



April 3, 2022 - Fifth Sunday In Lent

As We Gather: “Our Savior’s Hands” has been the overall theme for our sermon series for the Sundays in Lent prior to Holy Week. Each week we have focused on a different aspect of what our Savior said or did during His earthy ministry and how what He did and continues to do impacts our lives today. Our focus today is on “Hands that Pray”. We will focus our attention on Matthew’s account of Jesus praying in Gethsemane as well as other times when Jesus prayed.

Welcome

Hymn: LSB 527 “O Savior, Precious Savior”

Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Pastor: If righteousness before God were to depend on our obedience of the Law, we would all be lost and condemned forever.

People: **But our righteousness depends on faith alone; therefore, we trust in Christ, who suffered, died, and rose again for us.**

Pastor: Confident in the redemptive work of our Savior, we confess our sins to God our Father.

(Moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.)

Pastor: Father in heaven, be merciful to me, a sinner.

People: **Father in heaven, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Forget what lies behind! Strain toward what lies ahead!

People: **We press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus!**

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

O almighty God, Your authority is great, but You exercise Your authority by showing mercy to us sinners and forgiving our sins for the sake of Your Son. Grant that we may know with joy Your grace and respond with thankful hearts before the day when Your mercy will cease and the day of judgment has come; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.

People: Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21 (*God promises to do a new thing for His people.*)

¹⁶ This is what the LORD says—he who made a way through the sea, a path through the mighty waters, ¹⁷ who drew out the chariots and horses, the army and reinforcements together, and they lay there, never to rise again, extinguished, snuffed out like a wick: ¹⁸ “Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. ¹⁹ See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. ²⁰ The wild animals honor me, the jackals and the owls, because I provide water in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my people, my chosen, ²¹ the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading: Philippians 3:8-14 (*Paul reminds us that nothing is as important as knowing Christ.*)

⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Solo: “He Could Have Simply Walked Away”

Sue Doss

Gospel Reading: Luke 20:9-20 (*Jesus tells the parable of the wicked tenants.*)

⁹ He went on to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard, rented it to some farmers and went away for a long time. ¹⁰ At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants so they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹ He sent another servant, but that one also they beat and treated shamefully and sent away empty handed. ¹² He sent still a third, and they wounded him and threw him out. ¹³ “Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my son, whom I love; perhaps they will respect him.’ ¹⁴ “But when the tenants saw him, they talked the matter over. ‘This is the heir,’ they said. ‘Let’s kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’ ¹⁵ So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. “What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶ He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When the people heard this, they said, “God forbid!” ¹⁷ Jesus looked directly at them and asked, “Then what is the meaning of that which is written: “‘The stone the builders

rejected has become the cornerstone'? ¹⁸ Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.' ¹⁹ The teachers of the law and the chief priests looked for a way to arrest him immediately, because they knew he had spoken this parable against them. But they were afraid of the people. ²⁰ Keeping a close watch on him, they sent spies, who pretended to be sincere. They hoped to catch Jesus in something he said, so that they might hand him over to the power and authority of the governor.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to You, O Christ.**

Hymn: LSB 436 "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

Sermon: Matthew 26:36-46 "Our Savior's Hands: Hands that Pray"

Nicene Creed:

All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

Hymn: LSB 772 "In Holy Conversation" (Sung to melody LSB 915)

The Communion Liturgy

Pastor: The Lord's Supper is God's gift for Christians who are properly taught. In communion, we want people to receive Christ's body and blood for their good. This means that as you come to the Lord's Table you affirm with each communicant that Jesus is your Savior and Lord; and with Lutheran Christians you confess:

All: I recognize and confess that I am a sinner. I repent of my sins and ask God's forgiveness. I believe Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from sin, Satan, and death. I believe that the risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament and, that under the form of bread and wine, I receive His true body and blood for the forgiveness of my sin and the strengthening of my faith and life. (*Augsburg Confession-Article X*)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: We honor You, O Lord, with the praise and thanksgiving of a grateful heart, joyfully acknowledging Your goodness in sending Your own Son to be our Savior and Redeemer. Though He was rejected by men and crucified on the cross, You delivered us by His suffering and death and forgiving our sins, counted us worthy to stand before You and to serve You. With the saints of old, the angels and archangels, and the whole company of heaven, we join in their unending hymn of praise:

Sanctus: “Holy, Holy, Holy” (*Music in hymnal LSB page 161*)

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: From before the foundation of the world, O Lord, You raised up a plan of salvation and gave us the promise of Your own Son to be our Savior. When we rejected the word of the prophets and surrendered Him to a death we deserved, You bestowed upon us the fruits of His obedient life and saved us by His one, all-sufficient sacrifice on the cross. Living as Your own people, called and gathered by the Spirit working through the voice of Your Word, we come now to receive His body and blood according to His own testament for the forgiveness of our sins and for the assurance of our eternal salvation.

People: Amen.

Lord’s Prayer

All: 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.

