

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 7th 9:00 AM

Back to School Blessing

God's work. Our hands.



OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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We are glad you are joining us for worship at
OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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During the **Offering**, the ushers will pass the traditional offering plates. In addition to placing gifts in the plates, this QR code can be used if you would like to give electronically through **Tithe.ly**. **Please Note:** If you give cash in an envelope, please write your name on the envelope if you want credit for it on your giving statement.



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship

Greeting

please stand as you are able

L 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.

Gathering Song: “To Be Your Presence”

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1 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion here, to show com -
2 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion bold, to feed the
3 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion blest, to speak for
4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your



pas - sion's face and lis - t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer - cy
poor and shel - ter home - less cold, to be your hands of jus - tice,
all the bro - ken and op - pressed, to be your voice of hope, your
peo - ple is our call and choice, and in this mis - sion we, the



ev - er near,
right up - hold, al - le - lu - ia!
love ex - pressed,
church, re - joice,

Celebration of Vocation & Blessing of Hands for Ministry

P We are called to proclaim the good news:

C God is at work!

P This good news is not left in some history long ago or a place far away:

C God is at work in the world still today!

P In us and through us, God is glorified in our work.

When we offer a helping hand, God is praised.

When we share of our abundance, God is known in the world.

C God is at work in us!

P In our service today, and in our daily lives,

let us live out what God has called us to in baptism.

C God is at work through our hands!

Prayer of the Day

C Gracious God,

throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life.

Open us to the power of your presence,

**and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world,
through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord.**

Amen.

you may be seated

Psalm 1

Congregation reads the bold verses

- ¹ Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- ² **Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**
- ³ They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.
- ⁴ **It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**
- ⁵ Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- ⁶ **For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

please stand as you are able

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 14th Chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

²⁵ Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, ²⁶
“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers
and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry
the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a
tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to
complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all
who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not
able to finish.’ ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit
down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who
comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then while the other is still far
away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you
can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

you may be seated

Children's Sermon and Back to School Blessing

Homily

Rev. Jon Strasman

Prayers of the People

L God of life, we pray,

C Hear us when we call.

L Receive these and all our prayers, gracious God.
We pray in the name of Jesus and by the power of the Holy Spirit.

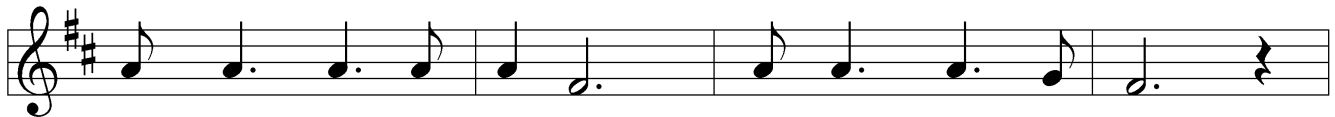
C Amen.

The Offering

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Offering Song: "What Have We to Offer?"



1 What have we to of - fer? What have we to share?
2 What have we to of - fer? What have we to bring?
3 What have we to of - fer? What have we to give?



Coins from the cof - fer, hearts filled with care.
Love, ripe with laugh - ter; hope that we can sing;
Eyes that are wide o - pen; lies that we won't live;



God will not fal - ter; so let us dare
dreams of what we're af - ter; prom - is - es of when.
truth that must be spo - ken; jus - tice some - how.



lay it at the al - tar there.
Lay it at the al - tar then.
Lay it at the al - tar now.

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Text: Ray Makeever

Music: LET US ENTER IN: OFFERTORY, Ray Makeever

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Offering Prayer

please stand as you are able

**C Holy God, giver of all good things,
receive the gifts we bring, fruit of the earth and the work of human hands,
that they may be used to your purposes for life and love in the world.
Amen.**

Blessing

P God who sets forth the law of love, Jesus who fulfills the law for you,
and the Spirit through whom you are called to love, bless you this day,
that you may be God's hands and heart and voice at work in the world.

C Amen.

Sending Song: "God's Work Our Hands"

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Dismissal

P Go in peace. You are God's hands at work in the world!

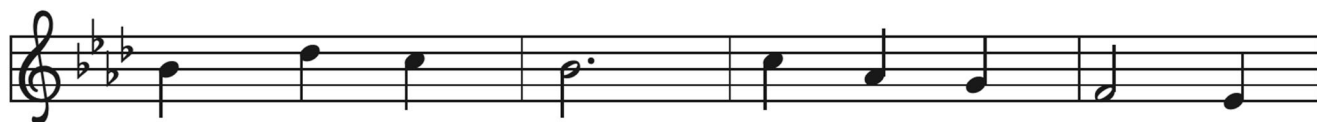
C Thanks be to God.



1	God's	work,	our	hands:	work - ing	to - geth - er,
2	God's	work,	our	feet:	trav - 'ling	to - geth - er,
3	God's	work,	our	voice:	sing - ing	to - geth - er,
4	God	is	at	work	in and a - round	us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,
fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,
prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,
seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
 walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,
 pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,
 Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored.



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.
 run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.
 claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.
 gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
 Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,
 Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
 Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing	the	good	news	of	your	gos	-	pel.
shar - ing	the	good	news	of	your	gos	-	pel.
shar - ing	the	good	news	of	your	gos	-	pel.
shar - ing	the	good	news	of	your	gos	-	pel.