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The Parable of the WEDDING BANQUET

10:45 a.m. Sunday, June 13, 2021

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



St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School

- A Family to Whom You Belong -
Our Mission is to: **Make More & Better Disciples**

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:45 a.m. Sunday, June 13, 2021

Servants of God's House Today:

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

Praise Team Accompanist: Doris Hill

DCE Intern: Grace Wolfgram **Ushers:** Tim Draube Team

Missionaries: Charles Cortwright, Rev. Tim & Lisa Beckendorf,
Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump, Rev. Paul Flo

Reader: Chaney Neff

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.

Worship Service

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

The Ringing of the Bells

The Wave of Fellowship

The Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Opening Song

"Days of Elijah"

These are the days of Elijah, declaring the Word of the Lord.

And these are the days of your servant, Moses, righteousness being restored

And though these are days of great trials, of famine and darkness and sword

Still we are the voice in the desert crying, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord."

(Chorus): Behold, He comes, riding on the clouds, shining like the sun at the trumpet call

Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee, and out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

These are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh

And these are the days of your servant, David, rebuilding a temple of praise

And these are the days of the harvest, the fields are as white in Your world

And we are the laborers in Your vineyard, declaring the Word of the Lord."

(chorus)

There's no god like Jehovah, There's no god like Jehovah,

There's no god like Jehovah, There's no god like Jehovah (repeat 3 times)

(Chorus 2 times)

Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee, and out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

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Apostles' Creed

First Lesson

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." ⁷Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse, and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury. 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.

Second 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.

(Please stand, as you are able, for the Gospel)

Holy Gospel Luke 14:15–24

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.’”

Confession and Absolution *Psalm 1:5–6*

P: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

C: for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

(Silence for self-examination).

P: Holy and gracious God,

C: I confess that I have sinned against You, in thought, word, and deed, by what I have done, and by what I have not done. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ, my Savior, I ask forgiveness and pray You to deliver and restore me by Your mercy. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and given to us His only Son to suffer and die for our salvation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

Children’s Message

The Song of Instruction “You Are”

Verse 1 When I can't find the words to say how much it hurts, You are the healing in my heart. When all that I can see are broken memories, You are the light that's in the dark.

(Chorus)

You are the song, You are the song I'm singin'.
You are the air, You are the air I breathe in.
You are the hope, You are the hope I'm needin'. Whoa, You are

Verse 2 And when my circumstance leaves me with empty hands, You're the provider of my needs. When all my dirtiness has left me helpless, You are the rain that washes me. **(Chorus)**

(Refrain)

If I had no voice, If I had no tongue, I would dance for You like the risin' sun.
And when that day comes and I see Your face, I will shout Your endless glorious praise. (Repeat 2x) **(Chorus)**

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The Word Guest Pastor Rev. Paul Flo

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WE WORSHIP GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING

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 “I Can Only Imagine”

I can only imagine what it will be like when I walk by Your side.
I can only imagine what my eyes will see when Your face is before me.
I can only imagine.

Surrounded by Your glory, what will my heart feel?
Will I dance for You, Jesus, or in awe of You be still?
Will I stand in Your presence or to my knees will I fall?
Will I sing hallelujah? Will I be able to speak at all?
I can only imagine,
I can only imagine.

I can only imagine when that day comes and I find myself standing in the Son.
I can only imagine when all I will do is forever, forever worship You.
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The Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

The Going Out Song “Whom Shall I Fear”

You hear me when I call. You are my mourning song.

Though darkness fills the night, it cannot hide the light.
Whom shall I fear?

You crush the enemy underneath my feet. You are my sword and shield,
Though troubles linger still. Whom shall I fear?

I know who goes before me, I know who stands behind.
 The God of angel armies is always by my side.
 The One who reigns forever. He is a friend of mine.
 The God of angel armies is always by my side.
 And nothing formed against me shall stand. You hold the whole world in Your hands.
 I'm holding on to Your promises. You are faithful, You are faithful.
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 I'm holding on to Your promises. You are faithful, You are faithful, You are faithful.

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 He is a friend of mine. The God of angel armies is always by my side.
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Worship Services	Traditional (Sat., 6:00 p.m. & Sun., 8:15 a.m.) Contemporary Service (10:45 a.m.)
Sunday School:	9:30 a.m.
Youth & Adult Bible Classes	9:30 a.m.
Pastor:	Rev. Kenneth Hsu
DCE Intern:	Grace Wolfgram
Christian Day School:	Preschool through Grade 5 (before and after school care)
Principal:	Mrs. Alyce Strong Davis
School Financial Consultant:	Mr. Lon Stuhr
Other Ministries for Children:	Vacation Bible School
Other Ministries for Youth:	Lutheran Youth Fellowship, Juniors in Fellowship Confirmation Program
Other Ministries for Adults:	Young at Heart Club (Dinners on 3rd Sunday noon) Fellowship Club Women's League, Women's Circles, Sewing Group Prayer Chain, Soup Kitchen Volunteer Church Library, Lamplighters Evangelism

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Sermon Notes

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