

AES MINISTRIES ~ AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost / Gods Work. Our Hands.

September 13, 2026 10:30 AM

"Congregations joined in faith and fellowship to spread God's love."

AES Ministries mission statement

Welcome to all who worship with us today! All are welcome at the Lord's Table

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather as God's people, called by grace and sent to serve.

We are God's hands in the world.

We gather to love our neighbors, care for those in need, and share the hope in Christ.

God works through ordinary people like us.

May our worship become service, and our faith become love in action.

God's work. Our hands. Let us worship God!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

C: Gracious God, you call us to love our neighbors and serve those in need. Forgive us when we turn away, when we fail to notice, and when we keep our hands from extending out in love. Open our hearts and use our hands to share your love with the world. Amen.

P: Hear the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed and sent out to serve. God's grace is for you.

C: Amen!

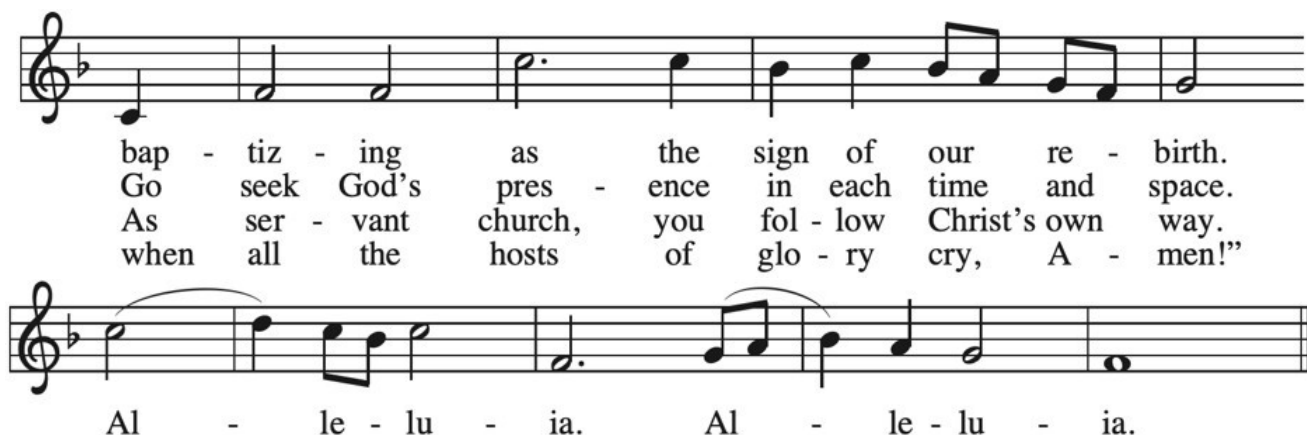
GATHERING HYMN

"Go to the World"

ACS #991

1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
for I am with you till the age shall end,



PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray....

C: 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. 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

FIRST READING: MICAH 6:6-8

⁶“With what shall I come before the Lord and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” ⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

L: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God**

PSALM 112

¹ Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord, who greatly delight in his commandments.

² **Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

³ Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

⁴ **They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

⁵ It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.

⁶ **For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.**

⁷ They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.

⁸ **Their hearts are steady; they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.**

⁹ They have distributed freely; they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor.

¹⁰ **The wicked see it and are angry; they gnash their teeth and melt away; the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.**

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 2:1-10

¹ You were dead through the trespasses and sins ² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³ All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, doing the will of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else, ⁴ but God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵ even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—⁹ not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we may walk in them.

L: Word of God, Word of Life. C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

ELW #172

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.

GOSPEL: JOHN 13:1-17

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. John, the 17th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ² The devil had already decided that Judas son of Simon Iscariot would betray Jesus. And during supper ³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴ got up from supper, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵ Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. ⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷ Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸ Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹ Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." ¹¹ For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹² After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had reclined again, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?" ¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶ Very truly, I tell you, slaves are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷ If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS

ELCA VIDEO

BLESSING OF THE HANDS

We are called to proclaim the good news: **God is at work!**

This good news is not left in some history long ago or a place far away:

God is at work in the world still today!

