

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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St. Paul’s Evangelical Lutheran Church
Wilton WI
9:00 AM
June 14, 2026
Third Sunday after Pentecost
Inviting People to Journey with Christ’s
Family In Spreading God’s Love and Mercy

Moses tells the Israelites that they are called to be a priestly kingdom and a holy people. Jesus sends out the disciples as laborers into the harvest. In baptism we too are anointed for ministry, sharing God’s compassion with our needy world. From the Lord’s table we go forth to proclaim the good news, to heal the sick, and to share our bread with the hungry.

**Indicates people should stand as they are able.
Welcome and Announcements
Report on Synod Assembly—John and Barb Ornes*

PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.
Let us greet one another with a sign of Christ’s peace.

GATHERING

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

Hymn “You Are Holy” ELW#525
Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity ☩ , one God,
whose compassion endures forever.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Compassionate God,

we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray,

Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Rest in God's love.

Amen.

Hymn "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" ELW#883

PRAYER FOR THE CHILDREN

Dear Lord Jesus;

We lift to you our children and grandchildren. We ask that your spirit

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pictorial Directory

Thank you for taking the time to come and have your picture taken for the pictorial directory. We will contact those who were unable to make it, and either take their picture or have them submit a picture to be included.

Flag Day

Flag Day, in the [United States](#), a day honoring the national [flag](#), observed on June 14. The holiday commemorates the date in 1777 when the United States approved the design for its first national flag.

The idea to set aside a day to honor the national flag came from several sources. Bernard J. Cigrand, a Wisconsin schoolteacher, in 1885 urged his students to observe June 14 as "Flag Birthday." He later wrote an essay published in a Chicago newspaper that urged Americans to proclaim this date as the day to celebrate the flag. In 1888 William T. Kerr of Pennsylvania founded the American Flag Day Association of Western Pennsylvania, an organization to which he dedicated his life. A lesser-known claim is that of George Morris of Connecticut, who is said to have organized the first formal celebration of the day in Hartford in 1861.

In 1916 Pres. Woodrow Wilson proclaimed June 14 as the official date for Flag Day, and in 1949 the U.S. Congress permanently established the date as National Flag Day. Although Flag Day is not an official federal holiday, Pennsylvania celebrates the day as a state holiday. Each year the U.S. president delivers an address that proclaims the week of June 14 as National Flag Week, and all Americans are encouraged to fly U.S. flags during that week.

We ask that all members join the Women of ELCA and pray this prayer as you rise in the morning, and as you prepare to retire each evening.

Lord, Jesus Christ, I bring to you:
Jada, Myles, & Conner Garske; Britain Hahn; Amara Brandau;
Chase Brandau; Avery Brueggen; Riley, Aria & Hudson
Elliott Ornes; Lailah Eckes, Maevis Shock; Lena Ornes; Porter
Sorenson; Josie Ornes; Brooklyn, Madelyn, Kaylin, Emma, Bryce,
Marah, Bria, Ava, Katie, & Benjamin Gruen; Braylee Zimmerman;
MaKenzie & Cooper Powell; Wesson & Arden Mayne; Vanessa, Mia,
& Brek Anderson; Carlee, Collin, & Camden Niedfeldt; Morgan
Speicher; Krista & Sierra Cook; Franklin & Douglas Wildes; Sophia,
Derek & Deacon Erdman; Kody Tormoen; Callie Fleming; Miranda,
Daphne & Linus Arndt; Emma Elder; Bryson Lamb, Elizabeth Wildes;
Alaina & Braxton Holthaus; Jayda Leis; David, Sam & Zachary Ross;
Gannon & Ellory Tormoen; Jase & Margo Picha; Watson and Duke
Sebranek, Violet Ford, Hunter and Jaxson Puhl; Eason Kelbel; Cole,
Caleb & Connor Redding; Luke and Joelle Kroeger; Peyton Oelson,
Greyson Resop; Dakotah Adams; Kendall Christopherson, Hudson
Birkholz; Alayna, Alivia & Levi Avilynn McNamer; Ayla Arndt; Lainey
Myers; Rylan and Tucker McCarthy; Brynlee Jones;
Paisley Roush.

That your spirit will dwell with them according to your will. That they will grow in the knowledge of you and know that they are dearly loved by you. I pray that you will protect them from deception by the evil one and all his darts that would lead them astray. May they do well in school, learning and discerning what direction you have in mind for them. I also pray for children throughout the world, that you would keep them in your care.

In Jesus name I pray. Amen.

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Amen.**

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

FIRST READING

At Sinai God assured Israel, “You shall be my treasured possession,” and commissioned them to serve as mediating priests for the nations. The people commit themselves completely to God’s will.

A reading from Exodus 19::2-8a

² [The Israelites] journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.³ Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the Israelites: ⁴ ‘You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. ⁵ Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, ⁶ but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.”

⁷ So Moses went, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. ^{8a} The people all answered as one, “Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do.”
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 8

- ¹ Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you lands!
² Serve the Lord with gladness; come into God’s presence with a song.
³ **Know that the Lord is God, our maker to whom we belong;
we are God’s people and the sheep of God’s pasture.**
⁴ Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving and the courts with praise;
give thanks and bless God’s holy name.
⁵ **Good indeed is the Lord, whose steadfast love is everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from age to age.**

SECOND READING

We are no longer God’s enemies but have peace with God because we were brought into a right relationship with God through Christ’s death.

A reading from Romans 5:1-8

¹ Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Those Serving Today

Ministers: All God’s People; Synod Authorized Minister: Karen Sparling; Organist: Nalani Bever; Reader: Lori Arndt; Altar: Barb Bever & Karla Richie: Communion Server; Barb Bever

Our Prayers

Linda, Jeremy Munson, Gordy O’Rourke, Kristy Gwin Solovey, Marilyn O’Rourke, Larry Arndt, Nick Evans, Collin Niedfeldt, Mark Drews, Carol Lydon Fronk, Brian, Ben Bender, Jeff Bruce, Darlene Diekrager, Jack Arndt, Diane Hornburger, Mike Escutia, Daniel Paulson, Marie Jacobson, Rick Brandau, Lenora Martin, Jenny Simpson Erickson, Linda Martin, Andy Martin, John Arzt

CALENDAR

Sun., June 21	Worship	9:00 am
Sun., June 28	Worship	9:00 am
	Congregational Meeting	See notice

NOTICE OF SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2026 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP

AGENDA: VOTE ON SIGN DESIGN AND FUNDING

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.
Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Heaven has come near.
Come, share in the feast!
Everyone who believes in Jesus is welcome at Christ’s table.

Distribution

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

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

Blessing

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
✠ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.
Amen.

Hymn

“I Love to Tell the Story”

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Dismissal

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
Thanks be to God.

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

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GOSPEL READING

The mission of Jesus’ followers is to continue the mission of Jesus himself. Here, he instructs his first disciples as to how they might proclaim the gospel through their words and deeds.

The holy gospel according Matthew 9:35—10:8

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵ Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

^{10:1} Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim the

good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’⁸ Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Karen Sparling
Synod Authorized Minister
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Hymn

“God’s Work, Our Hands”

***APOSTLE’S 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 INTERCESSION** (God of grace, **(hear our prayer.)**)

OFFERING

Offering Hymn

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God.
For these gifts to ev'ry nation,
thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.

Prayer after Offering

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

GREAT THANKSGIVING
Words of Institution

LORD’S PRAYER
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.
**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**