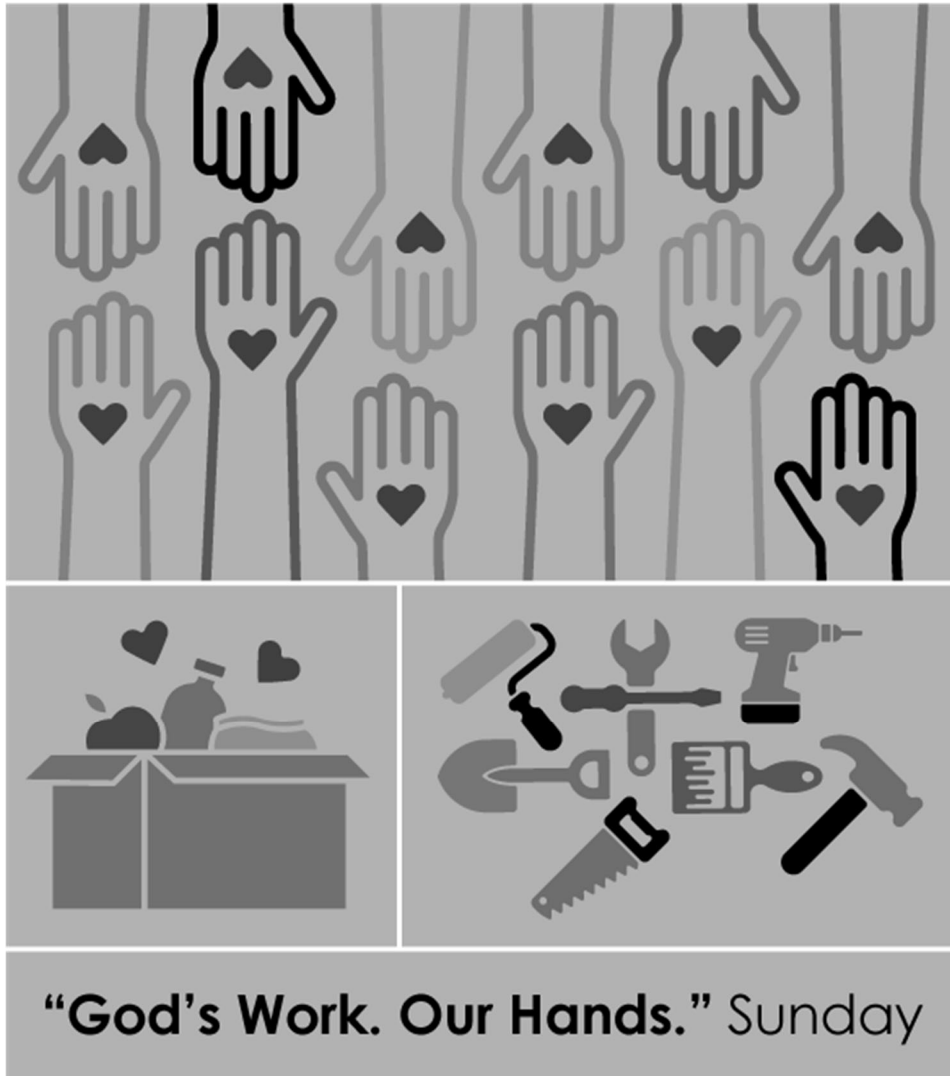


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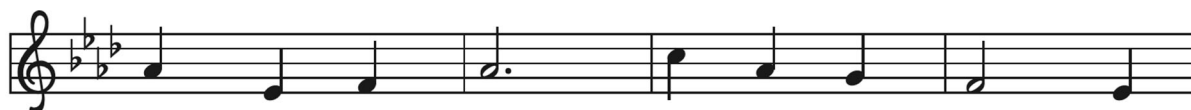
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Prelude: “With the Lord Begin Your Task” - Michael Burkhardt
Lois Theesfield, organ

Welcome

***Gathering Hymn:** “God’s Work Our Hands” ACS #1000

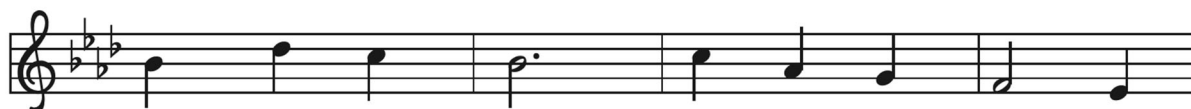
God’s Work, Our Hands



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.
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Music: EARTH AND ALL STARS, David N. Johnson, 1922–1987

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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.

"You are the salt of the earth."

Sprinkle us across our town, God,

across our world,

to bring the flavor of your Kingdom wherever we go.

"You are the light of the world."

Uncover the radiance that is

within us, God,

to shine the truth of your love

wherever we go.

"Let your light shine before others"

that everyone we meet

may see our lives of worship

and glorify you,

our Father in heaven. Amen.

***Prayer of the Day**

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.

Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15 - 20

Lector: Jim Stage

¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If 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. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I 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, ²⁰loving 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Gospel Reading: Luke 14:25 - 33

The Gospel according to Luke

Glory to You, O Lord

²⁵Now 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. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For 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? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or 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? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Prayers of Intercession

***Lord's Prayer**

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.

Announcements

Blessing for Service

Friends in Christ: Today we give thanks to God and seek God's blessing as we are sent as servants to various activities.

Bless those who go out from this space to labor within and beyond these walls. Prosper the work of their hands. Bless those who will receive 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.

