



SOTC Worship  
September 7, 2025  
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS



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,



shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.  
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## CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

**Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful and loving God,

**we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found.**

**Amen.**

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

**Amen.**

## GREETING

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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**WORD**

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STORYTELLING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*In preparation to receive God's Word, we light the Christ candle and pray for illumination from God's word. Take a moment for silent reflection.*

READINGS: DEUTERONOMY 30:15-20; PSALM 1; PHILEMON 1-21

*In response to the readings:*

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW pg. 205

GOSPEL: LUKE 14:25-35

*The Gospel is announced:*

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 14th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After the reading:*

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN

WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME

ELW 798, Vs. 1-2,4- 5

APOSTLE'S CREED

ELW pg. 105

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Response to "Lord in your mercy" is "hear our prayer."*

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always!

**And also with you!**

*Congregation is invited to share a sign of peace with others.*

## ————— MEAL —————

### OFFERING

### OFFERING PRAYER

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW pg. 206

### PREFACE

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW pg. 207

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

### LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

### COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*Together we receive God's gift of love given to us in the sacrament of communion. All are welcome at the table, where Christ is our host.*

*Receive the bread with open hands, and receive either the wine (red liquid) or juice (clear liquid). If you do not desire to receive communion, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest as an indication to the server.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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SENDING

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BLESSING

SENDING SONG

LET US EVER WALK WITH JESUS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow the love of Jesus.

**Thanks be to God!**

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