



God's work. Our hands.



September 7, 2025

13th Sunday after Pentecost



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Welcome to all God's guests, especially those who are here for the first time or who call yourselves "visitors" among the people of this community. It is at God's invitation, through worship, the Holy Spirit calls each of us to come to a place of **community, communion** and **commitment**. Each of us brings a different lens to worship, and yet, in a worshiping community, these differences become celebrations of diversity.

**Children are always welcome in worship services;
however please know the cry room at the back of the sanctuary is
available for parents who need to tend to their little ones.**

Please silence your cellphone at this time

Welcome to Worship

Confession and Forgiveness

Please stand in body or spirit.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

All Amen

P Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God,

All we are your stiff-necked people.
 We trample on the needy.
 We grumble about your grace to others.
 We turn away from the poor.
 Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.
 Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found.
 Amen.

P Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.
 Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
 You who were lost have been found.
 In the name of ✝ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

All Amen.

Opening Song

Come Let Us Worship And Bow Down Words and Music by
Dave Doherty

Come, let us wor-ship and _ bow down, let us kneel be-fore the Lord, our God, our
 Mak - er. ____ Come, let us wor-ship and _ bow down, let us
 kneel be-fore the Lord, our God, our Mak - er. For He ____ is our God, and
 we are the peo - ple of His pas - ture, and the sheep ____ of His
 hand, just the sheep ____ of His hand.

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.

Prayer for This Day

P Let us pray,
Holy One, you stretch wide your tent that all may be welcomed in,
and in Jesus you stretched out your hands in expansive love for a weary
and wounded world.

All Help us to reach out with your own wounded hands of love,
that through us your life may be known in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

You may be Seated

A Reading from Deuteronomy the 30th chapter

Moses speaks to the Israelites, who are about to enter the land promised to their ancestors. In this passage, he lays out the stark choice before them: choose life by loving and obeying the LORD; or choose death by following other gods.

¹⁵ “See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶ If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings

and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live,²⁰ loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

WA The word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God!

Please join in a responsive reading of Psalm 1

¹ Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

² **Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on God’s teaching day and night.**

³ They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due
season, with leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.

⁴ **It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

⁵ Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶ **For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

Psalm 1

A Reading from Philemon, the 1st chapter

Onesimus, a new Christian and a man enslaved by Philemon, has helped Paul, who is in prison. Paul writes this letter to his friend Philemon to encourage him to receive Onesimus, upon his return, as a sibling in Christ.

¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To our beloved coworker Philemon,² to our sister Apphia, to our fellow
soldier Archippus, and to the church in your house:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I thank my God always when I mention you in my prayers, ⁵ because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶ I pray that the partnership of your faith may become effective as you comprehend all the good that we share in Christ. ⁷ I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

⁸ For this reason, though I am more than bold enough in Christ to command you to do the right thing, ⁹ yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰ I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹ Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me. ¹² I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³ I wanted to keep him with me so that he might minister to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴ but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵ Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for the long term, ¹⁶ no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸ If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge that to me. ¹⁹ I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰ Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹ Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

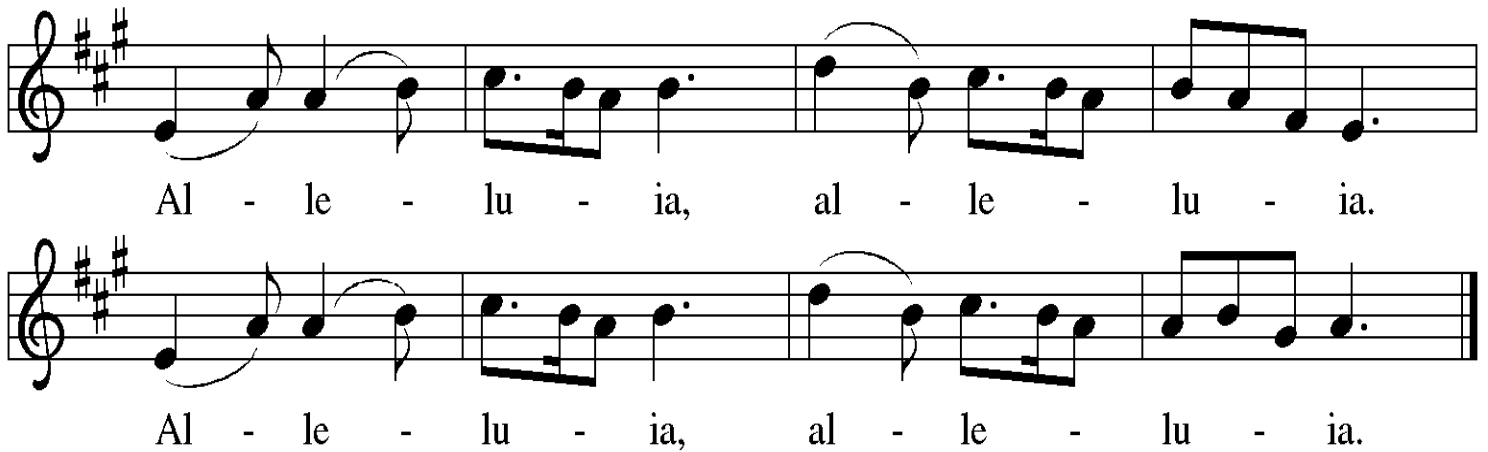
Philemon 1-21

WA The word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand in body or spirit.



