

Our Savior Lutheran Church

Open My Life, Lord

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Overview – Open My Hands, Lord

We use our hands to pick up a child, to serve a meal, to play an instrument, to wipe away a tear. Jesus used his hands for healing and for deeds of great power, and the psalmist reminds us that we are always held fast in God's hands. In Deuteronomy, Moses encourages us to open our hands in service to others.

OPENING DIALOG

P: Into your hands, almighty God, we place ourselves:

C: **our minds to know you, our hearts to love you,
our wills to serve you, for we are yours.**

P: Into your hands, incarnate Savior, we place ourselves:

C: **receive us and draw us after you,
that we may follow your steps.**

P: Into your hands, O hovering Spirit, we place ourselves:

C: take us and fashion us after your image; let your comfort strengthen us and your fire cleanse us.

P: Into your hands, almighty God, we place ourselves:

C: gather us in your light eternal.

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER

P: Open our hands, Lord, to reach out to a world in need. May our arms enfold those who sorrow, our palms bear mercy and grace, and our fingers point to your love. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 15:7-11

PSALMODY

Psalm 139:1-10

SECOND READING

Mark 6:1-5

REFLECTION

HYMN

We Are An Offering

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PRAYERS

L: Lord of all life, when we cannot see the beauty of your creation,

C: open our eyes, that all living things thrive and grow.

L: When we neglect the poor, the sick, and the grieving,

C: open our hands to do your work in the world.

L: When we ignore the cries of injustice in our midst,

C: open our ears, that all will know your love.

L: When we are hardened against our neighbor,

C: open our hearts and heal our resentment.

L: When we are closed to the grace you long to give us,

C: open our lives and turn us to follow in the way of the cross.

L: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

PEACE

BLESSING

P: Go into the world with eyes open to the transforming light of Christ, hands open to serve those you meet, ears open to the call of the Spirit, hearts open to the bountiful love of God, and lives open to follow Christ to the cross.

The God who opened for us the way of everlasting life ✝ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG

Gordon Miller

One Pair of Hands

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Mid-Week Lenten Services **Theme: Open My Life, Lord**

2/24 Open My Eyes

3/3 Open My Hands

3/10 Open My Ears

3/17 Open My Heart

3/24 Open My Life