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☐ = Pastor ☒ = Lector [reader] ☑ = Congregation ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (the red hymnal)
⬆ Please stand as you are able.

☪ GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS SUNDAY ☪

PRELUDES: *Ave Maria* (Schubert), *Panis Angelicus* (Franck) Richard King, Trumpet and Flugelhorn

Welcome to worship! Today's worship includes the sacrament of communion. Communion is offered by intinction: you may receive a wafer and dip it in the chalice with wine or white grape juice. Or you may pick up a prefilled communion "kit" on the altar rail as you approach the altar. Please tell an usher if you need a communion kit brought to you where you sit. At home you may prepare ahead of time wine/grape juice and bread appropriate for your family. Our liturgy declares we celebrate with "the church on earth and the hosts of heaven." We acknowledge that communion always connects us "remotely" and powerfully with the Church through time and space.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Miriam

⬆ **GATHERING HYMN:** *God's Work, Our Hands* [All Creation Sings, Hymn 1000]

- 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.**
- 2 **God's work, our feet: trav'ling together, following Jesus to places unknown,
walking as friends, marching for freedom, running the race with God's future the goal.
Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way, sharing the good news of your gospel.**
- 3 **God's work, our voice: singing together, praising, proclaiming to all who will hear,
praying for peace, shouting for justice, claiming God's love for the lost and the least.
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name, sharing the good news of your gospel.**
- 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.**

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⬆ **GREETING**

- ☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
☑ **And also with you.**

⬆ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- ☐ O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. ☑ **Amen.**

LESSON: from **Isaiah 58:6-12**

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

- ☒ The first lesson is from Isaiah, the fifty-eighth chapter.

What do you think ... the LORD wants?

[God asks:] ⁶Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry? Is it not to bring the homeless poor into your house? Is it not when you see the naked, to cover them? Is it not to hide yourself from your own kin? ▶

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, and ¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and break forth like the dawn; your gloom be like the noonday and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

▣ The next lesson is also from Isaiah, the sixth-first chapter, verses 1-3. *New Century Version*

The Lord God has put his Spirit in me, because the Lord has appointed me to tell the good news to the poor. He has sent me to comfort those whose hearts are broken, to tell the captives they are free, and to tell the prisoners they are released.

²He has sent me to announce the time when the Lord will show his kindness ... He has sent me to comfort all those who are sad, all the sorrowing people, and give them a crown to replace their ashes, ... gladness to replace their sorrow, and clothes of praise to replace their spirit of sadness. Then they will be called Trees of Goodness, trees planted by the Lord to show his greatness.

▣ Word of God, word of life.

▣ **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 146:1, 5, 8-9

New Century Version

▣ Please join me in reading portions of Psalm 146 responsively.
Praise the LORD! I will sing praises to my God as long as I live.

▣ ⁵**Happy are those whose hope is in the LORD their God.**

▣ The LORD does what is fair for those who have been wronged.

▣ **He gives food to the hungry.**

▣ The LORD sets the prisoners free.

▣ ⁸**The LORD gives sight to the blind.**

▣ The LORD lifts up people who are in trouble.

▣ **The LORD loves those who do right.**

▣ ⁹The LORD protects the foreigners.

▣ **The LORD defends the orphans and widows, but he blocks the way of the wicked.**

↑ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *To Be Your Presence*

ELW Hymn 546

4 **We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice,
To serve your people is our call and choice,
And in this mission we, the church, rejoice. Alleluia!**

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↑ **GOSPEL: Luke 7:20-23**

Easy-to-Read Version

▣ The Gospel according to Luke, the seventh chapter.

▣ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

So [John's disciples] came to Jesus. They said, "John the Baptizer sent us to you with this question: 'Are you the one who is coming, or should we wait for someone else?'"

²¹Right then Jesus healed many people of their sicknesses and diseases. He healed those who had evil spirits and made many who were blind able to see again. ²²Then he said to John's followers, "Go tell John what you have seen and heard: The blind can see. The crippled can walk. People with leprosy are healed. The deaf can hear. The dead are brought back to life. And the Good News is being told to the poor. ²³Great blessings belong to those who don't have a problem accepting me."

▣ The Gospel of the Lord.

▣ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Miriam

↑ **HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Touch that Soothes and Heals*

[All Creation Sings, Hymn 939]

1 **Touch that soothes and heals the hurting, hands that break a loaf of bread;
steps that walk beside the weary, bearing burdens in their stead:**

Refrain: “See my hands and feet,” said Jesus, love arisen from the grave.
“Be my hands and feet,” said Jesus, “live as ones I died to save.”