Gospel Reading

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 14th chapter.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus speaks frankly about the costs of discipleship. Those who follow him should know from the outset that completing the course of discipleship will finally mean renouncing all other allegiances.

²⁵ Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

Luke 14:25-33

P The Gospel of our Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

You may be Seated

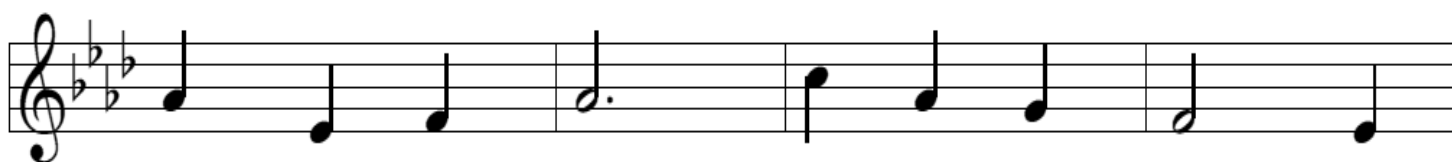
Children's Sermon & Noisy Offering

Sermon

Pr. Gordon Young

Hymn of the Day

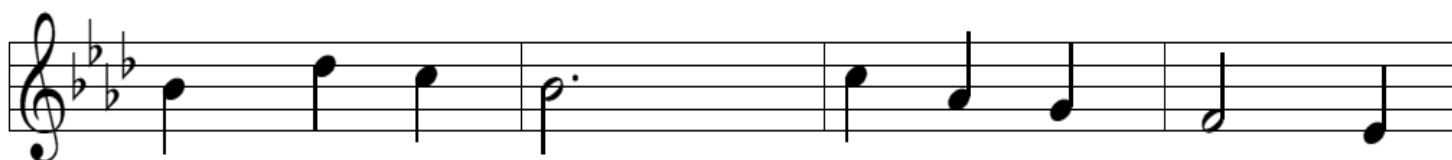
God's Work, Our Hands



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.

Apostles' Creed

P Let us join together with the saints across the ages confessing our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**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 People

You may be Seated

WA Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

I cast all my cares up - on You. I
 lay all of my bur - dens down at Your feet. And
 an - y - time that I don't know what to do, I will
 cast all my cares up - on You.

(each prayer petition ends with)

L: God of grace,

***All:* receive our prayer.**

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Please stand in body or spirit.

P Jesus Christ become peace with you.

All And also with you.

Offertory

You may be Seated

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in 4/4 time. It consists of ten staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and half notes, as well as triplets and rests. The lyrics are: "We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are Yours, we are an of-fer-ing. 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 of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing." The score ends with a final chord on the tenth staff.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our
lives, they are Yours, we are an of-fer-ing. 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 of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

Offertory Prayer

P Let us pray:

Lord of the harvest,
we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.

All Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,
but on you, who richly provides for us.

**Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in
need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Holy Communion

P The Lord be with you

All And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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

Please stand in body or spirit.

P Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we pray:

All 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.

The Invitation

P Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.
Come to this meal of mercy.

Note: the communion cups on the periphery of the tray contain red wine while the cups in the center contain white grape juice.

Gluten Free wafers available –ask the communion attendant



Communion Songs

Refrain

Lead Me, Guide Me



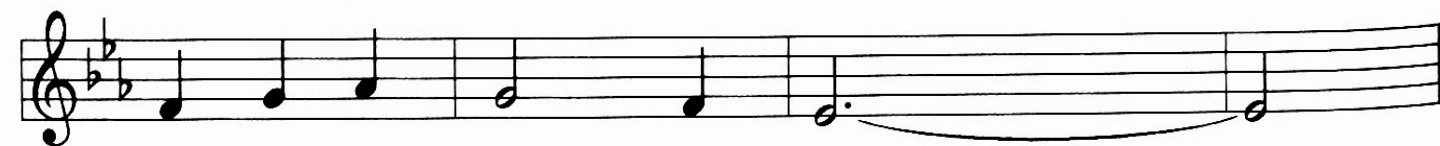
Lead me, guide me, a - long the way;



for if you lead me, I can - not stray.



Lord, let me walk each day with thee.



Lead me, O Lord, lead me.



1 I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r
2 Help me tread in the paths of right - teous - ness,
3 I am lost if you take your hand from me,



to help me o - ver my weak - est hour.
be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press.
I am blind with - out . . . thy light to see.



