

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church!

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

"God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday
September 8, 2024



God's work. Our hands.



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please stand as you are comfortable for those sections marked with an asterisk ()*

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE SONG:

“Holy Spirit”

Verse 1 There's nothing worth more, that could ever come close
No thing can compare, you're our living hope, your presence, Lord.

Verse 2 I've tasted and seen, of the sweetest of loves, where my heart
Becomes free, and my shame is undone, your presence, Lord.

Chorus **Holy Spirit, you are welcome here, come flood this place
And fill the atmosphere. Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by your presence, Lord, your presence, Lord.**

Verse 1

Chorus

Bridge Let us become more aware of your presence, let us experience the glory of your
goodness. (repeat)

Chorus

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOD’S WORK, OUR HANDS BLESSING for MINISTRY:*

P: As God’s beloved ones, we are called to proclaim the good news:

ALL: God is at work!

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

ALL: God is at work in the world still today!

P: 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.

ALL: God is at work in us!

P: When we fall short of God’s call for us, and when our hands do more harm than good:

ALL: Forgive us, O God.

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

ALL: God is at work through our hands! Amen.

GATHERING HYMN:*

God’s Work, Our Hands

Music: Earth and All Stars

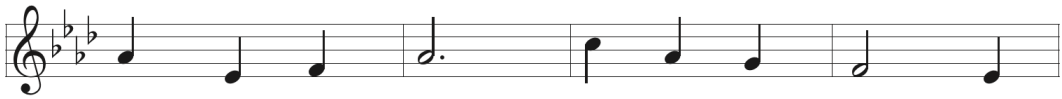
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Text: by Wayne L. Wold

GREETING:*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be
with you all. **ALL: And also with you.**

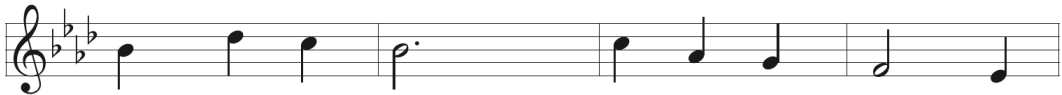
God's Work, Our Hands



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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:*

P: Let us pray,

ALL: Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE & BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

FIRST READING: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

¹A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,
and favor is better than silver or gold.

²The rich and the poor have this in common:
the LORD is the maker of them all.

⁸Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity,
and the rod of anger will fail.

⁹Those who are generous are blessed,
for they share their bread with the poor.

²²Do not rob the poor because they are poor,
or crush the afflicted at the gate;

²³for the LORD pleads their cause
and despoils of life those who despoil them.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 125

¹Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but stands fast forever.

²**The mountains surround Jerusalem;
so you surround your people, O LORD, from this time forth forevermore.**

³The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just,
so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.

⁴**Show your goodness, O LORD, to those who are good
and to those who are true of heart.**

⁵As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, the LORD will lead them away with the
evildoers; but peace be upon Israel.

SECOND READING: James 2:1-10, 14-17

¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the

world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:*

“Good Soil”

Verse

Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone away.

When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.

When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

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GOSPEL READING*: Mark 7:24-37

P: The holy gospel according to Mark the 7th chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁸But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” ²⁹Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more

zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON:

Pastor Sarah Gunderson

SONG OF THE DAY:*

“What a Beautiful Name”

Verse 1 You were the Word at the beginning, one with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation, now revealed in you our Christ

Chorus 1 What a beautiful Name it is, what a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is, nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus

Verse 2 You didn't want heaven without us, so Jesus, you brought heaven down
My sin was great, your love was greater, what could separate us now

Chorus 2 What a wonderful Name it is, what a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful Name it is, nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus (2x)

(Instrumental)

Bridge Death could not hold you, the veil tore before you
You silenced the boast, of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring, the praise of your glory
For you are raised to life again
You have no rival, you have no equal
Now and forever, God you reign
Yours is the Kingdom, yours is the glory
Yours is the Name, above all names

Chorus 3 What a powerful Name it is, what a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is, nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus (3x)

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Congregational response after each petition: L: God, we pray, **ALL: Open our hands in love.**

SHARING THE PEACE:

Leader The peace of Christ be with you always.

All And also with you. *(Share Christ's peace with one another)*

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING:

We offer our gifts and our hearts in service for our neighbor and for the mission of God through the church.

OFFERING SONG:

“We Are an Offering”

Verse 1 We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
We lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices, Lord use our hands,
Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering.

Chorus All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be,
We give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
We lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.

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GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE & WORDS OF INSTITUTION:*

P: The Lord be with you.

ALL: 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 our thanks and praise.



P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all. are full of your reached out to heal

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.

LORD’S PRAYER:*

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

COMMUNION: *Welcome to the table! Our Lord Jesus Christ as Lord invites all to participate in this meal of Holy Communion.. You may come forward by the center aisle and return by the side aisles. Receive the bread in your open palm and dip bread into wine (light) or grape juice (dark). Gluten-free wafers and individual cups are also available.. The ushers will guide you forward. If you have limited mobility, communion can be brought to you. Just let an usher know. All are welcome here.*

COMMUNION SONG:

“Healing Rain”

- Verse 1** Healing rain is coming down, it’s coming nearer to this old town.
Rich and poor, the weak and strong, it’s bringing mercy, it won’t be long.
- Verse 2** Healing rain is coming down, it’s coming closer, to the lost and found.
Tears of joy, and tears of shame, are washed for-ever in Jesus’ name.
- Chorus** **Healing rain it comes with fire, so let it fall and take us higher.**
Healing rain, I’m not afraid to be washed in heaven’s rain.
- Verse 3** Lift your heads, let us return to the mercy seat, where time began.
And in your eyes, I see the pain, come soak this dry heart with healing rain.
- Bridge** And only you, the Son of man could take a leper and let him stand,
So lift your hands, they can be held by someone greater, the Great I Am.
- Chorus**
- Tag** To be washed in heaven’s rain.

