock of salvation, give us such strength of faith that we may cling to you in every trouble and, armed with your strong Word, be preserved from every assault of Satan and his forces of evil; through our Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Grades 3-4 Sing

His Cross, My Life

*Wounds in the Savior's side, caused by my sin; suffered so I could hide safely within.
On yesterday's cross, death was the loss; new life is mine today!*

*He stood where I should be: felon at large. He paid my penalty: guilty as charged.
On yesterday's cross, guilt was the loss; freedom is mine today!*

*Jesus will always give courage to be stronger than threats that live all around me.
On yesterday's cross, fear was the loss; all things are mine today!*

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

The Lamb – CWS 714



1 The	Lamb,	the	Lamb,	O	Fa -	ther, where's the
2 The	Lamb,	the	Lamb,	One	per -	fect fi - nal
3 The	Lamb,	the	Lamb,	As	way -	ward sheep their
4 He	sighs,	he	dies,	He	takes	my sin and
5 He	rose,	he	rose,	My	heart	with thanks now

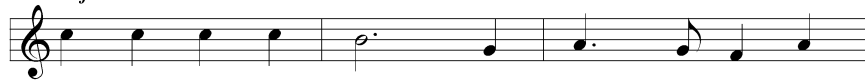


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of -	fer -	ing.	The	Lamb,	the	Lamb,	Let
shep -	herd	kill	So	still,	his	will,	On
wretch -	ed -	ness.	He	lives,	for -	gives,	He
o -	ver -	flows.	His	song	pro -	long	'Til



will	pro -	vide	the	Lamb	of	price!
earth	join	heav'n	his	praise	to	sing.
our	be -	half	the	law	to	fill.
gives	me	his	own	right -	eous -	ness.
ev -	'ry	heart	to	him	be -	long.

Refrain



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me his



As the Lord provided for Abraham a sacrifice in place of his son Isaac, so also he lovingly provides for us his own Son, Jesus, the perfect Lamb of God sacrificed for the sins of the world.

Tune: WINTER (48 48 and Refrain)

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Sermon Text

Mark 14:55-65

The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death, but they did not find any. ⁵⁶ Many testified falsely against him, but their statements did not agree. ⁵⁷ Then some stood up and gave this false testimony against him: ⁵⁸ "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple made with human hands and in three days will build another, not made with hands.'" ⁵⁹ Yet even then their testimony did not agree. ⁶⁰ Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, "Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?" ⁶¹ But Jesus remained silent and gave no answer. Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?" ⁶² "I am," said Jesus. "And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven." ⁶³ The high priest tore his clothes. "Why do we need any more witnesses?" he asked. ⁶⁴ "You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?" They all condemned him as worthy of death. ⁶⁵ Then some began to spit at him; they blindfolded him, struck him with their fists, and said, "Prophecy!" And the guards took him and beat him.

Sermon

Pastor Matthew Holtz

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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

Christ, the Life of All the Living – **CW 114 v. 1-4**

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

Christ, the Life of All the Living – **CW 114 v. 5-7**

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Worship Notes

Presiding Minister:	Matthew Holtz
Organist:	Marilyn McCarthy
Service Teams:	3:45pm Team Fischer 6:00pm Team Paulson

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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