

God's work. Our hands.



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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13th Sunday After Pentecost

September 8, 2019
Sunday Worship at 10:30am

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday!



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Gathering

Music to Prepare Us For Worship

Gathering Songs "Let All Things Now Living"
"God's Work, Our Hands"

Let All Things Now Living



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
 2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours-es and

God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
 sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;

who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
 the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the

still guides us on to the end of our days.
 deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
 We too should be voic - ing our love and re -

fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
 joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise

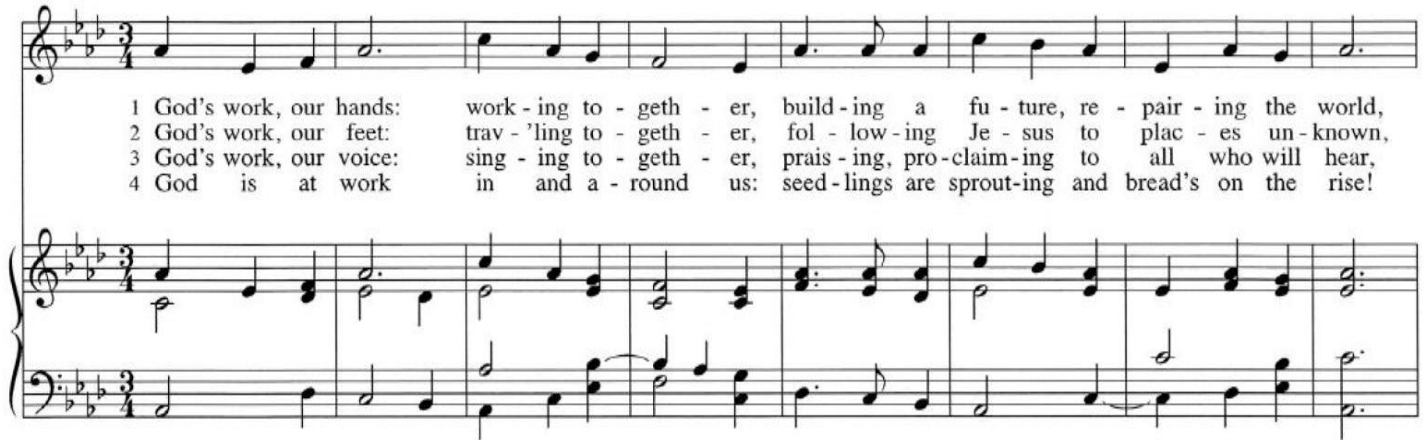
till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
 till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To

for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
 God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

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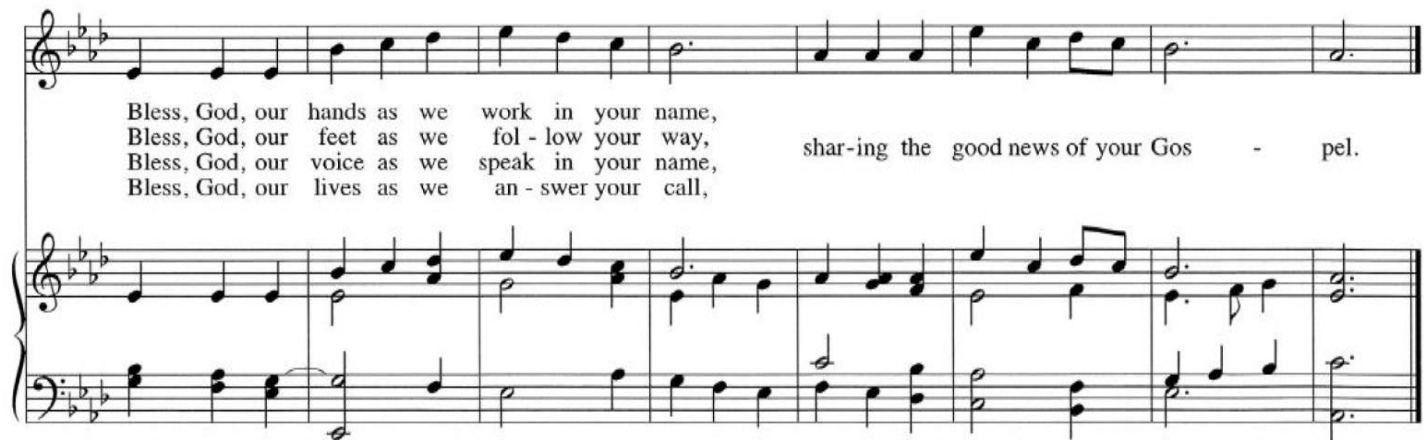
God's Work, Our Hands



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er, build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,
 2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er, fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,
 3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er, prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,
 4 God is at work in and a - round us: seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens, feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.
 walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom, run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.
 pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice, claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.
 Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored, 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, shar - ing the good news of your Gos - pel.
 Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
 Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,

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Introduction to the Day's Theme with Kids

Welcome, River Source, Connection Cards

(Please Stand) No Longer Strangers Prayer

God of the Stranger,

Help us to see each other through your eyes. When we see with the eyes of judgement, give us your compassion. When we see with eyes of envy, give us your wisdom. When we see with eyes of indifference, give us your love. When we fail to see the hurting people in our path, give us your vision. Equip us, Holy Spirit, to share your compassion, wisdom and love with everyone we meet – no exceptions. Amen.

