

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

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PRELUDE: WITH MY OWN TWO HANDS

**I can change the world with my own two hands,
Make it a better place with my own two hands,
Make it a kinder place with my own two hands;
With my own, with my own two hands.**

**I can make peace on earth with my own two hands,
I can clean up the earth with my own two hands,
I can reach out to you with my own two hands;
With my own, with my own two hands.
With my own, with my own two hands.**

**I'm going to make it a brighter place
with my own two hands,
I'm going to make it a safer place
with my own two hands,
I'm going to help the human race
with my own two hands, with my own,
with my own two hands.
With my own, with my own two hands.**

**I can hold you with my own two hands,
And I can comfort you with my own two hands,
But you got to use, use your own two hands.
Use your own, use your own two hands.**

**With our own, with our own two hands,
With our own, with our own two hands.**

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WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG: If We Are the Body

Verse 1

**It's crowded in worship today
As she slips in trying to fade into the faces.
The girls teasing laughter is carrying
Farther than they know,
Farther than they know.**

Chorus

**(But) if we are the body,
Why aren't His arms reaching?
Why aren't His hands healing?
Why aren't His words teaching?
And if we are the body, Why aren't His feet going?
Why is His love not showing them there is a way
(There is a way)?**

Verse 2

**A traveler is far away from home.
He sheds his coat and quietly
Sinks into the back row.
The weight of their judgmental glances
Tells him that his chances are better
Out on the road.**

Bridge

**Jesus paid much too high a price
For us to pick and choose who should come,
And we are the body of Christ.**

Ending

Jesus is the way.

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↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.
O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion,
you lead back to yourself all those who go astray.
Preserve your people in your loving care, that we
may reject whatever is contrary to you and may
follow all things that sustain our life in your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

G Amen.

LESSONS: Isaiah 58:6-12

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

📖 The first lesson is from Isaiah, the 58th 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.**

⬆️ **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

SONG OF THE DAY: SERVANT SONG

Verse 1

Will you let me be your servant?

Let me be as Christ to you?

Pray that I might have the grace to

Let you be my servant, too.

Verse 2

We are pilgrims on a journey.

We are travelers on the road.

We are here to help each other

Walk the mile and bear the load.

Verse 3

I will hold the Christ-light for you.

In the night time of your fear

I will hold my hand out to you,

Speak the peace you long to hear.

Verse 4

I will weep when you are weeping.

When you laugh I'll laugh with you.

I will share your joy and sorrow

Till we've seen this journey through.

Verse 5

When we sing to God in heaven

We shall find such harmony.

Born of all we've known together

Of Christ's love and agony.

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OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

P Let us confess our baptismal faith together.

C 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."

When the prayers conclude, please respond, "Amen."

OFFERING

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OFFERING SONG: ALL MY LIVING

- 1 How can I measure the bounteous treasure,
the gifts God's entrusted to me,
To use and enjoy, but to also employ
that God's will around me is done?
All my living, let it be for you.
That's why I'm giving these gifts now to you.
- 2 For the stars, woods, and streams, possibilities
and dreams, I thank you for my daily bread.
Now through all of my friendships and words
that come from my lips,
I'll act so that others are fed.
All my living, let it be for you.
That's why I'm giving these gifts now to you.
These gifts now to you, these gifts now to you.

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 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

C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name;
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth
as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; forgive
us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us;
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.

SHARING COMMUNION

*Please approach the altar, coming down the center
aisle. You will be offered a wafer, and you may dip it
into the chalice containing wine or white grape juice.
Or, you may choose a prepackaged kit.
At home, serve yourself, saying to each other/yourself
these ancient words of promise: "The body of Christ for
you" and "The blood of Christ for you."*

COMMUNION SONG: THINGS LEFT UNDONE

When your life is over, you're reaching the end
And the river of Jordan is around the bend,
Will you be counting all the trophies you've won,
Or will you look back on things left undone?

Chorus

When a stranger came knocking did you let him in?
Was there food on your table
for a down-and-out friend?
Did you hide in the shadows?
Did you walk in the sun?
Or do you regret the things left undone?

Somebody you cared for broke your heart.
You let foolish pride, Lord, keep you apart.
Why didn't you learn how to forgive someone?
So many years passed with things left undone.

Chorus

Paul Thorn

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

☞ 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 SONG: IN THE HIGHWAYS AND THE HEDGES

In the highways, in the hedges,
In the highways, in the hedges,
In the highways, in the hedges,
I'll be somewhere workin' for my Lord.

I'll be somewhere workin', I'll be somewhere workin',
I'll be somewhere workin' for my Lord.

I'll be somewhere workin', I'll be somewhere workin',
I'll be somewhere workin' for my Lord.

If He calls me, I will answer,
If He calls me, I will answer,
If He calls me, I will answer,
I'll be somewhere workin' for my Lord.

I'll be somewhere workin', I'll be somewhere workin',
I'll be somewhere workin' for my Lord.

I'll be somewhere workin', I'll be somewhere workin',
I'll be somewhere workin' for my Lord.

In the highways, in the hedges,
In the highways, in the hedges,
In the highways, in the hedges,
I'll be somewhere workin' for my Lord.

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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.**