

God's work. Our hands.



September 13, 2026

God's Work. Our Hands.

Being

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME!



*As a community in the model of Christ, we warmly welcome all who have come seeking God in worship at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church. We welcome people of every race, gender, ethnic background, social status, physical ability, sexual orientation, and gender identity. Together in our diversity and as a **Reconciling in Christ** congregation, we seek to embrace the love of God offered to us in Jesus Christ. We gather to experience the presence of God in Word and Sacrament and to give praise to God who loves us unconditionally.*

OUR VISION *In the model of Christ and for the life of the world, we are an inclusive, devoted, caring and spiritual community that accepts challenges, takes risks and grows.*

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- **Communion can be taken at your seat; please let an usher know.**

We are gathered on this land, which touches the shared waters of the peoples of the Suquamish, Tulalip, Duwamish, and Muckleshoot Nations. This is God's creation and home to the Coast Salish peoples, whose long history, voices, and practices call inhabitants to loving stewardship, faithful advocacy, and inclusive story-telling. We honor the Creator's presence in this land, confess our complicity in its brokenness, and proclaim our interconnectedness with God's creation and all its creatures.

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**Asterisks: You are invited to stand in body
or in spirit*

In this service
ELW 670 Build Us Up, Lord **02385**
ELW 172 - Halle, Halle, Hallelujah **04366**
ACS 1000 - God's Work, Our Hands **AF2019201**
*"Prayer of Benedict and Mychal" by M.J. McDermott and
Elizabeth Jennings.*
ELW 801 - Change My Heart, O God **CCLI 1565**
ELW 815 - I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light **00361**
ELW 538 The Lord Now Sends Us Forth **02757**

WELCOME

CENTERING MUSIC

Karen Lee

*BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE

In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them. **For our sake God made the one who knew no sin to be sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.** *(2 Corinthians 5:19, 21)*

For we know that, if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands...The one who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit.
(2 Corinthians 5:1,5)

The God who made the world and everything in it, God who is Lord of heaven and earth,...gives to all mortals life and breath and all things.

So Christ came and proclaimed peace to us who were far off and peace to those who were near, **for through him all of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.**
(Ephesians 2:17-18)

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being!
(2 Corinthians 5:16-17)

I have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.
(Galatians 2:19b-20)

For we are what he has made us,
created in Christ ✚ Jesus for good works. *(Ephesians 2:10)*

For 'In him we live and move and have our being.' *(Acts 17:26-28)*

*GREETING

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. *(2 Corinthians 13:14)*
And also with you.

***OPENING SONG**

Build Us Up, O Lord



1 Build us up, Lord, build us up; set in
2 Build us up, Lord, build us up; let our

us a strong foun - da - tion. Lead us to do your
lives re - flect your glo - ry. Cast a - way all our

ho - ly will; form and shape your new cre - a - tion.
doubts and fears; help us tell the world your sto - ry.

Build us up, Lord, build us up; as we
Build us up, Lord, build us up; help us

guide and teach each oth - er, help us to share your love with the
bear good fruit for you, Lord, give us vi - sion and keep us

world: ev - 'ry sis - ter, ev - 'ry broth - er.
sure. Grant us faith that's stead - fast and true.

Refrain

Grow - ing in Christ, we plant seeds for the king - dom; we fol - low in

faith what's be - gun! Lord, set in our hearts the pow'r of your

word to spread the news of your Son!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of grace, equip us for your service, that we may embody the love of your Son. Direct us in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name.

