

# GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

200 West Anderson Lane - Austin Texas

PENTECOST 15

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

RALLY/GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS SUNDAY  
GRANDPARENTS DAY  
WORLD HUNGER APPEAL

“CALLED BY GRACE. LED BY FAITH.  
WELCOMING ALL TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE.”

10:30 AM ZOOM PENTECOST EUCHARIST  
11:30 AM FACEBOOK PENTECOST EUCHARIST

PRELUDE

“We Are the Church” Video

GATHERING HYMN

“God's Work, Our Hands”

Wayne L. Wold, 2019 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, admin. Augsburg Fortress

God's work, our hands: working together,  
building a future, repairing the world,  
raising up homes, planting new gardens,  
feeding the hungry and shelt'ring 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.

P: We make the sign of the cross in remembrance of our baptism into the Triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. C: Amen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Congregation Remains Seated)*

C: You are the God of our lives, O Creator. You fill our days with activity and meaning. You bless us with abilities and call us to service. Forgive us when we fail to answer your call. The noises of the world around us are so loud that we often listen to the voices of greed or apathy, rather than to your call. Be with us in these moments of corporate worship, that we may rededicate our lives to service in Jesus' name. Amen

WORDS OF ASSURANCE *(Congregation Stands)*

P: We cry out, and God hears. Our God waits for our readiness to act. In faith we respond to God's plan, our lives blossom and bear fruit. Our God is a God of abundance.

C: Thanks be to the Triune God: Creator, Redeemer, Spirit.

SHARING OF THE PEACE (*Greet one another*)

ENTRANCE HYMN            **“Blessed to be a Blessing”**  
Dar Joy Krenek

Refrain: **Blessed to be a blessing, we’re blessed, blessed, blessed!**

**Blessed to be a blessing, we’re blessed by the best!**  
**Blessed to be a blessing, we are God’s hands and feet!**  
**Blessed to be a blessing with everyone we meet!**

1: **Dancing in our homes, dancing in the street.**

**Dancing with our neighbors, dancing to the beat!**  
**Dancing in our churches, dancing in the bars.**  
**Dancing with the moon and the stars! (*Refrain*)**

2: **Dancing with the Creator, dancing with the Son,**

**Dancing at our birth until our days are done!**  
**Dancing in our churches, dancing in the cold.**  
**Dancing with the young and the old! (*Refrain*)**

3: **Dancing in the mountains, dancing in the woods.**

**Dancing with out families, dancing with that dude!**  
**Dancing in the cities, dancing in the park.**  
**Dancing in our minds and our hearts! (*Refrain*)**

4: **Dancing with creation, dancing in the rain.**

**Dancing in our joy and dancing through our pain.**  
**Sometimes dancing boldly, sometimes we need a shove.**  
**Dancing in God’s grace and love. (*Refrain*)**

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY: **O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING

Genesis 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph’s brothers said, “What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?” So they approached Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this instruction before he died, ‘Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.’ Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, “We are here as your slaves.” But Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

P: Word of God, word of life.    **C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 103:1-13

<sup>1</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless God’s holy name.

<sup>2</sup>**Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all God’s benefits—**

<sup>3</sup>who forgives all your sins  
and heals all your diseases;

<sup>4</sup>**who redeems your life from the grave  
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**

<sup>5</sup>who satisfies your desires with good things  
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

**<sup>6</sup>O LORD, you provide vindication  
and justice for all who are oppressed.**

<sup>7</sup>You made known your ways to Moses  
and your works to the children of Israel.

**<sup>8</sup>LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;**

<sup>9</sup>you will not always accuse us,  
nor will you keep your anger forever.

**<sup>10</sup>You have not dealt with us according to our sins,  
nor repaid us according to our iniquities.**

<sup>11</sup>For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.

**<sup>12</sup>As far as the east is from the west,  
so far have you removed our transgressions from us.**

<sup>13</sup>As a father has compassion for his children,  
so you have compassion for those who fear you, O LORD.

#### GLORIA PATRI

L: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. **C: Amen.**

#### SECOND READING

Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

P: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Congregation Stands*)

ELW 692

**"We Are an Offering"**

Dwight Liles

**We lift our voices**

**We lift our hands**

**We lift our lives up to you**

**We are an offering**

**Lord use our voices**

**Lord use our hands**

**Lord use our lives they are yours**

**We are an offering**

**All that we have  
All that we are  
All that we hope to be  
We give to you  
We give to you  
We lift our voices  
We lift our hands  
We lift our lives up to you  
We are an offering  
We are an offering**

#### GOSPEL ANNOUNCED

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew 18:21-35.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Peter came and said to [Jesus,] “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

#### GOSPEL PROCLAIMED

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

#### APOSTLES' 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.**

#### HYMN OF THE DAY

**“Here I Am, Lord”**  
Daniel L. Schutte

ELW 574

**I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Who shall I send?**

*Refrain:*

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.  
I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send? *Refrain*  
I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame,  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send? *Refrain***

HOMILY

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

P: Lord, in your mercy, C: **hear our prayer.**

CONSECRATION OF BREAD AND WINE

LORD'S PRAYER, DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION/OFFERING      **"This Little Light of Mine"**  
VBS style

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine,  
Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine;  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
Won't let Satan blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Won't let Satan blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine;  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
Shine all over the world today, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Shine all over the world today, I'm gonna let it shine;  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
Let it shine till Jesus come, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine till Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine;  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYERS AND BENEDICTION

Gerhard M. Cartford

**The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,  
to make of all the earth a better place to live. *(repeat)***

**The angels are not sent into our world of pain  
to do what we were meant to do in Jesus’ name;  
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.  
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will today. *(repeat)***

SILENT PRAYERS, THE SENDING FORTH

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

POSTLUDE MUSIC