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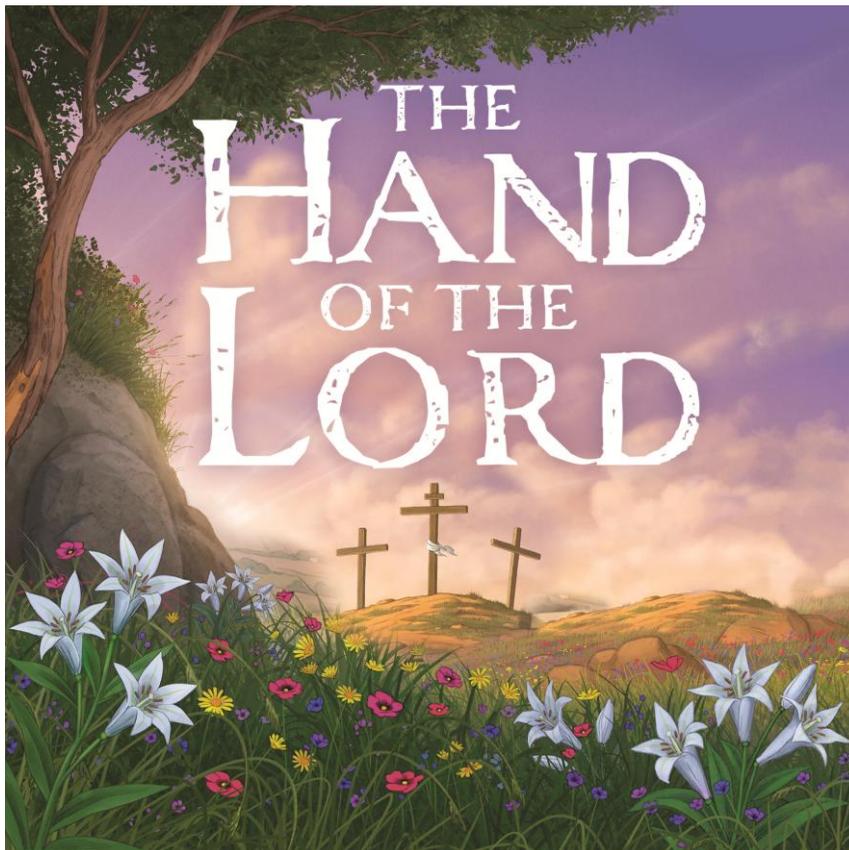
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March 5, 2025

Ash Wednesday



✠ Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 51 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) ✠

Greeting and prayer: (Pastor)

Opening Hymn: 440 *Jesus, I Will Ponder Now*

LSB 440

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Invocation

We invoke (“call upon”) the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

P Return to the LORD, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,

C **slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean.**

**We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved You with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment.

For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will
and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P In His mercy, our Heavenly Father has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. He has opened His hands in the free blessings of the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. As a called servant of Christ, and by His command and authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Psalm of Repentance – Psalm 51:1-3; 7-9 (Worship Supplement – p. 28)

HAVE MERCY UPON ME, O GOD

Antiphon



Psalm Tone



Have mercy upon me, Ó God,*
According to Your loving kindness;
According to the multitude of Your tender mercies,*
Blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,*
And cleanse me from my sin.
For I acknowledge my transgressions,*
And my sin is ever before me.

Antiphon

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;*
Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
Make me to hear joy and gladness,*
That the bones which You have broken may rejoice.
Hide Your face from my sins,*
And blot out all my iniquities.
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.

Antiphon

Prayer of the Day / Psalm Prayer

P We pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, in Your love Your hand made us and by Your Word You brought us to spiritual life through Your gift of faith. In Your grace You call us to repentance and freely give us full forgiveness of our sins. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our unworthiness we may receive from You full and complete forgiveness. We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Scripture Reading

THE PASSION HISTORY OF CHRIST - Part 1

When Jesus had spoken these words, He went out to the Mount of Olives as He was accustomed, and His disciples also followed Him. And Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away because of Me this night, for it is written: 'I will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' But after I have been raised, I will go before you to Galilee."

But Peter answered and said to Him, "Even though all may fall away because of You, I will never fall away."

And Jesus said to him, "Truly I say to you that today, even this night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times."

But Peter spoke more vehemently: "Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You." And so said all the disciples.

