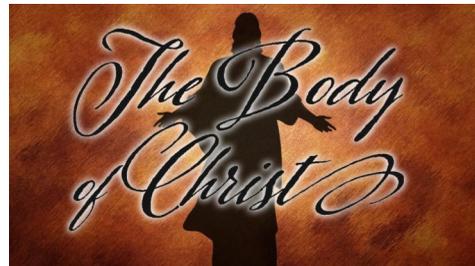


Midweek Lenten Service

February 24, 7:30 PM



THE HANDS OF CHRIST

Invocation

Opening Hymn

“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”

LSB 722 Verse 1

1 **Lord, take my hand and lead me
 Upon life’s way;
 Direct, protect, and feed me
 From day to day.
Without Your grace and favor
 I go astray;
 So take my hand, O Savior,
 And lead the way.**

Opening Verses

Pastor: You have made us with your own hands, O God.

People: We are content in your loving hands, O Lord.

Pastor: Your hands were the skilled hands of a carpenter. By your labor you have dignified the work of our own hands.

People: We are content in your loving hands, O Lord.

Pastor: But our hands have often been at work doing evil. Sometimes our hands are caught in the very act of sin. Sometimes they take up stones to destroy others trapped in their own web of sin. It is in your hands that we find mercy.

People: We are content in your loving hands, O Lord.

Pastor: It was your sinless hands which were spread wide in blessing and nailed high on a cross to cancel our sinful deeds.

People: We are content in your loving hands, O Lord.

Pastor: The salvation you have given to us has made us unafraid of death, for when we shed these earthly tents you will give us a permanent dwelling in your kingdom.

People: Your hands provide all we need, and they comfort us by your holy touch.

Hymn *Sung to the tune of “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” LSB #450*

**Lord Jesus, you draw near us
In garb of human flesh,
An earthly form, to cheer us,
To kindle faith afresh.
Your body for us broken
On the accursed tree
Becomes a sacred token
Of glory yet to be.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God, of Your bountiful goodness keep from us all things that may hurt us that we, being ready with our hands to cheerfully accomplish whatever You would have us do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Hymn *Sung to the tune of “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” LSB #450*

**Draw near us, precious Savior,
With footsteps sure and true.
Assure us of your favor;
Let us draw near to you.
O Word-made-flesh, forever
Your name shall be adored.
Oh, let us cherish ever
The feet of Christ, our Lord.**

First Lesson

Genesis 2:4-8

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens. When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground— then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed.

2 **Reader:** *This is the Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks Be to God.**

Psalmody ... from Psalm 95

(Pastor speaks first line and congregations sings responsive to Lenten melody *Martyrdom, "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"* LSB #437)

Pastor: The Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

People: The hands of God are great and strong; The whole world they enfold.

Pastor: In his hands are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it; and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

People: And all who to the Lord belong His hands securely hold.

Pastor: Oh, come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

People: The hands of God are great and strong; The whole world they enfold.

Pastor: He is our God. We are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

People: And all who to the Lord belong His hands securely hold.

Pastor: Take us by the hand and lead us in purity and in truth.

People: And all who to the Lord belong His hands securely hold.

Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 5:1-9

For we know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks Be to God.

Holy Gospel

John 8:1-11

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

People: Glory to you O Lord.

but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst they said to him, "Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. Now in the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?" This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her." And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus stood up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more."]]

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You O Christ.

Hymn "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" *LSB 425 Verses 1,3*

1 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.

3 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?

Sermon "The Hands of Christ"

Pastor Scott Henze

Prayers for the Body of Christ

Let us pray for the whole body of Christ and for all people according to their needs.

Pastor: For all nations of the world that their hands may be productive, peaceful and full of charity, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Into your hands, O Lord, we commit them.

Pastor: For your body, the church, that our hands may carry the Gospel to all people, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Into your hands, O Lord, we commit them.

Pastor: For our congregation, that our hands may join in fellowship with those whose need for your love is unfulfilled, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Into your hands, O Lord, we commit them.

Pastor: For those who are caught in sin and for those who would destroy them while ignoring their own sins, that they may be reconciled by the forgiveness for which your hands were pierced, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Into your hands, O Lord, we commit them.

Pastor: For the sick that your hands which so often reached out to strengthen the infirm and to heal the ill will also touch them with your healing power, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Into your hands, O Lord, we commit them.

Pastor: For those who have died in the faith, we give you thanks and ask for your consolation to those who grieve. For ourselves that at the time of our death our hands will be clasped in your own as you welcome us into the kingdom of heaven, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Into your hands, O Lord, we commit them.

Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commit all for whom we pray, believing in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

People: 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.

Benediction

Closing Hymn..... *Sung to the tune of "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" LSB #450*

**The feet of Christ, our brother,
Approach us from above,
As we draw near each other
With Spirit-given love.
May we, such grace receiving,
Become, with one accord,
In all our daily living
The Body of the Lord.**

***All Worshipers are asked to depart in silence.
An offering plate is located at each of the exits for your tithe.***

Midweek Lenten Worship-Wednesday Evenings at 7:30 PM

Join us this Lenten season for Midweek Lenten Worship.
The theme is **"The Body of Christ"**

Wednesday, March 3

"The Mouth of Christ"

Wednesday, March 10

"The Ears of Christ"

Wednesday, March 17

"The Eyes of Christ"

Wednesday, March 24

"The Heart of Christ"



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Sunday Worship Services: 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School via Zoom at 9:45 AM for children & youth

Adult Bible Study in person at 10:00 AM each Sunday in room 201

