Worship Leader Edition
God's Work Our Hands

September 13, 2026 8:30 AM

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME *{Front Center} (Rob)*

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

OPENING HYMN "All Are Welcome" **ELW #641/*Screen***
Verses 1, 4 & 5

Verse 1
Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Verse 4
Let us build a house where hands reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:

Refrain

Verse 5
Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and vision heard
and loved and treasured taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

Refrain

GREETING {*Front Center*} *(Britt Halaas)*

L: 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.

ASSISTANT SAY: "PLEASE BE SEATED"

PRAYER OF THE DAY {*Front Center*} *(Britt Halaas)*

L: Loving God, thank you for the gift of another day and for the strength to live it for you. Open our hearts and minds to the needs of those around us. Guide our hands to serve with kindness, and our feet to walk in ways that bring healing and hope. Let our words be filled with grace and our actions with your spirit, being a true reflection of your love, bringing peace and joy to others. In the name of Jesus.
C: Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *{On Floor Pulpit Side} (Andrea)*

FIRST READING *{Lectern} (Joy Enger Lindgren)* 1st Corinthians 12:12-30

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor,

and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: Please stand as you are able.

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ***(STAND)*** "Alleluia" ELW pg. 124/***Screen***

C: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL *(Rob)* Luke 8:11-15

"Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones on the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. The ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe only for a while and in a time of testing fall away. As for what fell among the thorns, these are the ones who hear; but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. But as for that in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance.

L: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you O Christ

PLEASE BE SEATED

SERMON Pastor Rob Norris-Weber

PLEASE SAY: "PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE"

THE APOSTLES' CREED {*Front Center*} *(Britt Halaas)* ***Screen***

C: 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.

SHARING OF THE PEACE {*Front Center*} *(Britt Halaas)*

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

L: For all who are gathered, let us take a moment to welcome one another. For those of you online, please share a word of peace in the comment or chat.

ASSISTANT SAY: "PLEASE BE SEATED FOR THE PRAYERS"

THE PRAYERS {*Front Center*} *(Britt Halaas)* ***Screen***

After each petition:

L: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Britt Halaas)* ***Screen***

C: 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.

SENDING

SENDING LITANY *{Front Center} (Rob)* ***Screen***

L: At the font, God brings us from death to life and calls us to share that abundant life with the world.
C: We are freed in Christ to serve!
L: Through the word, God accompanies us through our life journeys and calls us to walk with others on their journeys.
C: We are freed in Christ to serve!
L: At the table, God feeds us with Christ's own body and forms us to be the body of Christ for others.
C: We are freed in Christ to serve!
L: In the world, God goes ahead of us to places in need and calls us to join the work.
C: We are freed in Christ to serve!
L: Let us pray. Holy One, as we serve others today, give us courage to see you in our neighbor; give us strength to sustain us in our work; and give us more opportunities to continue your work in our community. As we give our hands in service for your work, help us to trust in your mercy for those who are still in need.
C: Amen.

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS *(Rob)*

PLEASE SAY: "PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE"

BENEDICTION *{Front Center} (Rob)*

L: God who sets forth the law of love, Jesus who fulfills the law for you, and the Spirit through whom you are called to love, and bless you this day, that you may be God's hands and heart and voice at work in the world.
C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN "Lord, Let My Heart Good Soil" **ELW #512/*Screen***
Two Times Through

Verse 1
Lord, let my heart be good soil,
open to the seed of your word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil,
where love can grow and peace is understood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone away.
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,
Lord, let my heart be good soil.

DISMISSAL *{Back} (Rob)*

L: Go in peace. You are God's hands at work in the world!
C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Altar Flowers Given Today:

Steve & Judy Ludwigson
In celebration of our daughter Nikki's birthday!
Larry Nelson
In honor of my wife Marilyn's birthday!