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**St. Paul's Lutheran Church is a  
 Congregation in the Wisconsin  
 Evangelical Lutheran Synod.**



### WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We want to extend a warm welcome to everyone attending this worship service! Especially to you who are guests and visitors, WELCOME!

We at St. Paul's Lutheran share a common belief in **Jesus** as **our Savior** from sin and as the Lord of our lives. Our faith is based on God's Word, revealed in the Bible. We want to share God's Word with as many people as possible because we know that Jesus lived, died and rose from death to save us and all people. We're happy to have the opportunity to share the saving truths of the Bible with you!

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**Worship during these times:** We offer distanced seating on one side of the sanctuary. We also encourage compliance for all who are able to wear a face covering to honor God's representatives in our state government. Surfaces such as door handles are cleaned between Sunday services. Hand sanitizer is available in the narthex. All responses and songs are printed in your bulletin, which should be taken with you or discarded after worship. Offerings may be placed in the designated boxes in the narthex.

**Communion** is offered in worship each month on the 2nd and 4th weekends. Members who are not yet comfortable returning to worship during the pandemic may schedule a communion appointment with a pastor.

**DVDs:** DVDs of our worship services can be made per request. Please contact the office to make arrangements. In order to ensure cleanliness, you do not need to return a DVD. Please consider a small monetary donation (\$2) to cover the cost of the DVD if you request one.

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (The WELS) and was founded in 1862. We have our Lutheran elementary school (pre K-grade 8) on site and are part of a federation of churches to support our own high school, Manitowoc Lutheran High School.**

# MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE

**Hands of Passion:** *Whether they were lifted to bless God's chosen people or to stone God's chosen prophets, hands in the Bible are rarely noticed but always in action. Our series explores the many roles hands played during the Passion History, from waving palm branches to nailing our Savior to the cross.*

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## WELCOME

### OPENING HYMN

*Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain | 106*

- 1 Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain, Sinners, ruined by the fall;  
Here a pure and healing fountain Flows to you, to me, to all,  
In a full, perpetual tide, Opened when our Savior died.
- 2 Come in poverty and meanness, Come defiled, without, within;  
From infection and uncleanness, From the leprosy of sin,  
Wash your robes and make them white; You shall walk with God in light.
- 3 Come in sorrow and contrition, Wounded, paralyzed, and blind;  
Here the guilty, free remission, Here the troubled, peace may find.  
Health this fountain will restore; He that drinks shall thirst no more.
- 4 He that drinks shall live forever; 'Tis a soul-renewing flood.  
God is faithful; God will never Break his covenant of blood,  
Signed when our Redeemer died, Sealed when he was glorified.

*Please stand.*

### INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

### CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

M: Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place?

C: The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god. (Psalm 24:3-4)

M: But our iniquities have separated us from our God; our sins have hidden his face from us, so that he will not hear.

**C: For our hands are stained with blood, our fingers with guilt. Our lips have spoken lies, and our tongue mutters wicked things. (Isaiah 59:2-3)**

M: When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

**C: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.**

M: Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity.

**C: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD" - and you forgave the guilt of my sin. (Psalm 32:3-5)**

M: Jesus was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities;

**C: The punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. (Isaiah 53:5)**

M: As a called servant of Christ, and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

*Be seated.*

**DUET**

*Hallelujah! What a Savior*

Man of Sorrows - what a name for the Son of God, who came ruined sinners to reclaim. Hallelujah! What a Savior! Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned he stood. He sealed my pardon with his blood. Hallelujah! What a Savior!

*Refrain: Hallelujah!*

Guilty, vile, and helpless me; spotless Lamb of God was he; full atonement! Can it be? Hallelujah! What a Savior! Lifted up was he to die; "It is finished!" was his cry; now in heaven exalted high. Hallelujah! What a Savior! *Refrain*

When he comes, our glorious King, all his ransomed home to bring, then  
anew this song we'll sing: Hallelujah! What a Savior! *Refrain*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Lord Jesus, we have been too eager to exchange you for the treasures  
and pleasures of this world. Help us to regard you as our truest and  
dearest Friend, who bought us back with your precious blood, for you  
live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and  
forever.

C: Amen.

## PSALM OF THE DAY

*Psalm 38*

*Lord, have mercy!*

### *Refrain*



### *Psalm tone*



O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger\*  
or discipline me in your wrath.  
For your arrows have pierced me,\*  
and your hand has come down upon me.  
My guilt has overwhelmed me\*  
like a burden too heavy to bear.

### *Refrain*

All my longings lie open before you, O LORD;\*  
my sighing is not hidden from you.  
I wait for you, O LORD;\*  
you will answer, O Lord my God.

Come quickly to help me,\*  
O Lord my Savior.  
**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.**



*Silence for meditation on the psalm.*

## PSALM PRAYER

**M:** Let us pray. Lord our God, you did not forget the pierced body of your Son and his sighing was not hidden from you. In your kindness look also on us, your children, weighed down with sins, and grant us the fullness of your mercy; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## PASSION HISTORY

***Mark 14:66-15:15***

*Peter's denial and Jesus' trial before Pilate.*

<sup>66</sup> While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came by. <sup>67</sup> When she saw Peter warming himself, she looked closely at him.

"You also were with that Nazarene, Jesus," she said.

<sup>68</sup> But he denied it. "I don't know or understand what you're talking about," he said, and went out into the entryway.