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PRAYER OF BLESSING:

P: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

MISSION & MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING BLESSING*

SENDING SONG*

“I’ll Fly Away”

- Verse 1** Some glad morning when this life is o’er, I’ll fly away.
To a home on God’s celestial shore, I’ll fly away.
- Chorus** **I’ll fly away, O glory; I’ll fly away.**
When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I’ll fly away.
- Verse 2** When the shadows of this life have grown, I’ll fly away.
Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I’ll fly away.
- Chorus**
- Verse 3** Just a few more weary days and then, I’ll fly away.
To a land where joys shall never end, I’ll fly away.
- Chorus**
- Tag** I’ll fly away...I’ll fly away.

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DISMISSAL*

Leader Go in peace. Christ is with you.
All **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Ryan Huther

Sunday, September 8, 2024

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

PRAYER CHAIN: Please submit any prayer requests to a member of the prayer chain: Linda Moe 715-398-6779.

Prayers of Healing: Ric Adrihan, Barry Kilner, Michael Pelletier, and Tom Velin.

Prayers of Protection:

Nathan Anthony, Mathew Sherwood, Nathan Madsen, Keely Nelson, Andrew Hutton, Andrew Mattson, Joshua Seifert, and for all those who are in military service throughout the world and their families; and for law enforcement officers, firefighters, EMT's, and all who put themselves at risk for others.

Prayers of Comfort:

Those homebound or in nursing homes: Jerry and Marilee, Sharon Miller, Alice Mattson, Ellie Mae Nelson, and Delores Mackie.

Prayers for Strength & Guidance: Pastor Sarah Gunderson, Our Church Council, our lay leaders, Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Synod Bishop Martin Halom and our Synod Staff, and for all those who stand up for justice in Jesus' name.

Thank you to all who pray faithfully.

(To add or remove a name, please call the office. 715-398-3663 Thank you.)

Calendar of Events

<u>Sun, Sep 8</u>	Fall Kick-Off & Back Pack Blessing 9:00am God's Work, Our Hands 10:00am Worship 11am WELCA	<u>Thu, Sep 19</u>	5pm Stewardship 6pm Church Council
<u>Wed, Sep 11</u>	1:30pm Bible Study	<u>Sun, Sep 22</u>	9:00-9:45am Sunday School/ Adult Education/Coffee 10:00am Worship 11am Coffee fellowship
<u>Sun, Sep 15</u>	10:00am Worship	<u>Mon, Sep 23</u>	4:30pm Choir; 5:30pm Bells
<u>Mon, Sep 16</u>	4:30pm Choir; 5:30pm Bells	<u>Tue, Sep 24</u>	October Newsletter Articles due
<u>Tue, Sep 17</u>	5pm Operations Meeting	<u>Wed, Sep 25</u>	1:30pm Bible Study 5-5:30pm Worship 5:30-6pm Dinner 6:15-7pm Logos Youth Lesson 6:15-7pm Discipleship Lesson
<u>Wed, Sep 18</u>	1:30pm Bible Study 5-5:30pm Worship 5:30-6pm Dinner 6-7pm Intergenerational Learning Experience		

Coming up...

Sunday, September 15, **3:00pm**, at Hope Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, **Installation of Bishop Martin Halom**.

Do you like to sing and praise God through music? **Choir rehearsals** start Monday, September 16 at 4:30pm in the sanctuary. AND **Bell Choir** rehearsals start at 5:30pm. Come and join us!

Wednesday, September 18, we begin this year's **Logos and Discipleship** with worship, dinner and lessons for all members of Zion. **5:00-7:00pm**.

Sunday, September 22, from **9:00-9:45am** before worship, **Sunday School and Adult Education**

Office Hours from Labor Day to Memorial Day: Monday through Thursday, 9:00am - 2:00 pm.

Every 4th Sunday is Food Shelf Sunday! Please bring what you can!

Food Shelf Focus (pop-top cans are a plus)

Applesauce . Brown rice . Canned or dried fruit . Canned ravioli & pastas
 Canned soup, stew and chili . Canned tuna, chicken, SPAM & ham . Canned vegetables
 Cereal . Crackers . Granola bars . Hamburger Helper . Instant Mashed Potatoes
 Macaroni & Cheese . Meals in a box . Peanut butter & jelly
 Whole Grain Cereal . Whole Grain Pasta
 Bar soap and body wash . Dental Floss . Deodorant . Shampoo & Conditioner
 Tooth brushes . Tooth paste . Water-based lotions

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SEPTEMBER LAY MINISTRY 2024

READER	COUNTERS
Sep 8 Micah Gunderson	Sep 8 Paul Freer, Beth Arnson
Sep 15 Donna Meltz	Sep 15 Eve Bagan, Polly Lohman
Sep 22 Rusty Mehlberg	Sep 22 Aine Merrill
Sep 29 Polly Lohman	Sep 29 Linda Brow, Carol Peterson
MINISTER ASSISTANT	GREETER
Sep 8 Linda Moe	Sep 8 Janet Arena
Sep 15 Aine Merrill	Sep 15 Lucy Sullivan
Sep 22 Anthony Anderson	Sep 22 Shirley Boris
Sep 29 Linda Moe	Sep 29 Lynn Rochon
USHERS	ALTAR GUILD
Sep 8 Vicky Holm	Mary Hickman
Sep 15 Donald Anderson	
Sep 22 Vicky Holm	
Sep 29 Donald Anderson	
If you are unable to serve at the scheduled time, please notify the Office at 715-398-3663 with the name of your replacement. Thank you for your service.	