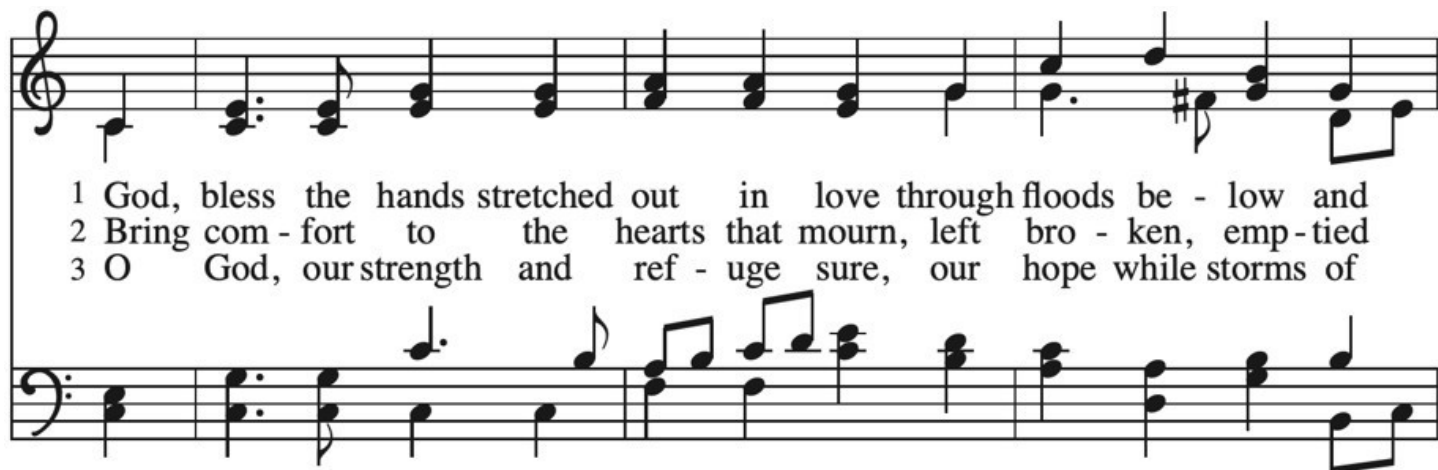
In us and through us, **God is glorified in our work.**

When we offer a helping hand, **God is praised.**

When we share of our abundance, **God is known in the world.**

God is at work in us! In our service today and in our daily lives, let us live out what God has called us to in baptism. **God is at work through our hands!**

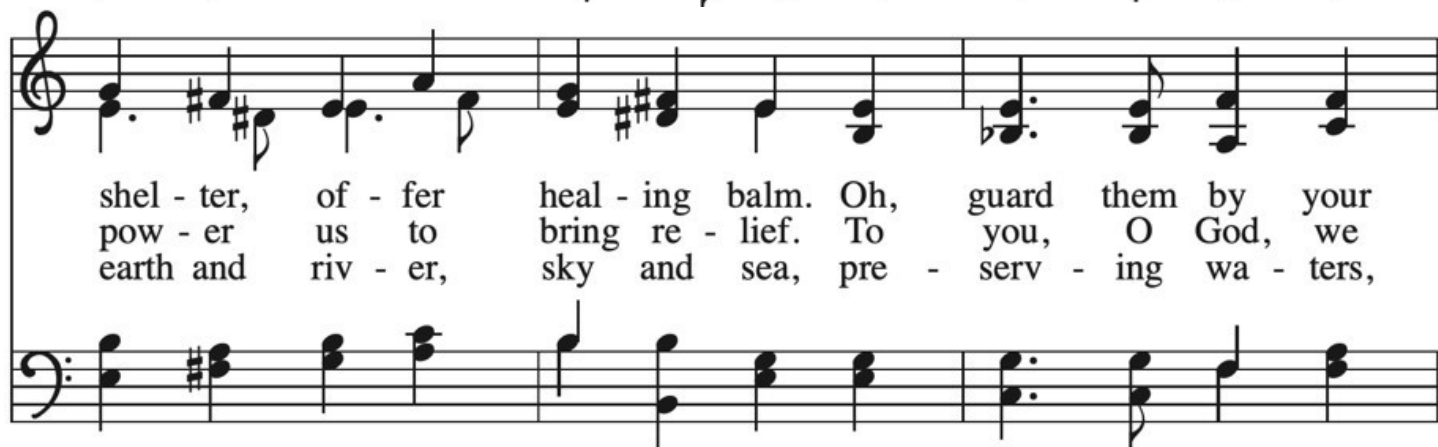
** Congregation comes forward to receive a blessing on their hands while hymn
"Blessing of the Hands" ACS #1022 is sung.*



