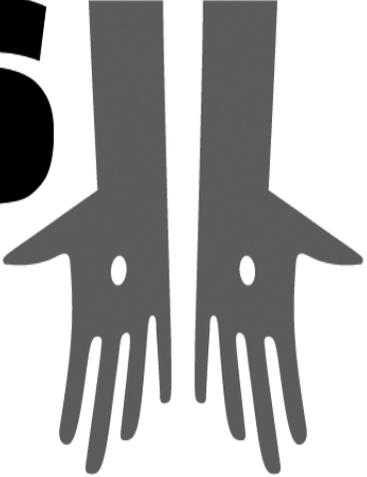




# The Hands of the Passion



Maundy Thursday  
*April 1, 2021*

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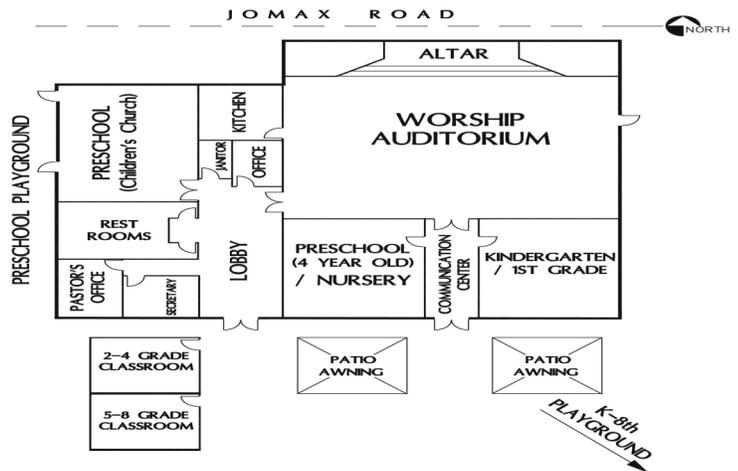
**Welcome to our Worship Center!** God defines a church as people gathering around Word and Sacrament. As you join us in this gathering, we pray that Jesus' peace and power will fill you.

### Families with children:

- Restrooms with changing tables located in lobby
- Nursery (at the room rear of the worship auditorium) for toddlers 2 years and younger accompanied by adult guardian

### Special needs:

- Large print bulletin available from usher
- Seats with armrests available



**STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR** The Maundy Thursday service concludes with the stripping of the altar. The practice dates from the 7th century and originally served the practical purpose of cleaning the sanctuary in preparation for Easter, when all things are made new. In time, however, the practice became ceremonial in its own right. In silence, communion vessels, table cloths, pulpit and lectern hangings, candles, and all other decorative and liturgical objects are removed, thus dramatizing the abandonment and darkness of the passion and death of our Lord. The sanctuary remains bare until the beginnings of the Easter celebration. The church remains in semi-darkness, and all exit in silence. Symbolically, Christ, stripped of his power and glory, is now in the hands of his captors.

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in Jesus our Savior. Within the family of the Church, God never wearies of giving peace and new life. In the absolution, we receive forgiveness as from God himself. This absolution we should not doubt but firmly believe that our sins are thus forgiven before God in heaven, for it comes to us in the name and by the command of our Lord. We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other, as Jesus became our servant. In Holy Communion the members of Christ's body participate most intimately in his love. Remembering our Lord's Last Supper with his disciples, we eat the bread and drink the cup of this meal. Together we receive the Lord's gift of his body and blood for forgiveness and participate in that new covenant that makes us one with him and one another. The Lord's Supper is the promise of the great banquet we will share with all the faithful when our Lord returns, the joyous culmination of our reconciliation with God and each other.

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*(Spoken Responsively)*

M: Let us confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.

**C: Almighty God, merciful Father, I confess to you that I have not loved you with all my heart. In what I have done and left undone, I have pursued my ways instead of your ways. I have not loved my brothers and sisters as myself. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. I am truly sorry for my sins. I repent of them. I beg for your mercy, O Lord.**

*~Silence for meditation~*

M: Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ who suffered and died for us.

**C: Cleanse me from my sins. Release me from my guilt. Grant me your Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life.**

M: The almighty God has been merciful to us and has sent his Son to die for all. For his sake, God forgives our sins and calls us from darkness to his marvelous light. Our Lord Jesus Christ has forgiven us and reconciled us to God and has promised us the power to forgive and love each other. Relying on his promise, therefore, be reconciled with one another.

**C: Brothers and sisters, may the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, in our words, and in our actions.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

*(Spoken by Minister)*

M: Lord Jesus Christ, in the Sacrament of Holy Communion you give us your true body and blood as a remembrance of your suffering and death on the cross. Grant us to firmly believe your words and promise that we may always partake of this Sacrament to our eternal good, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## FIRST LESSON

*Exodus 12:1-14*

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, <sup>2</sup>“This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. <sup>3</sup>Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. <sup>4</sup>If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. <sup>5</sup>The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats.<sup>6</sup>Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight.<sup>7</sup>Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. <sup>8</sup>That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat the meat raw or boiled in water, but roast it over a fire—with the head, legs and internal organs. <sup>10</sup>Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. <sup>11</sup>This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD’s Passover. <sup>12</sup>“On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup>The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt. <sup>14</sup>“This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD—a lasting ordinance.

## SECOND LESSON

*1 Corinthians 10:16,17*

Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? <sup>17</sup>Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all share the one loaf.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

*(Spoken by Minister)*

M: As often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes. (*1 Corinthians 11:26*)

## HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior | *CW313 4 Vs.*

Jesus Christ, our blessed Savior, Turned away God's wrath forever;  
By his bitter grief and woe He saved us from the evil foe.