2 **Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit ones in need of care,
give the homeless warmth and shelter: Christ will find a welcome there. Refrain**

3 **Love and serve without distinction all earth’s people, first and least.
Know within each act of kindness hope and wholeness are increased. Refrain**

4 **Hands that beckon little children, bind a wound, prepare a meal,
feet that rush to share good tidings, Christ arisen , still reveal. Refrain**

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↑ **OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES’ CREED**

Ⓟ Let us confess our baptismal faith together.

Ⓞ **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

When the petition concludes “God of grace,” please respond, “hear our prayer.”

*The prayers are ended with these words, “Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit,
gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.”*

Please respond, “Amen.”

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OFFERING HYMN (8:30): *God, Bless the Hands*

[All Creation Sings Hymn 1022]

1 **God, bless the hands stretched out in love through floods below and storms above;
they search and rescue, comfort, calm, give shelter, offer healing balm.
Oh, guard them by your steadfast hand; reach out in love to help us stand.**

2 **Bring comfort to the hearts that mourn, left broken, emptied by the storm.
Give hope to those in deepest grief; empower us to bring relief.
To you, O God, we raise our hands. Save us, we pray, from sinking sands.**

3 **O God, our strength and refuge sure, our hope while storms of life endure:
teach us to live in harmony with earth and river, sky and sea,
preserving waters, air, and lands as holy work for human hands.**

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OFFERING ANTHEM: *Hands of God**Sanctuary Choir; Richard King, Trumpet*

We gather 'round the water, the word, the wine, the wheat.
 Repentant and forgiven, from bondage we are freed.
 Singing songs of gladness, of mercy, grace, and love,
 Then we are sent from this place to be the hands of God.

Baptized in the water and nurtured by the Word, then fed at the table where bread and wine are served.
 Blessed to be a blessing with strength to heed the call,
 We are sent from this place to be the hands of God.

Refrain: Hands of God, hands of faith, off'ring hope, off'ring grace ...

Hands of blessing, hands of love; we are the hands, the hands of God.

From ev'ry land and nation, ev'ry tribe and ev'ry tongue,
 United by the Spirit, in Christ we join as one with saints who've gone before us, whose spirits still live on.
 Then we are sent from this place to be the hands of God.

If we in our own strength confide our striving would be losing;
 The righteous One is by our side, the One of God's own choosing. *Refrain*

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↑ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P** The Lord be with you. **C** **And also with you.**
P Lift up your hearts. **C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name.

↑ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- P** 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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

↑ THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P C** **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.**

SHARING COMMUNION AT CHURCH or at home with your household

As the pastors and worship team commune, please join them and the whole Church.

Please approach the altar using the diagonal aisles and return by the side or middle aisles.

You will be offered a wafer, which you may dip in the chalice of wine or white grape juice.

You may also choose a packaged cup with wine or grape juice, or a gluten-free wafer with wine (as we have been using throughout the pandemic). ▶

*At home commune each other/yourself with these ancient words of promise:
“The body of Christ for you” and “The blood of Christ for you.”*

COMMUNION HYMN: *Light Dawns in a Weary World*

ELW Hymn 726

- 1 Light dawns on a weary world when eyes begin to see all people’s dignity.
Light dawns on a weary world: the promised day of justice comes.**

*Refrain: The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!
We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace, as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.*

- 2 Love grows in a weary world when hungry hearts find bread and children’s dreams are fed.
Love grows in a weary world: the promised feast of plenty comes. Refrain**

- 3 Hope blooms in a weary world when creatures, once forlorn, find wilderness reborn.
Hope blooms in a weary world: the promised green of Eden comes. Refrain**

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⬆ **PASTORAL BLESSING and BENEDICTION**

- Ⓟ May The God of peace, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you,
and show you the path of life this day and always.

Ⓞ **Amen.**

⬆ **SENDING HYMN:** *The Lord Now Sends Us Forth*
Enviado soy de Dios

ELW Hymn 538

**The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,
to make of all the earth a better place to live. Repeat**

**The angels are not sent into our world of pain to do what we were meant to do in Jesus’ name;
that falls to you and me and all who are made free. Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will today.
Repeat**

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⬆ **DISMISSAL**

- Ⓟ Go in peace, with God beside you. Invite everyone to Jesus’ pathway of joy and life!

Ⓞ **Thanks be to God.**

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