They went over the brook Kidron, and they came to a garden named Gethsemane. When He came to the place, Jesus said to His disciples: "Sit here while I go and pray over there. Pray that you may not enter into temptation."

And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, James and John, and He was withdrawn from the others about a stone's throw. And He began to be sorrowful, troubled, and deeply distressed. Then He said to them, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me."

And He went a little farther, and He knelt down. He fell to the ground on His face and prayed, that if it were possible, the hour might pass from Him. And He said: "Abba, Father, all things are possible for You. O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me. Nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will. Not My will, but Yours, be done."

Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him. And being in agony He prayed more fervently; and His sweat became like great drops of blood, falling down to the ground.

When He rose up from prayer, He came to His disciples and found them sleeping from sorrow. He said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? What, could you not watch with Me one hour?" He said

to them, "Why do you sleep? Rise, watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing and ready, but the flesh is weak."

He went away again a second time and prayed, saying the same words, "O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done."

And He came and found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy; and they did not know what to answer Him. So He left them and went away again and prayed the third time, saying the same words once more. Then He came to His disciples the third time, and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? It is enough. Behold, the hour has come; it is at hand. Behold, the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise up, let us be going. Behold, he who betrays Me is at hand."

Choir Song: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, demands my soul
Love demands my soul, my life, my all.

Scripture Reading THE PASSION HISTORY OF CHRIST - Part 1(continued)

Now Judas, one of the twelve, who betrayed Jesus, also knew the place; for Jesus often met there with His disciples. Then Judas, having received a detachment of troops and officers from the chief priests and the scribes and the Pharisees and elders of the people, came there with lanterns and torches, and weapons: swords and clubs. And immediately, while Jesus was still speaking, a

great multitude came, and the one called Judas went before them. Now he who betrayed Jesus had given them a sign, saying, "Whomever I kiss, He is the one; take Him, and lead Him away safely."

Jesus therefore, knowing all things that would come upon Him, went forward and said to them, "Whom are you seeking?"

They answered Him, "Jesus of Nazareth."

Jesus said to them, "I am He." And Judas, who betrayed Him, also stood with them. Then, when He said to them, "I am He," they went backward and fell to the ground.

Then He asked them again, "Whom are you seeking?"

And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth."

Jesus answered, "I told you that I am He; therefore if you seek Me, let these go their way," that the saying might be fulfilled which He spoke, "Of those whom You gave Me I have lost none."

Judas drew near to Jesus to kiss Him. He went up to Him, and said to Him, "Hail, Master!" and kissed Him. And Jesus said to him, "Friend, why have you come? Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"

When those who were around Jesus saw what was going to happen, they said to Him, "Lord, shall we strike with the sword?" Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and took Him. And suddenly Simon Peter, one of those who stood by with Jesus, stretched out his hand and drew out his sword, and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus.

But Jesus answered and said, "Permit even this!" And He touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into the sheath; for all who take the sword will die by the sword. Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels? But how then could the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must happen thus? Shall I not drink the cup which My Father has given me?"

In that hour Jesus said to the chief priests and captains of the temple and elders who had come to Him, "Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs to take Me? I sat daily with you in the temple, teaching, and you did not lay hands on Me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness. All this was done that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. The Scriptures must be fulfilled.

Then all the disciples forsook Him and fled. Now a certain young man followed Him, having a linen cloth thrown around his naked body; and the young men laid hold of him. And he left the linen cloth and fled from them naked.

P Here ends our Passion History reading.

G **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.**

Confession of Faith: 2nd Article of the Apostle's Creed (Luther's Catechism, Sydow p. 87)

**☐ "I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven
and sits on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty;
from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity,
and also true man, born of the virgin Mary is my Lord.**

**He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person,
purchased and won me from all sin, from death,
and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver,
but with His holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering and death.**

**He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His kingdom,
and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and joy;
just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity.**

This is most certainly true!"

Hymn of the Day: 761 *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

LSB 761

Children's Sermon - *Children 10 years old and younger are invited to come up front.*

Sermon Text: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 (EHV)

"Be careful that you do not do your righteous works in front of people, so that they will notice. If you do, you have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. ² So whenever you perform acts of mercy, do not sound a trumpet for yourself, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets to be praised by people. Amen I tell you: They have received their reward. ³ Instead, when you perform acts of mercy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing. ⁴ Then your acts of mercy will be in secret, and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you.

