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The Parable of the WEDDING BANQUET

6 p.m. Sat., June 12, & 8:15 a.m. Sun., June 13, 2021

Sermon: Guest Pastor: Rev Paul Flo
"The Lord's Banquet Table is for You" Luke 14:15-24



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- a Family to Whom You Belong -

Our Mission is to: **Make More & Better Disciples**

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(6 p.m. Sat., June 12 & 8:15 a.m. Sun., June 13, 2021)

Servants of God's House

Pastor: Rev. Kenny Hsu **Guest Pastor:** Rev. Paul Flo

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Rev. Paul Flo, Rev. Charles Cortwright

Readers: 6 p.m. Sat., Ron Cason; 8:15 a.m. Sun. Suzy Joines

WELCOME! We are glad that you are here worshipping God with us. We pray for God's blessings to you and invite you to come back again soon.

AS WE GATHER Wisdom has issued an invitation to the divine feast: "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. Leave your simple ways, and live, and walk in the way of insight" (Prov. 9:5–6). This is the call of the Spirit of Christ to believe the Gospel and to receive His saving gifts in the Holy Supper. Many make excuses and reject this invitation, even as the Jews did in the days of Jesus, yet the Master's house will be filled. The Gospel call therefore goes out to the lowly and despised, into the highways, even to all the Gentiles (Luke 14:15–24). For "you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ" (Eph. 2:13–22). In Christ, believing Jews and Gentiles are no longer strangers but fellow members of the household of God. The enmity of class and race is put to death through the cross. Having been reconciled in the one Body of Christ, we are enabled to love one another (1 John 3:13–18) as we await the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which will have no end.

Prayer Before the Service Heavenly Father, we give thanks to You that through Your Holy Word You have called us to Your great supper. We implore You to enliven our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that we may not hear Your Word without fruit, but prepare ourselves rightly for Your kingdom and not allow ourselves to be hindered by any worldly care. Amen.

DIVINE SERVICE THREE

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(The congregation is invited to respond with the words written in **bold**.)

The Ringing of the Bells

The Wave of Fellowship

Hymn of Invocation

"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

LSB 901

(stand as you are able for the last verse)

(The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.)

The Invocation *Matthew 28:19b; (18:20)*

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. *Hebrews 10:22*

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth. *Psalms 124:8*

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. *Psalms 32:5*

(A moment of silence for reflection of God's word and self-examination)

P: O Almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. *John 20:19-23*

C: Amen.

The Kyrie "Lord, Have Mercy" (*Sung*) *Mark 10:47*

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Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Gloria in Excelsis- "Glory to God in the Highest" (*Sung*)

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P: Glory be to God on high,

C: and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee.

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

P: The Lord be with you. 2 Timothy 4:22

C: And with thy Spirit.

P: Let us pray.

C: Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The First Reading Proverbs 9:1–10

¹Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn her seven pillars. ²She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed her wine; she has also set her table. ³She has sent out her young women to call from the highest places in the town,

⁴“Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!” To him who lacks sense she says,

⁵“Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed.

⁶Leave your simple ways, and live, and

walk in the way of insight.” ⁸Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you; reprove a wise man, and he will love you.

⁹Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.

¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual We praise God together in the words of the Gradual.

C: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable. On your wondrous works, I will meditate, and I will declare your greatness.

The Epistle Lesson 1 John 3:13–18

¹³Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you. ¹⁴We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death.

¹⁵Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

¹⁶By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him? ¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Stand as you are able)

(Please remain standing for the Gospel and the Creed)

The Holy Gospel Luke 14:15–24

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

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord. (Sung)

¹⁵When one of those who reclined at table with [Jesus] heard these things, he said to him, “Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!”

¹⁶But he said to him, “A man once gave a great banquet and invited many. ¹⁷And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’ ¹⁸But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please have me excused.’ ¹⁹And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.’ ²⁰And another said, ‘I

have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’ ²¹So the servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.’

²²And the servant said, ‘Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.’ ²³And the master said to the servant, ‘Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled.’ ²⁴For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ. (Sung)

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The Apostles' Creed

(Please be seated)

The Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

“We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”

LSB 720

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Offering of God's People to their Beloved Savior

We honor God with the gifts He has given to us.

St. Paul's members have pledged to support our ministry in their tithes and offerings.

Please place your offerings in the box upfront.

To our guest: Thank you for joining us today and please do not feel that you are obligated to participate. We invite you to come back again.

Please put your **Welcome Card** in the box at the back of the church.

Luke 21:1-4—Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box, and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. And he said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.”

Offertory Hymn

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

LSB 783 1-4

(stand as you are able)

The Offertory (Sung) Psalm 51:10-12

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Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

The Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P: For the Holy Spirit, that we may receive with thanksgiving the Word, which calls us to God's great banquet; and that our hearts would be enlivened so that we hear the Word with fruit and prepare ourselves rightly for God's kingdom, unhindered by any worldly care, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the Church, that God would send forth His servants to all corners of the earth, filling His eternal banquet hall; that He would keep His ministers steadfast to preach the blessed invitation of the Gospel; and that all hungry, weary sinners may find righteousness in Jesus Christ, who has made everything ready by His death and resurrection, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For all who serve in the high duty of father or mother, together with all who guard and rear children, that they may show forth in word and deed the blessings of Christ, the certainty of His mercy for sinners and the primacy of the Means of Grace, which create, strengthen and preserve faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For our nation and its leaders that God would uphold us in peace and enable our leaders, lawmakers and judges to govern according to His will and the order of creation, knowing that all authority under heaven comes from Him, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the sick and lonely, those who mourn and all who are in any need, especially Carolyn Stuhr, that the Lord would turn us to Himself in faith to find every need satisfied in His gracious favor, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For those celebrating their baptismal anniversaries that they remain faithful to your Word including; Jon Sulzbach, Gail Wiener, Cory Black, Jerry Kroeger, Kelsey Orr, Bobby Bratvold, Michael Roscovius, Jeff Sulzbach, Brent King, Avery Petersen and Jodi Kennedy. Let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Lord God, heavenly Father, we here remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Praising His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction Numbers 6:24-26

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P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.

C: Amen, Amen, Amen. (Sung)

The Closing Hymn "On What Has Now Been Sown"

LSB 921

Silent Prayer

Postlude

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