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. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: "Will You Come and Follow Me" ELW #798

Will You Come and Follow Me
The Summons



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
your name? Will you care for cruel and
your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
your name? Will you quell the fear in -
my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
kind and nev - er be the same?
free and nev - er be the same?
side and nev - er be the same?
you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
world a - round, through my sight and touch and
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
pray'r in you and you in me?"
mean in you and you in me?"
sound in you and you in me?"
grow in you and you in me.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Earth and All Stars (God's Work Our Hands)" - John Eggert
Lois Theesfield, organ



Prayers for Healing

If you have a prayer request, please email pastorkathleen@mlcnevada.org or emily@mlcnevada.org, or call the church office at 515-382-6509.

Prayers for Teresa Krebs and family and friends following the death of Teresa's husband, Kim Krebs

Prayers for Dustin, Jackson, and Vanessa Reid following the death of Dustin's wife, Cari Bauman

Prayers for Jenni Robey, daughter of Marlin and Shirley Klonglan, following the death of her husband Marty

Prayers for the family and friends of Sandra Olson following her death

Prayers for the family and friends of Addison Witte following the death of her father

Prayers for the family and friends of George Forsyth following the death of his sister

Richard Moats
friend of Diane Eilers

Janet Jacques
Easton Farrington

Janice Hartz

Jim Dalthorp

Mel Craven

Connie Krupp

Randy Matthews
friend of Mike Coverdale

Max Carey
friend of Mike Coverdale

Jack Aden
*brother-in-law of
Judy Johnson*

Connie Robinson
sister of Shirley Klonglan

Annalisa Brodersen
*daughter of Jack and
Carol Vincent*

Jackie Byers
daughter of Shellie Black

Jerry Radke

Cassie Harrell

Donna See

Katie Brockmeier
*granddaughter-in-law of
Ruth Brockmeier*

Norma Dannan
friend of Betty Runge

Michael Neal

Jami Tharp

Fred Samuelson

Larry Christian

Jaylee Bartleson

Norma Gandrup

Sheila Collingwood
*mother of Lyndsey
De Vos*

Judy Coverdale

James Stephens

George Forsyth

Janeen Driscoll

Lynn Harris

Julie Sutherland

Save the Date

Sunday School Begins

When: Sunday, September 11th

Who: All ages

Wednesday Faith Time Begins

Join us for yard games and pizza!

When: Wednesday, September 14th, 5:45—8:00 PM

Who: All ages

MLC Golf Outing

Call the church office for more details and to sign up for a tee time

When: Sunday, September 18th

Tee times: 2:00, 2:10, 2:20, 2:30, 2:40, 2:50

Where: Indian Creek Country Club

Who: All ages

Blessing of the Animals

When: Saturday, October 1st

Who: All ages

Nevada CROP Hunger Walk

When: Sunday, October 2nd, 1:15 PM

Who: All ages

MLC Trunk-or-Treat

When: Saturday, October 29th, time TBD

Who: All ages

Announcements

TODAY: “God’s Work. Our Hands” Service Projects Following Worship

Take a look at the service project activities and leaders listed below—all ages are invited to join in directly following worship this morning:

- **Clean and set up Sunday School rooms**
- **Wash church windows / general church cleaning and tidying**
- **Tie quilts for Lutheran World Relief**
Fellowship Hall
- **Create cards for educators**
Fellowship Hall

Ladies’ Morning Devotion & Support Group Resumes September 6th

Women of Memorial, you're invited to join an informal morning devotion and support group that will meet Tuesdays beginning this Tuesday, September 6th from 7:45 - 8:15am in the Lounge. Please feel free to stop in when you can (and bring a friend!)

Volunteer Opportunity: Raising Readers in Story County

Raising Readers in Story County would like to invite you to participate in their fall programming that promotes the literacy development of children. The Reading Buddies after-school tutoring program gives first through third grade students an extra boost in literacy by pairing them with a trained volunteer tutor. Tutors and students meet two times per week for 45-minute sessions that begin the week of September 26th and end the week of November 14th. Tutoring will take place at Memorial Lutheran Church in collaboration with the Boys and Girls Club on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 - 5:15 (2 sessions back to back). For details and to register for the Reading Buddies program, visit <https://bit.ly/3KCe7aR>

Registration Open for Nevada’s CROP Hunger Walk

In just a few short weeks, Memorial will gather with others in our community as we to walk to fight world hunger on October 2nd. Want to walk with us? Join our team: “Memorial Lutheran Church - Nevada, IA”, register as an individual, or start your own team by scanning the QR code or by visiting <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/event/nevadaia>



25% of all donations will go to three of Nevada's local food services: the Community Cupboard, Food at First, and Cubbie's Cupboard.

Nevada Food at First Seeking "Produce Handlers"

The Food at First crew is looking for an on-call group of volunteers willing to help wash and prep freshly-picked fruits and vegetables from the community garden. These "Produce Handlers" would receive a day/time notification when new produce is ready to be prepped and would then be able to simply check their schedule and reply if they are available. All ages are welcome! Please email or call Barb Mittman at bk_mittman@yahoo.com or 515-203-9946.

Do you get our newsletters and other email notices?

Make sure you email emily@mlcnevada.org to sign up to receive communications online. If you believe you are already on our list and are not receiving emails, please check your spam or "promotions" inboxes.

Online Giving with Tithe.ly

Thank you for joining us for worship today! If you would like to support our ministries, online gifts can be made using <http://tithe.ly/give> or by scanning the QR code. **You can now begin giving to MLC's "A Welcoming Space = A Welcoming Place" project!**



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