1 God, bless the hands stretched out in love through floods be - low and
 2 Bring com - fort to the hearts that mourn, left bro - ken, emp - tied
 3 O God, our strength and ref - uge sure, our hope while storms of



storms a - bove; they search and res - cue, com - fort, calm, give
 by the storm. Give hope to those in deep - est grief; em -
 life en - dure: teach us to live in har - mo - ny with



shel - ter, of - fer heal - ing balm. Oh, guard them by your
 pow - er us to bring re - lief. To you, O God, we
 earth and riv - er, sky and sea, pre - serv - ing wa - ters,



stead - fast hand; reach out in love to help us stand.
 raise our hands. Save us, we pray, from sink - ing sands.
 air, and lands as ho - ly work for hu - man hands.

PRAYER'S OF INTERCESSION

L: Lord in your Mercy . . .

C: Hear our Prayer

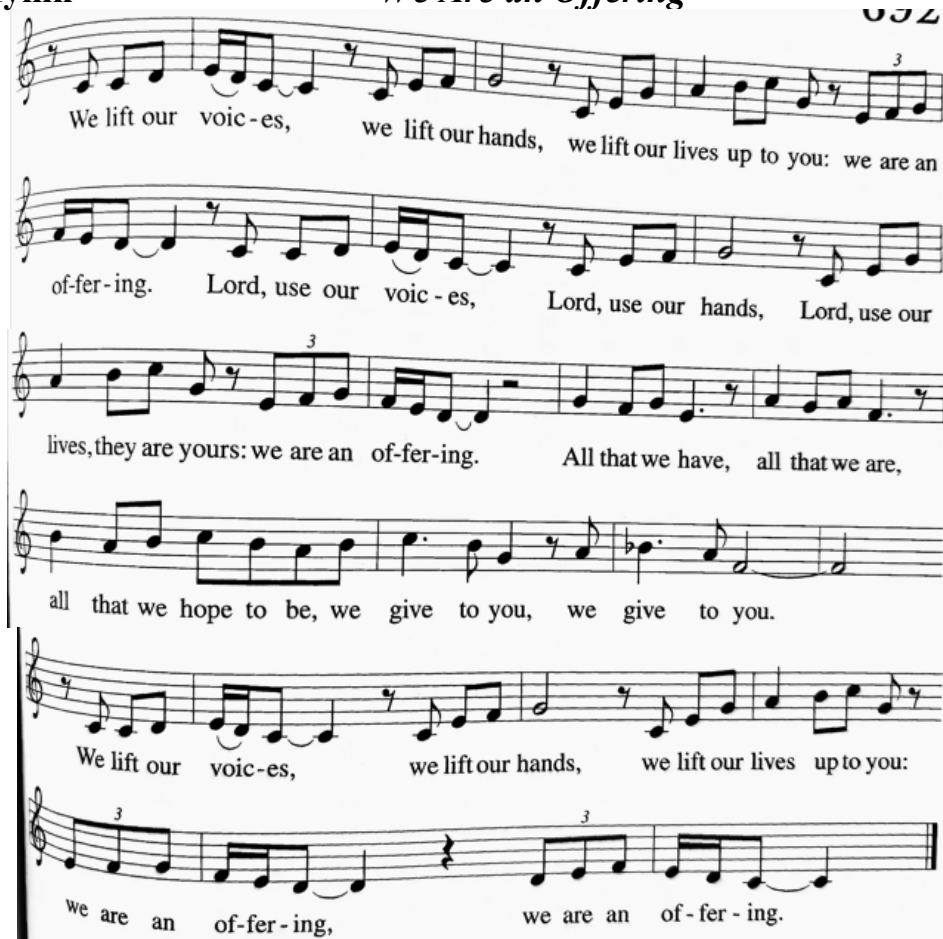
Prayer Concerns: *Dean Hoffman, Audrey Steinle, Jaymi Dader, Mike Menssen, Laikyn, Nolan O'Connor, Darrell Ask, Dennis Johnson, Mike Larson, Jamie (Noren) Seiner, Marie Christenson, Phyllis Jurgens, Dave Finnegan, Tim Knaak, Don Flater, Bruce Ohland, Sam Christenson, Melissa Anderson, Steven Olson, Chloe Anderson, Orval Larson, and Emma Overson.*

OFFERING

Offertory Hymn

"We Are an Offering"

ELW #692



Offertory Prayer

Holy God, giver of all good things, receive the gifts we bring, fruit of the earth and the work of human hands, that they may be used to your purposes for life and love in the world. **Amen.**

Scan this QR Code to give Electronically!



