

First Lutheran Church – ELCA

Worship Bulletin–15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 5, 2021

GATHERING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG – “God, Whose Almighty Word” (ELW 673)

1 God, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard
and took their flight:
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.

2 Christ, who once came to bring,
on your redeeming wing,
healing and sight;
health to the troubled mind,
sight where illusions blind;
oh, now to humankind
let there be light.

3 Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy dove,
speed forth your flight;
move on the water's face
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.

4 Holy and blessed three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might:
boundless as ocean's tide,
rolling in fullest pride,
through the earth, far and wide,
let there be light.

GREETING (ELW p. 138)

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 p. 138)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 139)

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 142)

Let us pray. **Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life.**

Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord.

Amen.

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:4-7a

A reading from Isaiah.

These verses are a word of hope to the exiles in Babylon. Isaiah 34 portrays God's vengeance on Edom, Israel's age-old enemy, which makes the path from Babylon to Zion safe for the exiles' return. The desert itself will flow with water to give drink to the returning exiles.

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." ⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ^{7a}the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 146

I will praise the Lord as long as I live. (*Ps. 146:2*)

¹Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

²**I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

³Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴**When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.**

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the Lord their God;

⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;**

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The Lord sets the captive free.

⁸**The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord^l loves the righteous.**

⁹The Lord cares for the stranger; the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰**The Lord shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING: James 2:1-17

A reading from James.

Faithful Christians do not show partiality to the rich and powerful of the world, especially at the expense of the poor and weak. Likewise, faith does not pay mere lip service to God's will. Instead, a living Christian faith expresses itself in acts of compassion and mercy for those in need.

¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? ⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. ¹¹For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹²So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment. ¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 142)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mark 7:24-37

The holy gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

In Mark's gospel, encounters with women usually signify turning points in Jesus' ministry. Here, a conversation with a Syrophenician woman marks the beginning of his mission to the Gentiles.

²⁴[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,²⁵ but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. ³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

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

SERMON (ELW p. 143)

Whenever someone tells me that they love all of the Bible or understand the Bible completely, I am immediately suspicious if they have actually read it. Because there are many parts of the Bible I don't like and definitely don't understand.

Today's Gospel is one of those. I love where this passage ends up...but more on that later. In today's Gospel, Jesus is in Gentile territory that is despised by the Jews. Therefore, it's not surprising that Jesus meets a Gentile, a Greek. What is surprising is that this Greek woman approaches Jesus. This would have been uncommon, shocking really, for a Gentile to ask a Jew for a favor and a woman to ask a man for her favor.

But, anyone who is a parent, anyone who has had a family member or friend they love dearly, really, will get why she approached Jesus. Her child was suffering. No action was too outlandish or daring for her as long as her child was suffering.

What's also surprising is Jesus' response. Jesus has already completed exoticisms. He's torn down distinctions between the clean (Jews) and unclean (Gentiles). When I think of stories about Jesus' life and ministry, I think of stories of Jesus welcoming the outsider, offering words of love to those rejected and healing people readily and eagerly.

So, his reaction doesn't jive with any of my assumptions or what we have seen previously in the Gospel. Jesus says, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." Is Jesus calling her a dog? Is he ranking people?

All sorts of people have tried to offer explanations for this from saying the term dog really wasn't that bad (which it was) or that he was testing the woman's faith (there is no way to know). I honestly don't think we know why Jesus acts in such an unusual and challenging manner. This passage should be a reminder to all of us that Jesus lies beyond our understanding. If Jesus ever seems entirely understandable and comfortable to us, it should cause us to pause and remember that we do not own Jesus.

But, when reading this story, once we move past Jesus' initial unusual response, we should be struck by the woman's courage. She approached someone from another culture. She broke cultural taboos and norms by approaching a male. When her initial request was not answered, she did not accept saying, "This is His will..." She pressed on. She showed faith, courage and persistence. The same could be said of those who brought the deaf man to Jesus to be healed in the Gospel story. These individuals were bold in bringing their friend to Jesus for healing.

May all of us be like the woman who persisted. When we don't understand Jesus' answer do we just say, "Oh well." Or, do we persist in asking Jesus and calling out for what we want? Do we approach Jesus boldly time and time again, expressing our hearts desires. Regardless of how the conversation started, the conversation ended with the woman's daughter being healed. Jesus noted that the woman's words compelled him to heal her daughter. Do we approach Jesus with such deep faith that Jesus can do whatever we need? Do we think Jesus is all powerful, or do we limit Jesus to helping us feel "a little bit better" about whatever is going on?