<sup>69</sup> When the servant girl saw him there, she said again to those standing around, "This fellow is one of them." <sup>70</sup> Again he denied it.

After a little while, those standing near said to Peter, "Surely you are one of them, for you are a Galilean."

<sup>71</sup> He began to call down curses, and he swore to them, "I don't know this man you're talking about."

<sup>72</sup> Immediately the rooster crowed the second time. Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken to him: "Before the rooster crows twice you will disown me three times." And he broke down and wept.

<sup>1</sup> Very early in the morning, the chief priests, with the elders, the teachers of the law and the whole Sanhedrin, made their plans. So they bound Jesus, led him away and handed him over to Pilate.

<sup>2</sup> "Are you the king of the Jews?" asked Pilate.

"You have said so," Jesus replied.

<sup>3</sup> The chief priests accused him of many things. <sup>4</sup> So again Pilate asked him, "Aren't you going to answer? See how many things they are accusing you of."

<sup>5</sup> But Jesus still made no reply, and Pilate was amazed.

<sup>6</sup> Now it was the custom at the festival to release a prisoner whom the people requested. <sup>7</sup> A man called Barabbas was in prison with the insurrectionists who had committed murder in the uprising. <sup>8</sup> The crowd came up and asked Pilate to do for them what he usually did.

<sup>9</sup> "Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?" asked Pilate, <sup>10</sup> knowing it was out of self-interest that the chief priests had handed Jesus over to him. <sup>11</sup> But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have Pilate release Barabbas instead.

<sup>12</sup> "What shall I do, then, with the one you call the king of the Jews?" Pilate asked them.

<sup>13</sup> "Crucify him!" they shouted.

<sup>14</sup> "Why? What crime has he committed?" asked Pilate.

But they shouted all the louder, "Crucify him!"



<sup>15</sup> Wanting to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. He had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Enslaved by Sin and Bound in Chains* | 102

- 1 Enslaved by sin and bound in chains,  
Beneath its dreadful tyrant sway,  
And doomed to everlasting pains  
We wretched, guilty captives lay.
- 2 Nor gold nor gems could buy our peace,  
Nor all the world's collected store  
Suffice to purchase our release;  
A thousand worlds were all too poor.
- 3 Jesus, the Lord, the mighty God,  
An all-sufficient ransom paid.  
O matchless price! His precious blood  
For vile, rebellious traitors shed.
- 4 Jesus the sacrifice became  
To rescue guilty souls from hell;  
The spotless, bleeding, dying Lamb  
Beneath avenging justice fell.
- 5 Amazing goodness! Love divine!  
Oh, may our grateful hearts adore  
The matchless grace nor yield to sin  
Nor wear its cruel fetters more!

## SERMON TEXT

*John 13:21-30*

*"Judas: Hands of Betrayal"*

<sup>21</sup> After he had said this, Jesus was troubled in spirit and testified, "Very truly I tell you, one of you is going to betray me."

<sup>22</sup> His disciples stared at one another, at a loss to know which of them he meant. <sup>23</sup> One of them, the disciple whom Jesus loved, was reclining next to



him. <sup>24</sup> Simon Peter motioned to this disciple and said, "Ask him which one he means."

<sup>25</sup> Leaning back against Jesus, he asked him, "Lord, who is it?"

<sup>26</sup> Jesus answered, "It is the one to whom I will give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish." Then, dipping the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. <sup>27</sup> As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him.

So Jesus told him, "What you are about to do, do quickly." <sup>28</sup> But no one at the meal understood why Jesus said this to him. <sup>29</sup> Since Judas had charge of the money, some thought Jesus was telling him to buy what was needed for the festival, or to give something to the poor. <sup>30</sup> As soon as Judas had taken the bread, he went out. And it was night.

*Please stand.*

**SERMON RESPONSE**                      *O Dearest Lord, Thy Sacred Head | 118 vv. 2,4*

- 2** O dearest Lord, thy sacred hands With nails were pierced for me;  
Oh, shed thy blessing on my hands That they may work for thee.
- 4** O dearest Lord, thy sacred heart With spear was pierced for me;  
Oh, pour thy Spirit in my heart That I may live for thee.

**LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER**

**C:** I thank you my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, you dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day. Forgive me all my sins, and graciously keep me this night. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

**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.

## **BLESSING**

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

*Be seated.*

## **CLOSING HYMN**

*Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed* | **129**

- 1 Alas! and did my Savior bleed, And did my Sov'reign die?  
Would he devote that sacred head For sinners such as I?
- 2 Was it for crimes that I had done He groaned upon the tree?  
Amazing pity, grace unknown, And love beyond degree!
- 3 Well might the sun in darkness hide And shut its glories in  
When God, the mighty Maker, died For his own creatures' sin.
- 4 Thus might I hide my blushing face While his dear cross appears,  
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness, And melt my eyes to tears.
- 5 But drops of grief can ne'er repay The debt of love I owe;  
Here, Lord, I give myself away — 'Tis all that I can do.

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**HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES**

**Lent** Worship 3/31 @ 6:30 p.m.

**Maundy Thursday** Worship 4/1 @ 6:30 p.m.

**Good Friday** Worship 4/2 @ 1:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

**Easter Sunday** Worship 4/4 @ 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., & 11:00 a.m.

There will **not** be a Monday Night Worship service on 4/5