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"God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Numbers 11:14

¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me.

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FM 88.9

Thank you for joining our service today.

You may stand during worship with asterisk () in this bulletin*

Gathering

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

Prelude

Tena Rackow

Welcome

Call To Worship (from *On Christian Freedom* by Martin Luther)

L: A Christian is C: **a completely free Lord of all, subject to none.**

L: A Christian is C: **a completely dutiful servant of all, subject to all.**

L: Let us pray. C: **Mighty and merciful God, lover of justice and equality, you call us to support the weak, to help those who suffer, and to honor all the people. By the power of your Holy Spirit, make us advocates for your justice and instruments of your peace, so that all may be reconciled in your beloved community; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

* **Gathering Hymn “God’s Work, Our Hands” ACS #1000 Verses 1-2**

Word

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

Children’s Message

Scripture Reading: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

A reading from Numbers.

⁴The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.” ¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased.

¹¹So Moses said to the LORD, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors’? ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.” ¹⁶So the LORD said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.” ²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. ²⁶Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” ²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” ²⁹But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!”

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

Message

Choir Anthem

“God We Gather as Your People”



Prayer

Leader will lead the prayer.

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

Congregation may respond each petition with the following word:

L: Lord, in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

We lift our prayers for

Lynn Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Jerry, Sheridan Brinker, Fern Harnish, Lois Paulsen, Taylor B., Nina Mueller, Curt, Jaden, Connor Stadermann, Brooke, Jon Forsythe, Diane, Randy, Brian, Deb Lindeman Harder, Paul Heller, Dave Heinkel, Janet, Ryse Stone, Harry Perra Jr, Nicole, Meghan, Tom, Brian Gobeli, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, J.T., Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Jim DeMontigny, Richard Gordon, Bonnie W, David Gray, Kay, Sue, Shanna, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Jonathan, Cindy, Amber, Chris, Ron, Vicki, Peter, and the ministries of ELCA.

Prayer will conclude with the Lord's Prayer.

Sending

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

Announcements

Blessing and Dismissal

P: May God bless us those who go out from here to make cards. May God bless us those who go out from here to cemetery to clean the veterans' memorial. May God bless us those who pray for God's children today. Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

Thanks be to God.

* **Sending Hymn "God's Work, Our Hands"**
Verses 3-4

ACS #1000

Postlude

Tena Rackow

*Attendance September 12th
In-person—20 Online – 37*

On-line attendance includes Facebook and YouTube video views from the last 7 days.

Announcements

Bible Study Group

We meet on Tuesdays at 10am at the church. Just show up with your curiosity! And if you'd like, bring your Bible. We are starting from stories in Genesis.

Questions? Contact the church office. Hope to see you this Tuesday, at 10am!

No Choir or Chime practice today, September 26th.

Come and Get Flu Shot

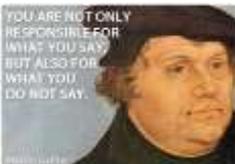


Monday, October 11th, from 11:30am until 1:30, FHN will offer flu shots at the Fellowship Hall.

This year FHN is offering the Quadrivalent vaccine which is the same vaccination as last year. Persons **over 65** will receive the High Dose shot this year. We will bill Medicare Part B or Medicare Supplement Plan accepted by FHN for persons over 65. If you do not have Medicare or Medicare Replacement plan the vaccination will be \$67.00. Persons **under 65** or on medical assistance or Medicaid will be given the Quadrivalent vaccine with an out of pocket cost of \$31.00. No insurance plan claims can be processed other than Medicare Part B or Medicare Replacement Plan, cash or check accepted. Photo ID required. Masks must be worn; please make sure your upper arm is accessible.



October Postcards—Martin Luther Quotes



Psalms 34:12-14, Which of you desires life, and covets many days to enjoy good? ¹³Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit. ¹⁴Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

God's Work, Our Hands

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 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.
- 4 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.

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