We don't hear much about the Syrophoenician woman in today's Gospel. We don't even hear her name. We don't hear anything about the friends who bring the deaf man to Jesus. But, their legacy remains with us. They show us confidence. They show us courage. They show us faith.

This fall, we are starting a lot of programming. Bible Study. Confirmation. KFC. A lot of you in your personal lives are starting new things. New school years. New grades. New jobs. New medical treatments. Maybe even new living arrangements. As we work and plan, today's Bible passages should cause us to pause and reflect, "Am I talking to Jesus about this as fervently as I'm working on this? Am I praying about this as boldly as I'm planning for this?" Whatever life is putting in front of you, may you approach Jesus with boldness, trusting Him to provide whatever you need.

Works Consulted: *C.Clifton Black, "Mark 7:24-37." www.workingpreacher.org. Accessed August 24, 2021.

HYMN OF THE DAY – "If You But Trust in God to Guide You" (ELW 769)

1 If you but trust in God to guide you
with gentle hand through all your ways,
you'll find that God is there beside you
when crosses come, in trying days.
Trust then in God's unchanging love;
build on the rock that will not move.

2 What gain is there in anxious weeping,
in helpless anger and distress?
If you are in your Savior's keeping,
in sorrow will he love you less?
For Christ who took for you a cross
will bring you safe through ev'ry loss.

3 The Lord our restless hearts is holding,
in peace and quietness content.
We rest in God's good will unfolding,
what wisdom from on high has sent.
God, who has chosen us by grace,
knows very well the fears we face.

4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways unswerving,

offer your service faithfully.
Trust heaven's word; though undeserving,
you'll find this promise true to be.
This is our confidence indeed:
God never fails in time of need.

APSTLES CREED (ELW p. 104)

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

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need. Holy One, you bring your people together in worship. Enliven your church. Guide all evangelists, preachers, prophets, and missionaries who seek to share your love through word and deed. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You provide water for thirsty ground and sunshine to feed hungry plants. Bless all who advocate for healthy forests, unpolluted air, and clean waterways. Inspire all people to show care for the world you have made. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You show no partiality. Increase justice in all nations. Encourage leaders and governments to work with one another for the good of our common world. (*Especially as we celebrate Labor/Labour Day,*) unite us in seeking the health, safety, and dignity of all. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You accompany those who are most in need. Shelter all fleeing violence or persecution, protect any who are in danger, and sustain them through uncertain and unstable times. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You support the work of your disciples. Continue to nurture the leadership and ministries of this congregation (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, we pray for those who traveled for Labor Day. We ask that you bless their time with family and friends. Keep them safe as they travel. We thank you for the gift of work and laboring. Be with those who are working in challenging or unsafe jobs. Be with those who are seeking work. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Compassionate God, save us from being overwhelmed by addictions, medical conditions, competition, and fear. Comfort all in need in body, mind, or spirit, especially **Members:** Al Luig, Janice Berger, Sandy Rogers, Todd Hallstrom, Charlene Wachter, Marilyn Frisch, Julie & Denny Christensen, Dianne Sanderson, Betty Nelson; **Members in Nursing Homes:** Bob Dieter, Don Grant, Albert Mattisen, Bobbie Elvin, Sandra Marsh; **Members in Care Facilities:** Joan Doeden, Jean Bender; **Family Members & Friends:** Arlene (Fern Burmeister's sister), Rita Zinnel (Natalie's mom), Butch Zeiner (Valerie Veen's brother), Maverick Thalberg (Fern Burmeister's great-grandson), Josh Hansen (Mary Ingenthron's son), Lee Morrison (Terry Morrison's son), Henrietta Lais, Tom Morgan (Sandy Randall's dad), Peggy Konold (Norma Radenbaugh's

daughter), Brad Martens (Valerie Veen's son). Also be with our missionaries, service men and women, and those we list in our hearts now. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You embrace all who have died in the faith and brought them into your glorious presence. We thank you for their example and rejoice in their lives. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL - God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING (ELW p. 144)

OFFERING SONG – “Let the Vineyards be Fruitful”

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER (ELW p. 144)

Let us pray. God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING/DIALOGUE (ELW p. 144)