As his pledge of love undying, He, this precious food supplying,  
Gives his body with the bread And with the wine the blood he shed.

Jesus here himself is sharing; Take heed how you are preparing,  
For if you do not believe, Judgment instead you shall receive.

Useless would be Jesus' passion If salvation you could fashion.  
Do not come if you suppose You need not him who died and rose.

**OFFERING and OFFERING PRAYER**

*(Spoken by Minister)*

**THE GREAT LITANY**

*(Spoken Responsively)*

M: O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,

**C: Have mercy on us.**

M: O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

**C: Have mercy on us.**

M: O God the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide,

**C: Have mercy on us.**

M: Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three persons in one God,

**C: Have mercy on us.**

M: Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses nor the offenses of our forebears. Spare us, good Lord; spare your people, whom you have redeemed with your precious blood.

**C: Spare us, good Lord.**

M: From all spiritual blindness; from pride, vain glory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all lack of charity,

**C: Good Lord, deliver us.**

M: From all deadly sin and from the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

**C: Good Lord, deliver us.**

M: From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart and contempt for your Word and your will,

**C: Good Lord, deliver us.**

M: By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your baptism, fasting, and temptation; and by your proclamation of the kingdom,

**C: Good Lord, deliver us.**

M: By your bloody sweat and bitter grief, by your cross and suffering, and by your precious death and burial,

**C: Good Lord, deliver us.**

M: By your mighty resurrection, by your glorious ascension, and by the coming of the Holy Spirit,

**C: Good Lord, deliver us.**

M: In our times of trouble, in our times of prosperity, in the hour of death, and on the day of judgment,

**C: Good Lord, deliver us.**

M: Receive our prayers, O Lord our God.

**C: Hear us, good Lord.**

M: Son of God, we ask you to hear us.

**C: Son of God, we ask you to hear us.**

M: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

**C: Have mercy on us.**

M: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

**C: Grant us peace.**

M: Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Christ, have mercy on us.**

M: Lord, have mercy on us.

### LORD'S PRAYER

*(Spoken by All)*

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

### PRAYER

*(Spoken by Minister)*

M: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you, and you have promised through your beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his name, you will be with them. Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth and in the ages to come, life everlasting.

**C: Amen.**

## THE SACRAMENT

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*(Spoken by Minister)*

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread: and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat: this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: Amen.**

## LAMB OF GOD

*(Sung by Congregation)*

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace.

Amen.

## DISTRIBUTION OF SACRAMENT

*(Please refer to "Worship Welcome" in chair pocket)*

*We follow the Scriptural practice of **CLOSE COMMUNION**. If you have not communed here prior to today, you should speak with our pastor before the service. We would like to help you establish the unity which comes from a common confession of faith (1 Corinthians 10:17) before expressing that union together at the Lord's Table. It is not our intent to judge hearts, but to remain faithful to the truth of God's Word. Those who have established that connection as members of sister WELS or ELS congregations may register at the podium at the sanctuary entrance.. Thank you for honoring our practice.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

*Take and Eat (CWS741)*

*Soloist sings verses and Congregation sings refrains*

Take and eat, take and eat, This is my body given up for you.

Take and drink, take and drink, this is my blood given up for you.

## STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

*(During the stripping of the Altar, the congregation will sing  
"There is a Fountain Filled with Blood" (CW112) 4 V.s.)*

There is a fountain filled with blood Immanuel was slain

And sinners who are washed therein

Lose ev'ry guilty stain, Lose ev'ry guilty stain.

Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood Shall never lose its pow'r

Till all the ransomed Church of God

Be saved and sin no more, Be saved and sin no more.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream Your flowing wounds supply,

Redeeming love has been my theme

And shall be till I die, And shall be till I die.

When this poor lispng, stamm'ring tongue Lies silent in the grave,

Then in a nobler, sweeter song

I'll sing your pow'r to save, I'll sing your pow'r to save.

## PERSONAL PRAYERS FOR COMMUNION

### *Before Communing*

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

### *After Communing*

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.







**Cross of Glory** was planted by the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) in March 1998 so that with the Gospel of Jesus she can strengthen the faith of her members and reach out into the community with the free gift of salvation. First worship services began at Easter 1999; the dedication of our Ministry Center at Easter, 2005. On Easter of 2017, we began services at our second site in the Vistancia community. Our synod's name reflects that her founders began in the state of Wisconsin. As a WELS church we still hold to the teachings of the Bible restored in the Reformation era. We are...

- a Christ-preaching church. We preach that Jesus is true God, the Son of God who became man, so that through his perfect life and innocent death, He is the prophesied "Lamb of God" who has taken away the sin of the world.
- a Bible-believing church. We teach that the Bible is the verbally inspired, inerrant Word of God, the only authority for Christian faith and life. We aim to teach God's Word in all its truth and simplicity.
- an evangelical church. We trust the Bible's claim that God saves people through the power of the Gospel in the Word and Sacraments. The Gospel is the Good News (the Evangel) about Jesus' saving work. The WELS has congregations throughout the USA and around the world to share the Evangel, the Bible's primary message, with all people.
- a people-caring church. That we're all sinners equally saved by Jesus' substitutionary work strips away human judgments and egos. This truth also empowers us to live Jesus' love for all people by offering friendship, support, and Biblical counseling. Our church family cares about other people-- including you.

Our Preschool & Elementary School exists to help parents in their God-given duty of teaching the Faith to their children: an important aspect of our Church's plan to grow a comprehensive womb-to tomb ministry that serves souls for eternity.