

St. Luke's Lutheran Church

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God's Work's, Our Hands

God's work. Our hands.



September 7, 2025

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

GATHERING SONG

"LORD, WHOSE LOVE IN HUMBLE SERVICE"

ELW 712

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

Let us pray. Direct us, O Lord God, 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; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 205)

Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word. Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred. Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Luke 14:25-33

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS"

See hymn handout

VERSES 1, 2 & 3

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

...God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

...in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

OFFERING

ORGAN OFFERTORY

OFFERING RESPONSE

ELW 186

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

OFFERING PRAYER

Holy God, giver of all good things, ...for life and love in the world. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS INSTRUCTION

CELEBRATION OF VOCATION AND BLESSING OF HANDS FOR MINISTRY

We are called to proclaim the good news:

God is at Work!

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

God is at work in the world still today!

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.

God is at work in us!

In our service today and in our daily lives, let us live out what God has called us to in baptism.

God is at work through our hands!

God bless your hands and your work, that through you God's love may be known.

Amen.

SENDING GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS

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. **Amen.**

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

Thanks be to God.

SENDING SONG

"GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS"

See hymn handout

VERSE 4

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Dr. Keith Copeland
Chris Micci, Organ button pusher

Greeter: David & Pat Sweet

Reader: Karen Smith

Audio/Video:

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Altar Guild:

Altar Flowers:

Friendship Room: NO FRIENDSHIP ROOM

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