



## March 6, 2022 - First Sunday in Lent

**As We Gather:** “Our Savior’s Hands” is the overall theme for our sermon series for the Sundays in Lent prior to Holy Week. Each week we will focus on a different aspect of what our Savior said or did during His earthy ministry and how that impacts our lives today. Our focus today is on “Hands that Invite.”

### Welcome

**Hymn:** LSB 435 “Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain”

### Invocation

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

**People:** Amen.

### Opening Sentences *Psalm 118:1–4*

**Pastor:** Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;      “

**People:** **for His steadfast love endures forever!**

**Pastor:** Let Israel say,

**People:** **“His steadfast love endures forever.”**

**Pastor:** Let the house of Aaron say,

**People:** **“His steadfast love endures forever.”**

**Pastor:** Let those who fear the LORD say,

**People:** **“His steadfast love endures forever.”**

### Confession and Absolution

**Pastor:** Let us now make confession of our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

**All:** **Merciful Father, our Lord and King, we are sinful people. We have inherited original sin from our first parents, who disobeyed You in Eden. We are by nature sinful and unclean. In our daily lives, we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We sincerely repent of our sins and humbly ask Your grace and forgiveness in Jesus Christ. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit, sanctify us that each day we grow in righteousness and godly living to the glory of Your holy name.**

*(Moment of silence for personal confession and reflection.)*

**Pastor:** God is gracious and forgiving. He has shown His merciful power in ways that renew, restore, and heal. To those who come to Him with repentant and contrite hearts, our Lord says, “Fear not!” and promises pardon, life, and salvation. 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. As you believe, so may it be.

**People:** Amen.

## **Kyrie**

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the Promised Land. Grant that we may daily hear our Savior's gracious invitation and that following Him we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## **Announcement of the Day**

Pastor: With the First Sunday in Lent, we mark the first week of our journey to the cross. Remembering how God delivered His people of old from slavery to freedom, we are called to stand in the strength of Jesus and the Word of God before the tempter's power. From Deuteronomy, we hear how Israel recalled their journey in the wilderness and their deliverance at the hand of the Lord. In Romans, Paul describes how near the Word of the Lord is to us and how all who call on the name of the Lord will be saved. In the Gospel, we hear how Jesus went from the Jordan into the wilderness where He was tempted by the devil and answered him with the Word of the Lord.

**Old Testament Reading:** Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (*The Israelites receive instructions about how they are to remember what God has done for them.*)

When you have entered the land the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance and have taken possession of it and settled in it, <sup>2</sup>take some of the firstfruits of all that you produce from the soil of the land the LORD your God is giving you and put them in a basket. Then go to the place the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his Name <sup>3</sup>and say to the priest in office at the time, "I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come to the land the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." <sup>4</sup>The priest shall take the basket from your hands and set it down in front of the altar of the LORD your God. <sup>5</sup>Then you shall declare before the LORD your God: "My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down into Egypt with a few people and lived there and became a great nation, powerful and numerous. <sup>6</sup>But the Egyptians mistreated us and made us suffer, subjecting us to harsh labor. <sup>7</sup>Then we cried out to the LORD, the God of our ancestors, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our misery, toil and oppression. <sup>8</sup>So the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders. <sup>9</sup>He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey; <sup>10</sup>and now I bring the firstfruits of the soil that you, LORD, have given me." Place the basket before the LORD your God and bow down before him. <sup>11</sup>Then you and the Levites and the foreigners residing among you shall rejoice in all the good things the LORD your God has given to you and your household.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle Reading:** Romans 10:8b-13 (*God's message of salvation is for everyone.*)

<sup>8</sup> But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: <sup>9</sup> If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. <sup>11</sup> As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame." <sup>12</sup> For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, <sup>13</sup> for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 4:1-13 (*Jesus is tempted by Satan.*)

Pastor: Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And He ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, He was hungry. The devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." And Jesus answered him,

People: **"It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone.'"**

Pastor: And the devil took Him up and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, and said to Him, "To You I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. If You, then, will worship me, it will all be Yours." And Jesus answered him,

People: **"It is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only shall you serve.'"**

Pastor: And he took Him to Jerusalem and set Him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command His angels concerning You, to guard You,' and 'On their hands they will bear You up, lest You strike Your foot against a stone.'" And Jesus answered him,

People: **"It is said, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'"**

Pastor: And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn: LSB 684 "Come unto Me, Ye Weary"

Sermon: Matt. 11:25-30 "Our Savior's Hands: Hands That Invite"

**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

Hymn: LSB 570 "Just as I Am, without One Plea"

## 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: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, who on the tree of the cross did give salvation unto mankind that, whence death arose, thence life might rise again; and that he who by a tree once overcame might likewise by a tree be overcome; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, through whom with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**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: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end.

Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### **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:** Lamb of God (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 550 "Lamb of God"  
LSB 618 "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"

**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:** We give thanks, heavenly Father, that You have refreshed us through this Sacrament, and we pray that in our daily lives we will listen for Christ's loving invitation and that we will be faithful in following Jesus, our Lord and Savior, 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 look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**People:** Amen.

**Closing Hymn:** LSB 424 "O Christ, You Walked the Road"

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**PRAY FOR: James Sharp & Brett Arrowsmith Families**  
Trinity, Freistatt - Rev. Jake Sletten

**Prayers of Thanks for Betty Gordon, Ed Lancaster, Pam Blevens, Joe Lynn and Sally Lynn on their recovery**

Pam Bowling – (Health and healing from surgery)  
Diane Thompson – (Health and healing from surgery)  
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)  
Kathy Holle – (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)  
Jami Bauer – (Relative of Gladys Bauer - peace and comfort)  
Baby Elizabeth – (Friend of Gladys Bauer - health and healing)  
Vicki Heppard – (Relative of Gladys Bauer - health and healing from cancer)  
Joy Bauer – (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)  
LaRae LaBouff – (Daughter of Gwen Lampe – health and healing)  
Danata Hopkins – (Friend of Harold Lampe - health and healing from surgery)  
Bob & Barbara Steinberg - (Health and healing)  
Brenda Winkle - (Friend of Heidi Costello - 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)

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**THIS WEEK**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Happy Half Hour – 9:00 am</b> <b>Plus 1 Meeting – 9:30 am</b> <b>Fellowship – 9:30 am</b> <b>Service with Communion – 10:00 am</b> <b>Free Will Offering taken</b>
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<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>March 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Pastor in the Office Service – 7:00 pm with Pastor Backs</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>March 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Pastor in the Office</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>March 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Todd Neill House renovation project</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>E2 Meeting at Faith Lutheran in Springfield Signup Online 8:30 am - 12:00 pm Spring Forward 1 Hour – Time Change</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Happy Half Hour – 9:00 am Fellowship – 9:30 am Service – 10:00 am</b>

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**Birthdays:** Kayden Cornelison-Mar. 8; Garrett Dean-Mar. 9

**Anniversaries:** None

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

**Todd Neill house renovation project:** Volunteers are needed for this project. Grace has been asked to partner with other churches. Daniel Neff is heading up the work on the main floor beam. Volunteers are need on the following dates:

March 11 - Date of Work  
March 19 - Back up

**We would be looking for 7-10 volunteer workers total for the day.**

2-3 under the home: comfortable with crawling, holding dragging, loud noises lifting material.

2-3 outside the home: comfortable physical labor, lifting and moving boards, someone who can measure and cut, get materials/tools.

2-3 material runners: comfortable with driving a truck, maybe a trailer, taking a list of materials or supplies to the lumber yard and retrieving supplies.

**We would need 3-4 total as support with food/drink**

provide breakfast, lunch, drinks, for a day's work.

Please let Pastor or a trustee know if you can help.

**Lenten Offerings:** This Lenten season's mid-week offerings will go to Todd Neil. He was born and raised in Aurora where he played football for the Houn' Dawgs graduating from AHS in 2005. Thereafter, he married Sarah in 2016 and they have three wonderful children, Madeline age two, Abigail (who is special needs) age four and the new arrival of Benjamin in April 2021. He worked at AFB in Aurora as a Process Specialist until 2019. In 2019 Todd thought he had a common cold. This left him tired all the time. He did his best to shake it off, but it persisted. He sought medical treatment and was eventually referred to heart specialists. His formal diagnosis is Systolic Heart Failure with a lowered ejection fraction. That means his heart isn't strong enough to pump blood throughout his body. In addition to his medical needs, the house that he is living in is greatly in need of repair. Aurora Rotary, Habitat for Humanity, Aurora Beautification Company, First Presbyterian Church Deacons, and Grace Lutheran Church are helping to raise funds for him and his family. The total fundraising goal is \$25,000 to be raised with a gun raffle, a 50/50 raffle, GoFundMe, and direct donations.

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

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

**Grace Lutheran – T-Shirts & Sweatshirts:** If interested in getting one, please see Pam.

**Memory Care:** Our Church Website now has information on memory care and senior topics. Please have a look at church website and let us know what you think.

**Plus 1 - Project Blue Barrel: March - "March in Someone Else's Shoes"**

New or gently used Tennis Shoes for Pre-K - High School. Please consider contributing and supporting this project. Check the church website for more information



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**March**

**GREETERS**

**06-Dennis & Sue Doss**

13-Bill & Joanne Michel

20–Bob & Rachel Sanford

27-Charlie & Edee Chambers

**USHERS**

**06-Bill Michel**

13-David Lampe

20-Don Wolf

27-Charlie Chambers