

# 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**God's work.  
Our hands.**



*Holy Shepherd  
Lutheran Church*



*“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday*

*is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.*

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

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## Prelude

Larisa Gorodinski  
*Lutheran Church of the Master*

## Greeting

Pastor Michael TeKrony  
*Holy Shepherd*

Lutheran Church of the Master and Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church, welcome to worship as we join together for God's Work, Our Hands day.

God's Work, Our Hands day offers us an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

And I have to tell you, I am super excited that we will be joining together this year. Just a couple years ago, when I was in high school...waiting for the laughter to go down, I was a member of LCM and I have fond memories of gathering to paint homes for people in the community that would find that difficult to do on their own. And now, just a couple years later...waiting again for the laughter to go down. Now, as one of the pastors at HSLC, I have fond memories of sorting items at The Action Center for members of the community who would gratefully receive these items.

And now, LCM and HSLC, we come together to continue to live out our identity as one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Strengthening Relationships, Serving the World: With God; Through the worshipping community; For the World...Sound familiar LCM? Worshipping and Growing Together in Christ, Serving and Reaching out Joyfully to All...HSLC, does this sound familiar? This is who we are: We are God's people, who are sent together, to serve the world, God's world.

So, here we are today, ready to worship together and ready to serve the world. Thanks be to God.

## Confession & Forgiveness

Eric Kurtz  
*Holy Shepherd*

Trusting in the promise of God's forgiveness through the death and resurrection of Jesus, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Reconciling God,

**we have seen the injustice in our world more clearly. The marginalized and invisible among us have been brought to our attention in vivid and shocking ways.**

**We confess our part in the suffering of the world. For not always loving our neighbors as you have commanded us. For not always having empathy for the suffering of others. For not always sharing our wealth with those who have little.**

**We ask that you draw near to us in our time of uncertainty. Forgive us our failure to live as your witness in the world. Forgive us our failure to love and support those in need. Forgive us our failure to care for your world.**

Through the abundance of God's grace, you are forgiven of all your sin. Through the example of Jesus, you are given a model of love. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, you are revitalized to serve. **Amen.**

## Gathering Song

Diane & Kevin Klinkerfues  
*Holy Shepherd*

### ***God's Work Our Hands***

**God's work, our hands: working together,  
building a future, repairing the world,  
raising up homes, planting new gardens,  
feeding the hungry and sheltering the cold.  
Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,  
sharing the good news of your Gospel.**

God's work, our feet: trav'ling together,  
following Jesus to places unknown,  
walking as friends, marching for freedom,  
running the race with God's future the goal.  
Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way,  
sharing the good news of your Gospel.

God's work, our voice: singing together,  
praising, proclaiming to all who will hear,  
praying for peace, shouting for justice,  
claiming God's love for the lost and the least.  
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,  
sharing the good news of your Gospel.

God is at work in and around us:  
seedlings are sprouting and bread's on the rise!  
Washed and set free, humbled and honored,  
gifted by grace, we respond in God's love.  
Bless, God, our lives as we answer your call,  
sharing the good news of your Gospel.

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## Prayer of the Day

Ross Rosenow

*Lutheran Church of the Master*

O God of all, with wonderful diversity you created all people in your image. As we gather in worship as two separate congregations, we recognize our deeper unity in you. We are called together with one purpose as disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ. As we commit this day to serve the community around us, help us to see your face in the faces of all people, remove all judgment from our hearts, and break down all walls that separate us; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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*God speaks to us in scripture, preaching & song*

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## Gospel Reading

Linda TeKrony  
*Holy Shepherd*

### **Matthew 25:34-40**

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>34</sup> Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; <sup>35</sup> for I

was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' <sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup> And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' <sup>40</sup> And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Message

Introduction: Pastor Rob Moss  
*Lutheran Church of the Master*

On this "God's Work. Our Hands" Sunday, Cheryl Holz and Jim Freeman from Holy Shepherd and Joan Jacobson and Ann Rutkofsky from Lutheran Church of the Master each share their perspectives on why serving our neighbors is an important part of discipleship as followers of Christ.

## Prayers of the People

Kaaren Ciecioroka  
*Lutheran Church of the Master*

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

## Lord's Prayer

Scott Ikenberry  
*Holy Shepherd*

**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.**

## Offering

Don Rosenberry  
Lutheran Church of the Master

In addition to financial offerings, we're emphasizing today an offering of "service."

Serving our neighbors provides us a chance to get out of our pandemic rut, to connect with others, and to give and feel God's presence. No matter your talents or interests or physical abilities, serving opportunities abound. LCM and Holy Shepherd regularly advertise these opportunities. Ministries at both churches are more than happy to help you get involved in as regular a basis as you are able.

## Sharing of the Peace

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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

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## Blessing

Pastor Courtney Steitz  
Holy Shepherd

In our separation, may the God who draws near bless you with:  
Peace for trembling hearts,  
Strength for weary souls,  
And Love for all life.

The God who draws near calls us together to follow.  
Siblings in Christ, follow God who draws us near to love and care for the poor.  
**Together with God and one another, we will follow.**

## Sending Song

Kevin Cogswell, Kristin Feth, Kassie Mason, Emily Meyer  
Greg Moss, Rachel Shoemaker, Rich Shoemaker  
Lutheran Church of the Master

**Shine, Jesus, Shine**

*Refrain*

**Shine, Jesus, shine;  
Fill this land with the Father's glory.  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze;  
Set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow;  
Flood the nations with grace and mercy.  
Send forth your word, Lord,  
And let there be light.**

**Lord, the light of your love is shining  
in the midst of the darkness, shining;  
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us;  
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
Shine on me. Shine on me.**

*Refrain*

**Lord, I come to your awesome presence,  
From the shadows into your radiance;  
By the blood I may enter your brightness;  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.  
Shine on me. Shine on me.**

*Refrain*

**As we gaze on your kingly brightness,  
So our faces display your likeness;  
Ever changing from glory to glory,  
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story.  
Shine on me. Shine on me.**

*Refrain*

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## Postlude

*How Firm A Foundation*

–arr. Joseph Martin  
Jordan Ortman  
Holy Shepherd