Raise us up as descendents of our ancestors in faith, and—like living stones—let us be built into a spiritual house through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(adapted, Matthew 3:9, 1 Peter 2:4-5)

Gather ✝ **Proclaim** ✝ Commune ✝ Send

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

Philippians 1:1-18, 27-30

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly;
teach and admonish one another in all wisdom;
and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.
(Colossians 3:16)

Hear what the Spirit is saying. **Our ears and hearts are open.**

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,

To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank my God for every remembrance of you, always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I hold you in my heart, **for all of you are my partners in God's grace**, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the tender affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what really matters, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually resulted in the progress of the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to everyone else that my imprisonment is for Christ, and most of the brothers and sisters, having been made confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, **dare to speak the word with greater boldness and without fear.**

Some proclaim Christ from envy and rivalry but others from goodwill. These proclaim Christ out of love, knowing that I have been put here for the defense of the gospel;

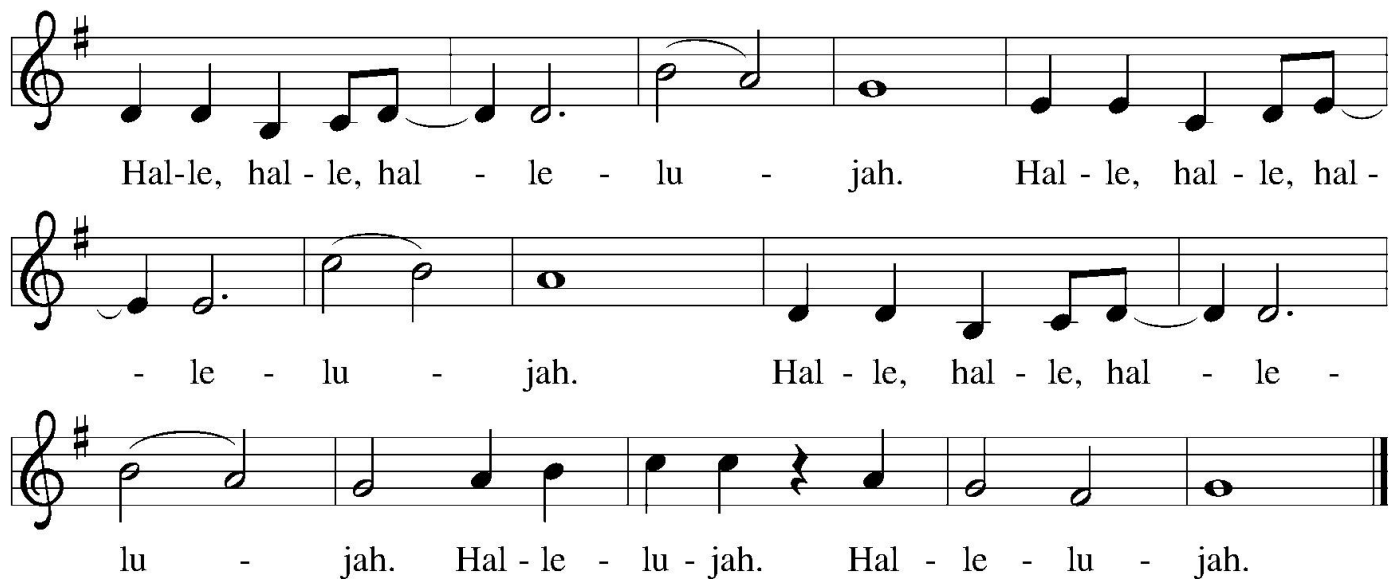
the others proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but intending to increase my suffering in my imprisonment. What does it matter? Just this, that Christ is proclaimed in every way, whether out of false motives or true, and in that I rejoice.

Only, **live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ**, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, **striving side by side with one mind** for the faith of the gospel and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your salvation. **And this is God's doing**. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well, since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God!

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!



GOSPEL READING

John 14:10-20, 23-26

The gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. (2 Corinthians 4:4)
Glory to you, O Lord!

[Jesus said,] The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, **but the Father who dwells in me does his works**. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, **the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do** and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.

I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and **he will be in you.**

“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; **because I live, you also will live.** On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

“Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words, and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me.

