

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
“God’s Work, Our Hands” Sunday
September 7, 2025

God’s work. Our hands.



**Do things for people not
because of who they
are or what they do in
return, but because of
who you are.**

Rabbi Harold S. Kushner

Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship, we might be helped by translating Paul’s request to Philemon into our prayer of the day:

Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of Christ in holy communion and recalling God’s grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to “choose life”—to choose life in God as our own.



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Welcome to Zion!

“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

(Luke 10:2)

Welcome – whether this is your home congregation or your first visit, we’re glad you’re here!

We welcome all people in the name of Christ to experience God’s goodness and grace in Word, water, and meal. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, there is a place for you to belong at Zion.

Get Connected at Zion

The best ways to stay connected are to visit our website, follow us on social media (@zionchurchdfb on Facebook and Instagram), and subscribe to our weekly newsletter.

Children in Worship

Children are God’s gift to our church! They are not the future of our church; they are the right now. The way we welcome children here directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another.

We welcome children and their families to sit near the Playground at the side of Katie Luther Chapel. There are coloring activities, puzzles, and books to engage in our worship together.

Giving

We appreciate your stewardship of treasure, talent, and time at Zion. You may leave your offerings in the offering plates or give online via our website or this QR code.



Livestreaming

Zion livestreams all our services on Facebook and YouTube. Any person present gives consent to being filmed or photographed.



Zion is a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) community, and extends God's radical welcome to all people, because we're all created in God's image.

We Gather

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

ELW Hymn #815

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

ELW Hymn #659

“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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.**

KYRIE

ELW pp. 184-185

The assembly joins with the refrain and the Minister sings the verses.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together...**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.**

We Hear & Respond to God’s Word

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

...The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SECOND READING

Philemon 1-21

...The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The Cantor sings the verse. The assembly joins with the refrain:





GOSPEL

Luke 14:25-33

Before the reading: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading: The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

GOD’S MESSAGE FOR ALL

ANOINTING FOR SERVICE

ELW Hymn #798

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

AFFIRMATION OF CHRISTIAN VOCATION

HYMN OF THE DAY

ACS Hymn #1000

“God’s Work, Our Hands”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & SHARING OF PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always! **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY HYMN & PRAYER

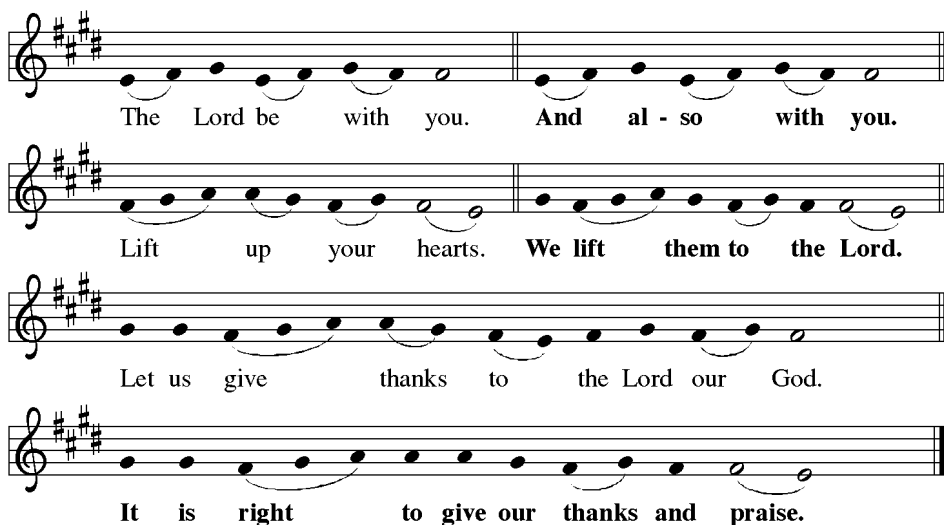
ELW Hymn #679

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

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

We Feast at the Lord's Table

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS ("HOLY, HOLY")

ELW Hymn #525

"You Are Holy"

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today 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.**

SHARING THE MEAL

“Here Is Bread”
“I Surrender All”

ELW Hymn #483

We Are Sent into the World

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together... **O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

ELW Hymn #538

“The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”

DISMISSAL

The worship has ended. Now the service begins.
Go in peace. You are strengthened to serve. **Thanks be to God.**

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Holy Communion at Zion

Christ’s table is open to all! We offer grape juice for those who desire. If, for reasons of conscience or health, you are unable to receive either the bread or the wine, please know that the Church affirms the full presence of Christ in each element.

For Whom & For What Shall We Pray?

During our **Prayers of the People**, you will have an opportunity to pray for those you know in need of prayer.



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“God’s Work, Our Hands” Opportunities to Serve

Due to our schedule changes for Nina’s Place in light of Saturday’s Community Fair, there are several opportunities this week to serve:

Thursday, September 11th

3:30-5:00 p.m. – Box Distribution for Nina’s Place

5:00-7:00 p.m. – Bag Preparation for Friday at Nina’s Place

Friday, September 12th

2:00-6:00 p.m. – Bag Distribution for Nina’s Place

3:30-7:00 p.m. – Setup for Community Fair

Saturday, September 13th

8:30-10:00 a.m. – Setup for Community Fair

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – 5th Annual Community Fair

2:00-3:30 p.m. – Cleanup for Community Fair

Memorial Service for Pat Rush

A memorial service for Pat will be celebrated on **Saturday, September 20th at 11:00 a.m. at Kraeer Funeral Home at Forest Lawn** (200 West Copans Road, Pompano Beach, FL 33064).

SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER

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10AM-2PM



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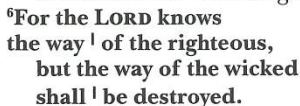
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Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

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.

Psalm 1; tone 9



Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker,² to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

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

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

⁸For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet 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. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment.

¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now

he is indeed useful both to you and to me.

¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no 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.

¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me.

¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self.

²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Gospel

Luke 14:25-33

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. 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.”

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