The Lord be with you. **And also 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.**

PREFACE (ELW p. 144)

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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 144)

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ELW p. 145)

O God most mighty,
O God most merciful,

O God our rock and our salvation,
hear us as we praise,
call us to your table,
grant us your life.
When the earth was a formless void,
you formed order and beauty.
When Abraham and Sarah were barren,
you sent them a child;
When the Israelites were enslaved,
you led them to freedom.
Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath,
and the psalmists cried out for healing,
and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.
You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother.
He was born among the poor,
he lived under oppression,
he wept over the city.
With infinite love, he granted the people your life.
In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup,
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. [**Amen.**]
Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. [**Amen.**]
Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. [**Amen.**]
O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.
O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.
O God, you are wine: warm our hearts and make us one.
O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.
O God most majestic, O God most motherly,
O God our strength and our song,
you show us a vision of a tree of life
with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations.
Grant us such life,
the life of the Father to the Son,
the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior,
life in you, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 145)

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 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 COMMUNION (ELW p. 146)

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

COMMUNION (ELW p. 146)

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.

COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 146)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION SONG – “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love” (ELW 708)

Refrain

Jesu, Jesu,

fill us with your love,

show us how to serve

the neighbors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
master who acts as a slave to them. Refrain

2 Neighbors are wealthy and poor,
varied in color and race,
neighbors are near us and far away. Refrain

3 These are the ones we will serve,
these are the ones we will love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. Refrain

4 Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet:
this is the way we will live with you. Refrain

COMMUNION SONG – “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service” (ELW 712)

1 Lord, whose love in humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose
ev'ry gift which you impart.

2 Still your children wander homeless;
still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,

by your Spirit send your power
to our world to make it whole.

3 As we worship, grant us vision,
till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness
dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens
your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service,
your abundant life to share.

4 Called by worship to your service,
forth in your dear name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged,
love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort,
counsel, aid and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom
may your mercy know and live.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (ELW p. 146)

Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING - God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

SENDING OF COMMUNION (ELW p. 146)

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are *sick, homebound, and imprisoned*. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING (ELW p. 146)

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The God of all grace ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG – “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” (ELW 773)

Precious Lord, take my hand
Lead me on, let me stand
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night
Lead me on to the light
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

When my way grows drear precious Lord linger near
When my light is almost gone
Hear my cry, hear my call
Hold my hand lest I fall
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

When the darkness appears and the night draws near
And the day is past and gone
At the river I stand
Guide my feet, hold my hand
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

DISMISSAL (ELW p. 146)

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



The office will be closed on Monday, September 6 for the Labor Day Holiday.

Youth Time will be starting on September 8th from 6:30 – 8:00 pm for Middle School and High School students and friends. Watch the upcoming bulletins for more information.

ELCA Youth Gathering will be held July 24 – 28, 2022 in Minneapolis, MN. There will be a parent meeting on Wednesday, September 8th for youth in 8th grade and up. For more information, please contact Becca McGaughey or Erin Makela.

FELC SCHEDULE FOR August 30 – September 5, 2021

Monday - 30

Tuesday - 31

Wednesday – 1 6:00PM Worship – 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Thursday - 2

Friday - 3 Pastor's Day Off

Saturday – 4

Sunday - 5 9:00AM Worship/Communion – 15th Sunday after Pentecost

God's Work Our Hands



This year's God's Work, Our Hands Sunday is September 12! We are going to be doing several projects around the church: packing kits for the Crisis Center, kick starting the Coat Ministry for the year, food packing, general cleaning and gardening around the church and a card making center for some of our younger youth.

Stewardship is looking for 2 more people to apply for Thrivent Cards – two families have already stepped forward to donate the other two needed Thrivent Cards. And, of course, donations are always welcome. Please contact Becca McGaughey if you would like to apply for a card or make a donation. Thank you in advance, Stewardship Team

Women Seeking God - A Multi-denominational Weekend Event will be held on Friday, September 24 from 6:00-9:00 pm and Saturday, September 25 from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm at St. Matthews Lutheran Church. Early bird cost is \$49! After September 10-\$59 To register go to www.womenseekinggodbloom.eventbrite.com, call Love INC. at 507-727-7290 or stop at 1505 Dover Street, Worthington, MN. Price includes: evening treats, light breakfast and catered lunch.