HOLY COMMUNION

Here at Augustana we are committed to the inclusion of all God's people, with no exception. Therefore, we practice open communion, welcoming all to the table to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. Juice (light color) and wine (dark red) are both available. Individually wrapped gluten free wafers are available as well. If you would like to receive communion, but are unable to physically come forward, please indicate that to an usher and communion will be brought to you.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ELW p. 191

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.

Invitation to the Table

Distribution

Post Communion Prayer

ELW p. 191

BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

C: Amen

SENDING SONG

"Gods Work, Our Hands"

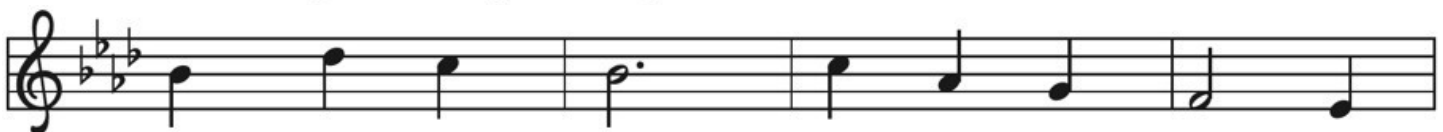
ACS #1000



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,



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DISMISSAL **P:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord! **C:** Thanks be to God!

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Activities this week: September 14 – September 20

Monday 3:00 pm – (E) Study Group
 6:00 pm – (A) Education Committee Meeting
Tuesday 9:00 am – (A) Sewing Circle
 12:00 pm – (A) Tuesday Club
 2:15 pm – Augustana worship on cable tv
Wednesday 6:00 pm – (A) 9th Grade Confirmation Meeting
Sunday **Newsletter Deadline**
 9:00 am – (E) Worship
 9:30 am – (A) Coffee Hour
 10:30 am – (A) Worship
 1:15 pm – Pleasant View Worship
 2:00 pm – Brandt Ridge Worship

Church Announcements

- ✝ **God's Work, Our Hands** service project this year is to work on our property at **Mt. Hope cemetery TODAY after worship**. We will be washing/ cleaning monuments, trimming trees, adding soil to ruts and holes throughout our section. There will be lunch and refreshments while we work. There is work for any age-young or old (many hands make light work). What a great way to show our ministry in action serving our community. Please plan on helping however you can. There will be lunch and beverages!
- ✝ **Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser!** Monday, September 21st from 5 – 8 pm @ The Eagle's. **Pre-Sale Tickets are now available!** Cost is \$12 - Adults, \$8 - children 6-12, Free - 5 and under. Tickets are available by calling a council member, Augustana office or Susan at East Sveadahl. Tickets available at the door: \$14 - Adults, \$10 - children 6-12, free - children under 5. Take-out and in-town delivery available.
*** Make checks payable to Augustana Church OR East Sveadahl Church.**
- ✝ **ROAR Registration is now open!** Register your child age 4 years to grade 6. Classes are held Wednesday evenings from 6-7 pm, with meals the 1st and 3rd week of each month from 5:30-6 pm. Classes start September 30th with an extra meal at 5:30 pm.
- ✝ **Relay for life is Saturday, September 19th from 4-9 pm at Deer Park** (across from First Lutheran) in St. James. There is a Survivor walk, bull riding, and pie eating contest.
- ✝ **Rally Sunday is Sunday, September 27th following worship at 10 am.** There is lunch for all and fun activities for kids following worship.
- ✝ Wed, September 16th at 6:00 pm is a **9th grade confirmation meeting** for parents and students
***Confirmation starts Wednesday, September 23rd.**
- ✝ AES Youth is selling **cookie dough** as a fundraiser for the National Youth Gathering. The order deadline is Wednesday, September 30th. Check the poster in the September newsletter. The order blank is on the back of the poster.
- ✝ **WELCA's Bakeless Bake Sale has been changed to Sunday, October 11th.** Mark your calendars with the corrected date!
- ✝ First Lutheran Church **Nordic Bazaar** is Wednesday, September 16th from 10 am – 2 pm. Lunch served 11 am – 1pm Cost is \$12. Crafts, baked goods and lefse, produce/plants. Multi-item drawing at 2 pm. \$1 drawing tickets can be purchased at the door.