⁵ "Whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites. They love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners so that they may be seen by people. Amen I tell you: They have received their reward. ⁶ But whenever you pray, go into your private

room, close your door, and pray to your Father who is unseen. And your Father, who sees what others cannot see, will reward you.

...¹⁶ "Whenever you fast, do not make yourself look sad like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces to show everyone that they are fasting. Amen I tell you: They have received their reward. ¹⁷ But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, ¹⁸ so that it is not apparent to people that you are fasting, but only to your Father who sees what is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

¹⁹ "Do not store up treasures for yourselves on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up treasures for yourselves in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ Because where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Sermon Theme: "The Hand of the LORD" – Who Freely Gives

Offertory

LSB 956

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

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Sermon Hymn: "Not What My Hands Have Done"

CW21 572



1 Not what my hands have done can save my guilt - y
2 Thy work a - lone, O Christ, can ease this weight of
3 I bless the Christ of God, I rest on love di -
4 I praise the God of grace, I trust his truth and



soul, not what my toil - ing flesh has borne can
sin, thy blood a - lone, O Lamb of God, can
vine, and with un - fal - t'ring lip and heart I
might. He calls me his, I call him mine, my



make my spir - it whole. Not what I feel or
give me peace with - in. Thy love to me, O
call this Sav - ior mine. His cross dis - pels each
God, my joy, my light. My Lord has saved my



do can give me peace with God, not all my prayers and
God, not mine, O Lord, to thee can rid me of this
doubt; I bur - y in his tomb each thought of un - be -
life, and free - ly par - don gives; I love be - cause he



sighs and tears can bear my aw - ful load.
dark un - rest and set my spir - it free.
lief and fear, each lin - g'ring shade of gloom.
first loved me, I live be - cause he lives.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889, abr.
Tune: George W. Martin, 1828-1881, alt.

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Ro 3:28; 4:5; Eph 2:8,9; 1 Jn 4:10

Offering *We offer our gifts to the Lord, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him.*

Prayer of the Church *We bring our prayers to God.*

P Let us pray for all believers in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

For the Holy Christian Church throughout the world and for all who enter this season of Lent in true repentance and faith—that God guard and defend us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our own sinful flesh; that He would cleanse our hearts; and renew a right spirit within us—let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who do not know the gracious invitation of God through His Son to return to Him—that all may hear and be drawn to the Lord’s merciful and saving hands—let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who have wandered from the faith—that the Holy Spirit bring them to repentance and restore them in faith to the only hope of salvation—let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the government and those placed in positions of authority—that they perform their duties with honor for the good of all people. For peace within our country and throughout the world, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who suffer from sickness, injury, or any need—that the Lord’s healing hand rest upon them, giving them His comfort and strength to bear their infirmities with patience and trust in Him—let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P We now bring to You our personal confessions and prayers...
(silent prayer and personal confession)

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus, Who also taught us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

LSB 209

- C** 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.

Service of the Sacrament

*Now we approach the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in which Jesus comes to bless us with His very body and blood.
We move toward the Sacrament with prayers of thanksgiving and songs of adoration.*

The Words of Institution

The words spoken by Jesus the night He instituted the Lord's Supper, by which our Lord assured to His Church the real presence of His body and blood in the Sacrament.

Prayer Before the Lord's Supper

Adapted from The Lutheran Hymnal, p. 4

- C** Dear Savior, upon Your gracious invitation I come to Your altar.
Let me find favor in Your eyes that I may approach Your table in true faith
and receive the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of my sins and the
strengthening of my faith. Amen

P The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C Amen.

Hymn of Preparation - 628 v. 1-3 "Your Table I Approach"

LSB 628 v. 1-3



1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.
2 Lord, I con - fess my sins And mourn their wretch - ed bands;
3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,



Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.
A con - trite heart is sure to find For - give - ness at Your hands.
Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.

Text: Gerhard Wolter Molanus, 1633–1722; tr. Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, alt.

Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois Text and tune: Public domain

The Distribution

- ✠ For the distribution we will start with those who would like to partake of the Lord's Supper from the pew. After that, those who would like to come up to the altar steps will partake as directed by our ushers.