“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. 26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything **and remind you of all that I have said to you.**

We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord. (2 Corinthians 4:5)
Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

Clay, Hands, and Wheels (Again)

HYMN OF THE DAY

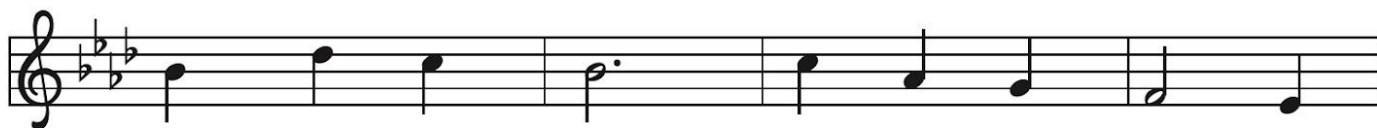
God's Work, Our Hands!



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.
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Music accompanies the prayers, as they are spoken.

The same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.

For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." (Romans 10:12-13)

Silence for contemplation.

After offering a prayer, please close with the words,

"God in your mercy," and we will all respond with the refrain:



Hear our prayer, hear our prayer_____

Gracious God,
may we abide in the love of Christ,
that these prayers may be fulfilled in us,
doing as he commanded—that his joy may be in us,
and our joy may be complete.
All these things we have spoken
and those we've prayed in our hearts,
we commend to you, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**
(adapted, John 15:9-11)

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Gather ✠ Proclaim ✠ **Commune** ✠ Send

*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*We greet each other with sign of Christ's peace
by gesture and word, such as "Peace be with you."*

OFFERING

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing.
(Ephesians 1:3-4)

Gifts may be made online at
www.ourredeemers.net/donate
or by scanning the QR Code.



OFFERING MUSIC

"Prayer of Benedict and Mychal"

Presented by Choral Ensemble, M. J. McDermott

(Prayer of St. Benedict)

Oh gracious and holy God,
give us wisdom to perceive Thee,
intelligence to understand Thee, and
diligence to seek for Thee.

Give us patience to wait for Thee,
An eye to behold Thee,
a heart to meditate upon Thee, and
a life to proclaim Thee,
through the power of the spirit of Jesus
Christ, Our Lord.

(Prayer of Fr. Mychal)

Lord, take me where You want me to go;
Let me meet whom You want me to meet;
Tell me what you want me to say; and
Keep me out of your way.

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Music by M.J. McDermott

Arrangement by Elizabeth Jennings

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray. Spirit of the Living God,
**unite the varieties of gifts and services
you have given us for the common good.**

As in one body we have many members,
so may we, who are many, be one in the body of Christ. Amen.

(adapted, 1 Corinthians 12:4-7, and Romans 12:4-6)

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Gracious God, we give you thanks;
By your hand, you feed your people,
you uplift the weary,
you teach the hands to plant and tend
and to mend and heal.

When your goodness and loving kindness appeared, you saved us,
not because of any works of righteousness that we had done,
but according to your mercy,
through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.
This Spirit you have poured out on us richly
through Jesus Christ our Savior. *(adapted, Titus 3:4-6)*

He was in the beginning with you.
All things came into being through him,
and without him not one thing came into being.
And what has come into being in him is life. *(John 1:2-4)*

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread,
and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup,
gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and all people
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
(1 Corinthians 11:23-24)

Joined to Christ through these gifts,
bring us to bear the fruits of salvation,
giving thanks as your beloved people.
By the power of your Holy Spirit,
sanctify ✝ us, so we may keep the teachings of the gospel,
and stand firm in the traditions of faith,
so your church may live its call,
and fulfill the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
(adapted, 2 Thessalonians 2:13-15)

All honor and praise and glory to you,
God of creative, dirty hands,
God of holy, wounded hands,
God who strengthens and guides our hands,
both now and forever. **Amen.**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER** (Matthew 6:10-13)

We speak in the languages of our hearts:

**Our Father in heaven,
holy be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts
as we forgive our debtors.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

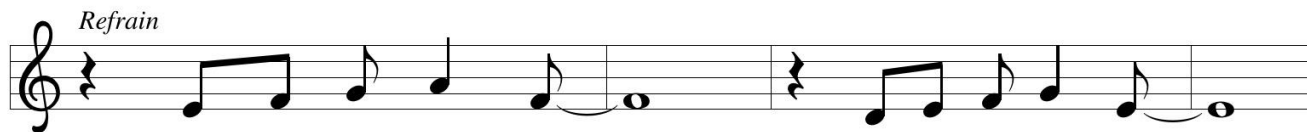
Many of us have experienced
rejection, exclusion, and marginalization
at different times in our lives, but we come here,
knowing we will not be turned away.
So come, whether this is your first time, or your hundredth.
All who have tried to follow—
all God's people needing healing and wholeness;
Come to this simple feast. God's table is big enough for all of us.