Meet Someone New

Worship Leader: *Now is the time to practice this very dangerous prayer we just prayed – there are no strangers because of the love we know in Jesus. We simply can't afford to be afraid of each other, especially in this place of worship of the God who brings us together. Visitors, stay right where you are. It's our job, as River of Hope, to make ourselves a little bit uncomfortable and to come and say hello to you. So, go and say hi to someone you don't know very well or at all.*

"God's Work, Our Hands" to bring people back together.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the community of the Holy Spirit is with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Creator God, You have given us every good thing on earth: all that we need to live, thrive and enjoy this life. Fill us with gratitude for the advantaged position in which we find ourselves, that we might use our powers in service toward you. In Jesus' our savior's name we pray, Amen.

The Story

Narrator: Our story and God's story continues today, with a reading from Genesis 2:4b-25.

ALL: Glory to you O Lord.

Narrator: These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Side 1: In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being.

Narrator: And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Side 2: A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and becomes four branches. The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; and the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Cush. The name of the third river is Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

Narrator: The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner."

Side 1: So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner.

Side 2: So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken."

Narrator: Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

Stay tuned for the continuing saga that is our story and God's story.....

ALL: Praise to you O Christ.

Sermon

Offering

Worship Leader: *We are grateful for your financial gifts; it's the only way churches are churches. Set up automatic giving by using the green folded paper you were given on your way in or go to our website, riverofhopehutchinson.org click "give" and go from there.*

THE FEAST

Setting the Table

As the kids help set the table, make a circle around the table and lead the congregation in the table prayer written by Martin Luther:

Let's pray: **Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest. And let these gifts to us be blest. Blest be God who is our bread, may all the world be clothed and fed. Amen.**

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord is with you.

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 God thanks and praise.

In the night when Jesus was betrayed by his best friends, he took bread. He blessed it and broke it and gave it to these same friends saying, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup, blessed it and gave it for all to drink saying, "This is the new covenant, the new promise, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of me."

The Lord's Prayer

Worship Leader: *You are invited to join hands with those around you in prayer. If you are not the hand-holding type, then simply fold your hands in front of you or hang onto this bulletin as you pray.*

**Our Father in heaven hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us this day 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.

Invitation to the Meal

You are welcome to this meal. It is free and it is for you. If you hunger and thirst for grace and mercy that comes through Jesus Christ, then Christ has set this table just for you.

Today, we will gather in a large circle to receive communion and then depart to serve!

THE SENDING

Blessing after Communion

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his peace. **Amen.**

Why does our church exist? What is our purpose?

We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

Blessing to Go and Serve

As Co-creators with God in the ongoing work of creation, we go out to build God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven!

Now go in the peace of God to do God's work, using your hands.

Thanks and praise be to God.

Sending Song "Go Make a Difference"

(Kids are welcome to come up and play an instrument)

Go Make A Difference

Words and Music by
Steve Angrisano
and Tom Tomaszek

$\text{♩} = 112$ **CHORUS**

C#m **A** **B** **C#m**

Go make a dif - frence. _ We can make a dif -

E **G#sus** **G#7**

- frence. _ Go make a dif - frence in the world. _

C#m **A** **B** **C#m**

Go make a dif - frence. _ We can make a dif -

Amaj9 **G#7sus** **G#7** **C#m** Last time to Coda Φ

- frence. _ Go make a dif - frence in the world. _

1. **2, 3.** **VERSE 1 & 2** **G#m7** **C#m**

1. We are the salt of the earth, _ called to
2. We are the hands of Christ _ reach - ing

A **B** **C#m** **E**

let the peo - ple in see _ the love of God _ in you and
out to those _ in need, _ the face of God _ for all to

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24 $G^{\#sus}$ $G^{\#7}$ $C^{\#m}$



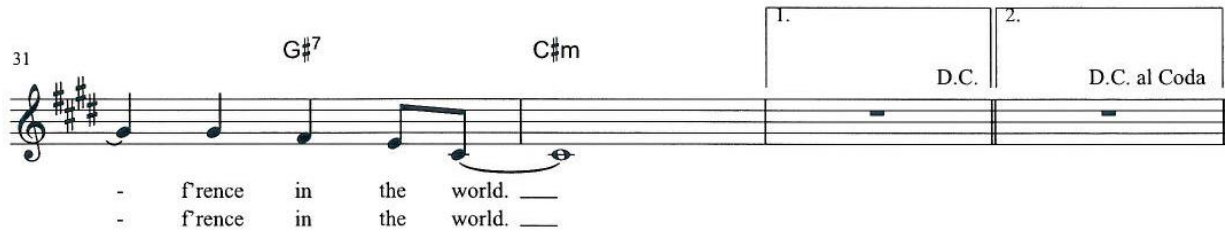
me. We are the light of the world, not to be
seen. We are the spir - it of hope; We

28 A B $C^{\#m}$ A^{maj9} $G^{\#7sus}$



hid - den but be seen. Go make a dif -
are the voice of peace. Go make a dif -

31 $G^{\#7}$ $C^{\#m}$



- frence in the world.
- frence in the world.

1. D.C. 2. D.C. al Coda

Go in peace – serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God**

Music to Send You Out

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