Help me through the dark-ness thy face to see.
I am put - ting all . . . my trust in thee.
Lord, just al - ways let me thy ser - vant be.

Refrain

Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Pass It On

Words and Music by
Kurt Kaiser

1. It ___ on - ly takes a spark to get a fire ___ go - ing, _____
2. What a won - drous time is spring when all the trees are bud - ding. _____
3. I ___ wish for you, my friend, this hap - pi - ness that I've ___ found _____

___ and soon all those a - round can warm up to its
 ___ The birds be - gin to sing, the flow - ers start their
 ___ You can de - pend on Him, it mat - ters not where

glow - ing; _____ That's how it is with God's ___ love,
 bloom - ing. _____ That's how it is with God's ___ love,
 you're ___ bound; _____ I'll shout it from the moun - tain - top,

once you've ex - per - i - enced it: _____ You spread His love to
 once you've ex - per - i - enced it: _____ You want to sing, it's
 I want my world ___ to know: _____ The Lord of love has

ev - 'ry - one, you want to pass it on. _____
 fresh like spring, you want to pass it on. _____
 come to me, I want to pass it on. _____

Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

Please stand in body or spirit.

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

All Amen

P O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants.

All Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

You may be Seated

Stewardship of Life & Ministry Announcements

Blessing and Sending into Mission

P Friends in Christ: Today we give thanks to God and seek God's blessing as we are sent to bless our neighbors.

All Renew in us the commitment to use our gifts in the service of others, especially those in need.

Let us be your hands to feed the hungry,
shelter the homeless,
clothe the naked,
comfort the weary and outcast,
welcome the stranger,
care for creation,
and be loving to all people.

P Bless those who go out from here to do the holy work of trash collection
and to care for creation.
Prosper the work of their hands.
Bless the fruits of their labor,
and may those who are sent receive blessing in return.
May the gifts they use and share be signs of your love to all people.

Bless those who fill Blessing Bags.
May those who receive them be nourished and strengthened,
cared for and healed.

Bless the quilts that will be tied.
May those who receive them find dignity in their use
and comfort in their warmth.
May all these gifts be signs of your love to all people.

To you, O God, be glory and honor through your Son, Jesus Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
in your church and in the world,
now and forever.

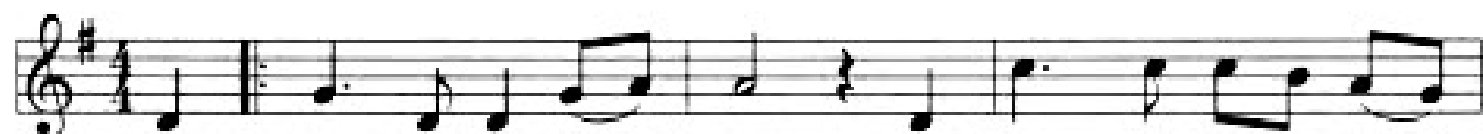
All Amen



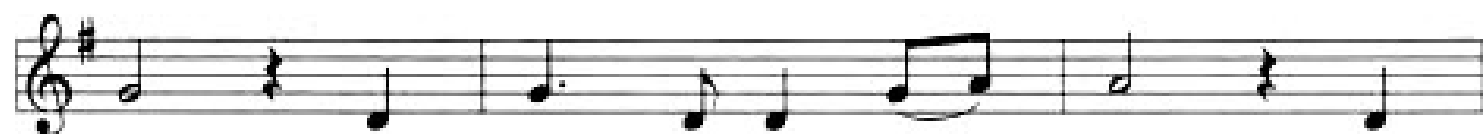
Please stand in body or spirit.

WA 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.

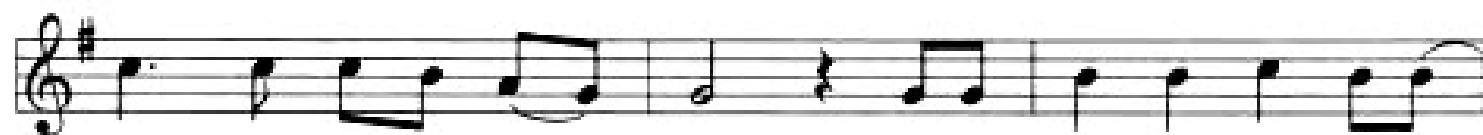
All Amen



O God, you are my God, and I will ev - er praise



you. O God, you are my God, and



I will ev - er praise you. I will seek you in the morn-



- ing, and I will learn to walk in your ways, and



step by step you'll lead me, and I will fol - low you all of my



days. O days, and I will fol - low you all of my



days, and I will fol - low you all of my days, and



step by step you'll lead me, and I will fol - low you all of my days.

Dismissal

WA Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

All Thanks be to God.



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Readings for next Sunday,
September 14th

First Reading:	Exodus 32:7-14
Psalm:	Psalm 51:1-10
Second Reading:	1 Timothy 1:12-17
Gospel:	Luke 15:1-10

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