All Are Welcome
to commune, including children (as parents permit).

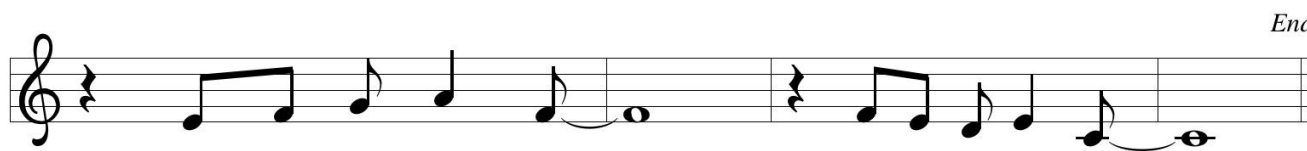


COMMUNION HYMN

Change My Heart, O God



Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.

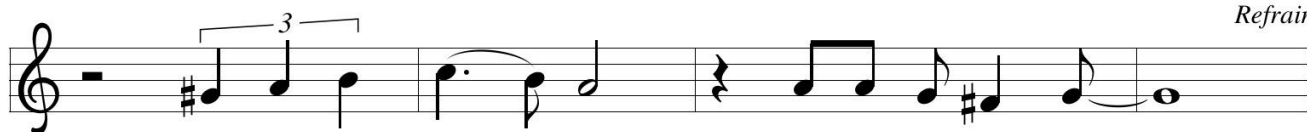


End

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.



Refrain

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.



COMMUNION HYMN

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

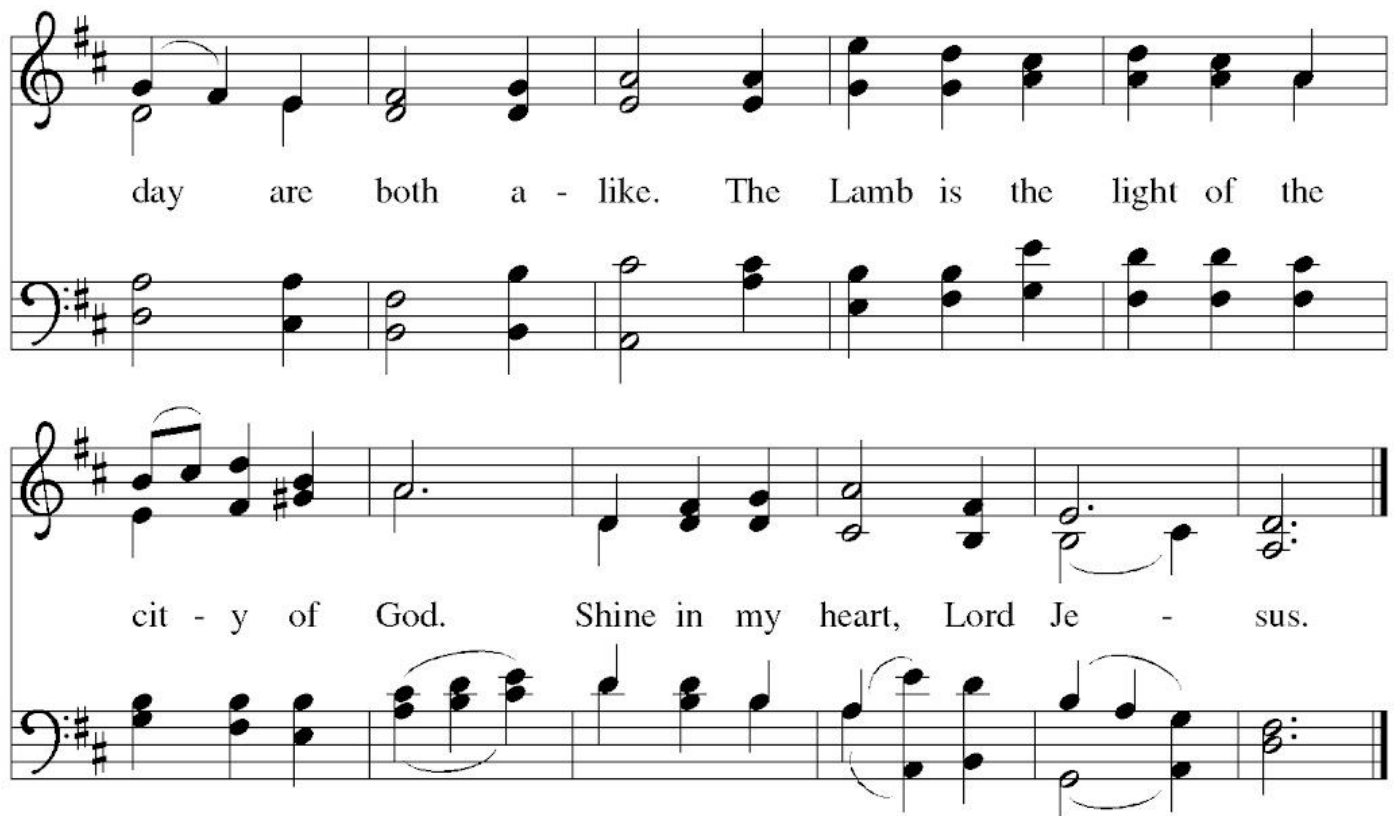
1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to

fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous - ness,
 be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with

light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



***TABLE BLESSING**

Because there is one bread, **we, who are many, are one body.**

Just as the body is one and has many members,

and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

(1 Corinthians 10:16-17, 12:12)

May the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ
strengthen you, and keep you in everlasting grace
and in eternal life. **Amen.**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Faithful God, we give you thanks

for these gifts of grace you have given us in Christ Jesus;

enrich us in every way, in speech and knowledge of every kind

to strengthen our witness to Christ among us,

and the partnership in him, through which you have called us. Amen.

(1 Corinthians 1:4-9)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

.Generosity/Stewardship Season (October 4 - November 8)

Swedish Pancakes/Commitment Sunday, November 8

.TODAY God's Work, Our Hands. LWR kits and Lunch

w/ Ballard First Lutheran Church

.TOMORROW September 14, Ladies' Night Out, Old Stove Brewery, Ballard

.NEXT SUNDAY September 20, 10:00 am+ Altar Dedication and Potluck

.NEXT SUNDAY September 20, Ballard Sunday Dinner

.October 24, Fall Movie Night. Food and Bevs served.

.September 26, 1-4 pm. Oktoberfest. Non-Alcoholic Beers, Food, Music.

We need games like big-Jenga, cornhole, etc. This will be an indoor event.

Also, please sign up to help with cooking, serving, decorations/setup and cleanup!

.October 3, 9a-4p, WELCA Retreat August 29

.The Journey/Prospective Members [Sunday evenings, September 27-October 25]

RSVP by September 14.

.Safety Training and Refresher

.Ballard Food Bank

.Reign (Soccer) Game, 4pm, November 1st

.Thanksgiving Team Leads

Kick Off Sunday, September 27

9:00 am and 11:00 am services begin

with 10:00 am Faith Formation.

We will have only 10:00 am services on

October 25, Reformation Sunday

and **November 1, All Saints Day**

*BLESSING FOR SERVICE

Through baptism, Christ has called us to acts of mercy and service for this community and our neighbors. United as the Body of Christ and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America on this God's Work, Our Hands Sunday, may God use us and fill us with the power of the Holy Spirit that by faith we might produce good works.