Note to our Guests: We are so glad you are worshiping with us this morning. The Word of God treats the Lord's Supper with great care. The Word of God considers the Lord's Supper to be a wonderful Means of Grace – a way in which Christ forgives and blesses. It is also considered an opportunity for congregations to express unity and oneness (1 Corinthians 10:16-17) – that is, to say to the world "This is what we believe!" But God's Word also warns against taking the Sacrament to our judgment (1 Corinthians 11:27-30). For these reasons our congregation asks that you fully understand our teachings before partaking. We respectfully ask that those who have joined this congregation through public confession of faith, or who are members of another congregation of the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC) approach the altar at the usher's direction. By following this practice we do not make any judgment on your faith. Rather we do this out of love for you, as a public confession of our unity, and out of obedience to and love for God's Word. Speak to our pastor anytime and he will be glad to provide the information you would need – and want. We look forward to communing together, Lord willing, in the future.

Communion Hymns: 608 LSB; 615 LSB

Prayer of Thanksgiving After the Lord's Supper

- ☩ The eyes of all look expectantly to You, and You give them their food in due season. You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. We give thanks to You, O God, that by Your hand this day You have satisfied our deepest desire, the renewal of our hearts and spirits by the forgiveness of our sins and the promise of everlasting life. Help us to have generous and thankful hearts and hands to share Your mercy and grace as we forgive our neighbors even as we have been forgiven by You. We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**
- ☩ Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness!**

The Thanksgiving - 632 O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

LSB 632

1 O Je - sus, bless - ed Lord, to Thee My heart - felt
2 Break forth, my soul, for joy, and say: What wealth is
thanks for - ev - er be, Who hast so lov - ing -
come to me this day! My Sav - ior dwells with -
ly be - stowed On me Thy bod - y and Thy blood.
in my heart: How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

Text: Thomas Hansen Kingo, 1634–1703; tr. Arthur J. Mason, 1851–1928
Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois Text and tune: Public domain

Benediction *The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).*

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn: 883 All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night *(please stand for last verse)*

Announcements



Welcome! We welcome all our visitors this evening.
Please sign our guest book and come worship with us again soon.

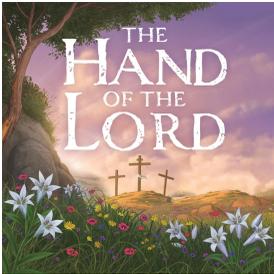
This Week: Thursday – **Board of Property – 6pm**
Board of Education – 6:30pm
Saturday – **MLS - Round Robin Basketball Tournament** (Faith, Markesan)
☺ **Daylight Saving Time – Turn Clocks Ahead 1 hour** ☺

Church Cleaning: Team #7 (3/1-3/7); Team #8 (3/8-3/14)

Sunday: **Choir – 8am**
3/9/24 **Worship – 9am**
Sunday School & Bible Class – 10:15am

In Your Mailbox – 2025 Messiah Directory
Messiah Calendar – *March*

Wednesday Lent Worship Services (3/5-4/9) @ 6:30pm



Our Wednesday Lent series for this year is entitled, “The Hand of the Lord.” This expression is used throughout the Old Testament. However, it is precisely in the New Testament where the hand of the Lord takes on literal meaning. The One through whom all things were created took on real, literal hands in His incarnation (John 1:1–14). We have several examples throughout Scripture that speak of the way that Christ used His hands alongside His life-giving words to bring forgiveness, life, and salvation. The work of Christ’s hands helps us to see the merciful and personal way that He has come down to us. He has given us something to grasp, even as He holds us. Our Lord has hands, real hands. Jesus has accomplished all that we need. Amazingly, He takes our manipulative, distorted, self-serving hands and restores them into useful hands for His purposes, both to literally use them in service and to make our whole lives into His instruments of witness, service, and praise.

Please make plans to join us for these special worship services that focus on our Savior who stretched out His hands on the cross to save us from our sins. Our Wednesday Lent worship services begin this week with our Ash Wednesday communion worship service at 6:30pm. During this Lenten series we will also be having four other area CLC pastors guest preaching here at Messiah during the middle four Wednesdays of the Lenten season. (See display on bulletin board in entryway.) May our Savior bless our Lenten meditations and worship service as we look forward to once again celebrating His triumph over the grave on Easter Sunday.

Preaching at Messiah Next Wednesday:

March 12th – Pastor Mark Tiefel
(Peace Thru Christ, Middleton, WI)