

St. Luke's Lutheran Church
God's Work. Our Hands.
Sunday, September 12, 2021
8:30 AM

❖ **PRELUDE**

❖ **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** *{Front Center} (Rob)*

❖ **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM** *{Front Center} (Rob)*

L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. Your waters are a gift to us: oceans and seas, lakes and rivers, streams and ponds, [Nine Mile Creek, Normandale Lake, Minnesota and Mississippi Rivers] nourishing our land, watering the plants, giving life to us.

C: Our lives flow from your well of grace.

L: Your waters are a gift to us: nourishing the Israelites in the desert, offering healing at the pools of Bethesda and Siloam, proclaiming Jesus beloved in the waters of the Jordan.

C: Our lives flow from your well of grace.

L: Your waters are a gift to us: drowning us in baptism, washing away our death, calling us to the work of reconciliation.

C: Our lives flow from your well of grace.

L: Your waters are a gift to us: soothing our thirst for justice and peace at home, in our community, and around the globe; carrying us forward to our thirsting neighbors in need.

C: Our lives flow from your well of grace.

L: Continue to fill us with your love that our lives may proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

C: Amen.

***FIRST READING** *{Lectern} (Jon Sasseville)*

1st Corinthians 12:12-27

For 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. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.'

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

❖ MESSAGE – Pastor Rob Norris-Weber {Pulpit}

❖ HYMN - "God's Work, Our Hands." Verses 1 & 4

Verse 1

God's work, our hands: working together,
Building a future, repairing the world,
Raising up homes, planting new gardens,
Feeding the hungry and shelt'ring the cold.
Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
Sharing the good news of your gospel.

Verse 4

God is at work in and around us:
Seedlings are sprouting and bread's on the rise!
Washed and set free, humbled and honored,
Gifted by grace, we respond in God's love.
Bless, God, our lives as we answer your call,
Sharing the good news of your gospel.

❖ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION {Front Center} (Greg Hornicke)

L: Trust God at work in and among us, we raise our hearts and voices in prayer for the needs of the world.

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

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.

❖ SHARING OF THE PEACE {Front Center} (Rob)

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

❖ SENDING LITANY {Front Center} (Rob)

L: At the font, God brings us from death to life and calls us to share that abundant life with the world.

C: We are freed in Christ to serve!

L: Through the word, God accompanies us through our life journeys and calls us to walk with others on their journeys.

C: We are freed in Christ to serve!

L: At the table, God feeds us with Christ's own body and forms us to be the body of Christ for others.

C: We are freed in Christ to serve!

L: In the world, God goes ahead of us to places in need and calls us to join the work.

C: We are freed in Christ to serve!

L: Let us pray. Holy One, as we serve others today, give us courage to see you in our neighbor; give us strength to sustain us in our work; and give us more opportunities to continue your work in our community. As we give our hands in service for your work, help us to trust in your mercy for those who are still in need.

C: Amen.

❖ **SENDING HYMN – ELW #720: “We Are Called”**

Verse 1

Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
To live in the freedom of the city of God.

Refrain

We are called to act with justice,
We are called to love tenderly;
We are called to serve one another,
To walk humbly with God.

Verse 2

Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
So hatred and blindness will be no more.

Refrain

Verse 3

Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
As sisters and brothers united in love.

Refrain

❖ **DISMISSAL** {Front Center} (Greg Hornicke)

L: The Creator who forms you anew, the Christ who sets you free, the Spirit who draws you one to another, One God, bless you in your service to others, bless you in your rest and renewal, bless you today, tomorrow, and forever.

C: Amen.

L: In Christ there is a new creation! See, everything has become new! Go forth to love and serve in Christ's name.

C: Thanks be to God.

Altar Flowers Today:

***Given by Steve & Judy Ludwigson
In Celebration of Nikki's birthday***

God's work. Our hands. Opportunities Today

- *Yard Care – Marc Dunham
- *Rain Garden – Gael Zembal
- *Quilting – Janet Lyson
- *Cards – Marilyn Nelson and Emily Schoeller
- *Toy Yard Sale – Susana Castillo
- *Blessing Bags & Scrip – Bev Brosam
- *Distribute Flyers – Rob Norris-Weber

This Week at St. Luke's

Sunday, 9/12

8:30 AM -- Worship (In-Person and Live Streamed)
10:00 AM – Worship (In-Person and Live Streamed)
10:00 AM – Sersland Baptism
11:15 AM – Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, 9/13

9:00 AM – Yard Care Group
9:00 AM – Women's Bible Study
6:30 PM – Altar Guild

Tuesday, 9/14

10:30 AM – Staff Meeting
7:00 PM – AA (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 PM – Council Meeting

Wednesday, 9/15

2:00 PM – Loaves & Fishes
6:00 PM – Children & Youth Orientation (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, 9/16

7:00 PM – Jubilee
7:00 PM – GA (Fellowship Hall)
7:30 PM – Al-Anon Meeting (Youth Room)

Saturday, 9/18

3:00 PM – Feed My Starving Children (Chanhassen)

Sunday, 9/19

8:30 AM -- Worship (In-Person and Live Streamed)
9:30 AM – Ministry Fair
9:30 AM – Listening Post
10:00 AM – Worship (In-Person and Live Streamed)

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Mission Statement

**"We are a welcoming and growing community of faith,
busy making Christ known to the world."**