Words Of institution

Greeting of Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI (*Music in the hymnal LSB page 163*)

All: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion Distribution

Distribution Hymns: LSB 456 “Were You There”
LSB 547 “The Lamb”

Post-Communion Canticle: Thank the Lord (*Music in hymnal LSB page 164*)

**All: Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell everyone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgivings.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Post-Communion Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this sacrament, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Benediction

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

People: Amen.

Closing Hymn: LSB 770 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

ANNOUNCEMENTS for Week of April 3, 2022



Grace Lutheran Church 1120 S. Park Ave. Aurora, MO
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**PRAY FOR: James Sharp & Brett Arrasmith Families
St. John's, Monett - Rev. Andrew Kennell**

New Prayer Requests

Prayers of Peace and Comfort for the family of Brenda Winkle

Kay Johnson – (Health and healing from a blood clot)

Judy Lehde – (Health and healing from knee surgery)

Complete Prayer List

Peggy Lilienkamp – (health and healing after gall bladder surgery)

Finley Wilson – (Troy Wilson's son – health and healing from ear issues)

Erica Wilson – (Troy Wilson's ex-wife – health and healing)

Ryan Young – (Kathy Holle's nephew – protection on his military deployment)

Rick Thomas – (Health and healing from cancer & Covid)

Mahlon Stine – (Joe Lynn's grandson - health and healing)

Larry Willis – (Friend of Joanne Michel – health and healing)

Stacy Maples – (Friend of Joanne Michel – health and healing)

Margaret Seburn - (Cousin of Joanne Michel - health and healing)

Bill Parsons – (Brother of Joanne Michel - health and healing from surgery)

Gary Gardner– (Health and healing from surgery)

Bill Thompson – (Health and healing from surgery)

Joan Wolf – (Health and healing)

Michael Lampe – (Pastor's son – health and healing)

Eric Folsom – (Healing and finding purpose)
 Randy Wallace – (Brother-in-law of Micki Gettman – health and healing)
 Rick Strong – (Brother-in-law of Micki Gettman – health and healing)
 Diana Bauer – (Daughter-in-law of Gladys Bauer - health and healing)
 Mary Ramm – (Relative of Gladys Bauer – health and healing)
 Jami Bauer – (Relative of Gladys Bauer - peace and comfort)
 Vicki Heppard – (Relative of Gladys Bauer - health and healing from cancer)
 Chris Woodard– (Friend of Cathy Munden – health and healing from cancer)
 Ronnie Garoutte - (Father-in-law of Amy Garoutte - health and healing)
 Danata Hopkins – (Friend of Harold Lampe - health and healing from surgery)
 Bob & Barbara Steinberg - (Health and healing)
 Kamryn Rockett – (Granddaughter of Jeeper Meyer - health and healing after a car accident)
 Courtney Lynne Thurmon – (Daughter of Cindy Springer – peace and healing from cancer)

THIS WEEK

Sunday	April 3rd	Happy Half Hour – 9:00 am Plus 1 meeting - 9:30 am Fellowship – 9:30 am Service with communion – 10:00 am
Wednesday	April 6th	Pastor in the Office Service – 7:00 pm
Thursday	April 7th	Pastor in the Office
Saturday	April 9th	Bower Family Reunion - 11:00 am, basement
Sunday	April 10th	Happy Half Hour – 9:00 am Financial Group Meeting – 9:30 am Fellowship – 9:30 am Service – 10:00 am Voters' Meeting

Birthdays: Angela Sharp-Apr. 10

Anniversaries: Michael & Amy Garoutte-Apr. 5

Lenten Devotion Booklets are available in the narthex (entryway).

Portals of Prayer are available in the narthex.

Free Will Offering - “Food for the Poor”: Free will donations will be taken the first Sunday of each month. This money will be used by pastor at his discretion for immediate needs.

Next Game Night: 4th Saturday – April 23

Tables & Chair Sale: If a member wishes to purchase either or both – the deadline is April 10th. See one of the Trustees or Dennis Doss.

Ukraine: There is an announcement on the bulletin board of ways to help Ukraine through the LCMS.

Easter Breakfast: Sign-up sheet in the narthex (Breakfast 8:30 am, April 17th)

Plus 1 - Project Blue Barrel: April – “Shower Us With Supplies”

New school supplies such as pencils, pens, bingers, expo markers, sticky notes, blue sticks, markers, crayons, highlighters, backpacks and folders.
Please consider contributing and supporting this project. Check the church website for more information



<https://www.gracelutheranaurora.com/worship.php#sermons>

<http://sermon.net/for-the-listener/mobile-apps/>



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April

GREETERS

04/03 & 06: Dennis & Sue Doss
04/10, 14 & 15: Charlie & Edith Chambers
04/17: Bill & Joanne Michel
04/24: Bob & Rachel Sanford

USHERS

04/03 & 06: Bill Michel
04/10, 14 & 15: David Lampe
04/17: Dennis Doss
04/24: Charlie Chambers

Grace Lutheran T-shirt (let Pam have your order)

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Medium _____	_____
Large _____	_____
X Large _____	_____
\$15.00 2X Large _____	_____
\$16.00 3X Large _____	_____
4X Large _____	_____