Siblings in Christ, both our work and our rest are in God. Recall works of God to which we are called. Will you affirm to endeavor to pattern your life on the Lord Jesus Christ, in gratitude to God and in service to others, at morning and evening, at work and at play, all the days of your life?

We will, and I ask God to help us.

Let us pray. Almighty God, by the power of the Spirit you have knit us your servants into the one body of your Son, Jesus Christ. Strengthen our commitment to serve in Christ's name. Bless our hands to proclaim your truth. Bless our hands to proclaim your peace. Bless our hands to proclaim your love. Give us courage, patience, and vision; and strengthen us all in our Christian vocation of witness to the world and of service to others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Jesus who fulfills the law for you,
and the Spirit through whom you are called to love,
bless ✠ and keep you this day, that you may be God's
hands at work in the world. **Amen.**

*SENDING SONG

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth



En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta es - tá
The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,
pa - ra cons - truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.
to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.
Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar
The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain
un mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor;
to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name;
me ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad.
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.
A - yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love,
and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

IN OUR PRAYERS

Bill Anderson, Faye Buckalew, Jennifer Carter,
Chase De Alessi, Pete D'Amico, Barb Dougherty,
Ethan Duke and family, Gerry & Bob Faley,
Helene Fowler, Fowler family, Cindy Funai,
Hale family, Don Hansen and family, Donnalyn
Hansen, Higgins Family,
Margaret & Hlastala family, Holt family,
Tyson Hunter, Helen Jones,
Steve King, Bud Knapp, Maddox and family,
Judy Malmgren, Roger Mandery, Holly Mangold,
Melanie, Elaine Merceruio, Alan Murray,
Prentice Family, Iko Rodenberger, Rosing family,
Kjersti Sangrey,
Michael Schieffer, David Schrader,
Carleen and the See family,
Dave Shumway, Shirley Smith, Letty Silverberg,
Barbara Smith, Sharon Stearns, Elaine Stevens,
Lars Sveum-Hanson,
Carolyn Swanson, Arlene Templin, Todd,
Eliot Wright and family, Jon Wright;
UW Lutheran Campus Ministry.
asylum seekers, refugees, and those seeking
housing and a home;
those living with mental illness and loneliness;
those outside in the elements;
children and parents; immigrant families remaining
separated;
Ballard Food Bank; Road to Housing guests.

Those grieving the loss of
Julie Rosing, Norm, Miranda Gamayunov.

*Please contact Pastor Thomas to request
additions to our prayer list.*

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**Be a familiar face in worship, and
share the gifts of the service!**

**Sign up in the narthex to help
with Summer-schedule services!**

*Many thanks
for serving today!*

Nursery Attendant: Jordan Holt
Online Host: Erica Lee
Musicians: Gianfranco Foddai, Karen Lee,
Choral Ensemble
Coffee Setup:
Communion Setup:
Usher/Greeter:
Worship Assistant:
Reader: Russ Jacobs
Communion Assistant: Linda Carbone
Communion Cleanup:
Coffee Cleanup:

Happening This Week!

Sunday, September 13

God's Work. Our Hands.

St. John Chrysostom

10 AM. Worship Service

(after service) Lunch and LWR Kits
with Ballard First Lutheran Church

Monday, September 14

Holy Cross Day

5:30 PM. Ladies' Night Out
Old Stove Brewery and Gardens,
Ballard

Tuesday, September 15

Wednesday, September 16

St Cyprian, martyr

Thursday, September 17

6:30 PM MMT Meeting (Dinner)

Friday, September 18

Saturday, September 19

5 PM. LAT Set up of Sanctuary/FH

Sunday, September 20

Altar Dedication Service

10 AM. Worship Service

(after service) Potluck!

Saturday, September 26

1 - 4 PM. *Oktoberfest*

Sunday, September 27

Kick off Sunday

18th Sunday after Pentecost

9 AM. Informal Service

10 AM. Adult Formation

10 AM. Confirmation

10 AM. ORCA

11 AM. Traditional Service

4:30 PM. *The Journey*



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