



HOLY COMMUNION

at the break of day

Sunday

September 1, 2019 † 8:30 am

Parable of the wedding guests:

Invite the poor to your banquet

Exploring the promise of God for all

At the table of Christ, no price is charged for this meal

Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God’s grace in holy baptism we have a place at the banquet table of the Lord. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.

We Gather to Begin the Day Anew in Baptism

GATHERING MUSIC

Prelude & Aria from “Suite for Organ”

Robert J. Powell

At the sound of the bell please turn to face the worship leaders at the font.

GATHERING AROUND THE FONT

All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the presider begins.

P We begin the day anew in baptism in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

A Amen.

GATHERING PSALM

Psalm 112

The righteous are merciful and full of compassion. (112:4)

P Happy those who love God and delight in the law.

A Their children shall be blest, strong and upright in the land.

P Their households thrive, their integrity stands firm.

A A light shines on them in darkness, a God of mercy and justice.

P The good lend freely and deal fairly,

A they will never stumble; their justice shall be remembered.

P Bad news holds no power, strong hearts trust God.

A Steady and fearless, they look down on their enemy.

P They support the poor, their integrity stands firm,

A their strength brings them honor.

P Hatred devours the wicked.

A They grind their teeth; their hopes turn to ashes.

A Give praise to the Father Almighty; to the Son, Jesus Christ, the Lord; to the Spirit who dwells in our hearts; both now and forever. Amen.

P Eternal God, *(ELW psalm prayer)*
in the order of your creation you have given righteousness, justice, peace, and love for the enlightenment of all people. Keep us always in that light, so that throughout our lives we may show forth the glory of the light of the world, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

A Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

(hymn) 522

“As We Gather at Your Table”

stanza 2 in harmony

We Listen to God’s Word

GREETING

The presider continues with words of welcome.

FIRST READING

see Scripture insert

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Proverbs 25:6–7

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Hebrews 13:1–8, 15–16

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GOSPEL

see Scripture insert

The assembly stands and welcomes the gospel, singing:



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Luke 14:1, 7–14

In Luke’s gospel, Jesus often tells parables about meals in order to illustrate God’s unexpected grace and lead people to a faithful response. Here, we have two examples of these stories, one extolling humility and the other, inclusivity.

before the reading:

after the reading:

P The holy gospel according to

The gospel of the Lord.

A Glory to you, O Lord.

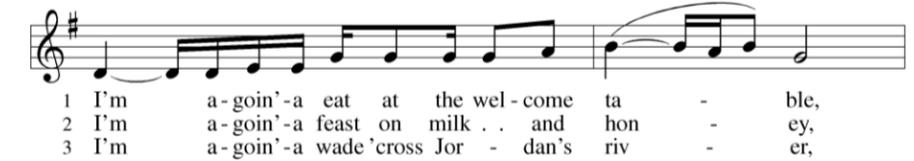
A Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

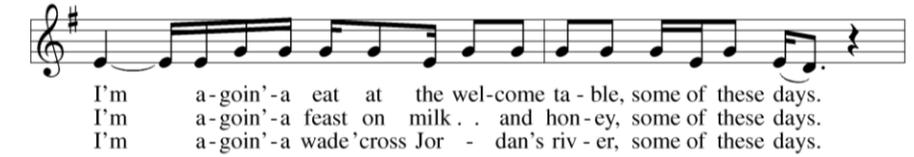
HYMN

“I’m a-Goin’-a Eat at the Welcome Table”

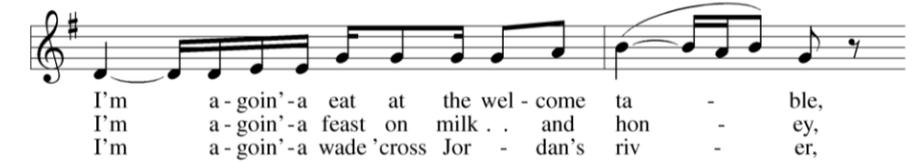
This version of the popular African-American spiritual “Welcome Table” is from “This Far by Faith” the ELCA’s African-American hymnal published in 1999.



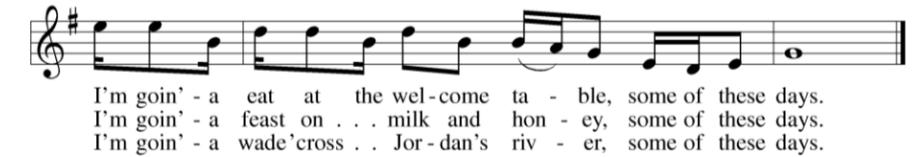
1 I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel-come ta - ble,
2 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . and hon - ey,
3 I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er,



I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel-come ta - ble, some of these days.
I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . and hon - ey, some of these days.
I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days.



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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

...Hear us, O God,

A your mercy is great.

Prayer of the Day concludes these prayers.

P O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble.

Hear our prayers, and give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ; in whose name we pray.

A Amen.

We Feast Around the Table of the Lord

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

A And also with you.

The assembly is invited to share God’s peace with one another.

OFFERING

When bread and wine are broken and shared in the Lord’s Supper an offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. During this time, the table is set. Please stand as the offering procession reaches the chancel.

Basse et Dessus de Trompette

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

We Are Sent to Be God's Hands in the World

BLESSING

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
A Thanks be to God.

God almighty, God most powerful,
bless you, keep you, and grant you peace;
in the name of the Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit.

A Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Praise to You, O God of Mercy”

(hymn) 208

DISMISSAL

- A** Go in peace. Love and serve the Lord.
A Thanks be to God.

The carillon sends the assembly into mission.

POSTLUDE

“Marche en Rondeau” from the *Te Deum* Marc-Antoine Charpentier

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SERVING TODAY

Pastor Stephanie Friesen, *presiding*

Pastor Melissa Pohlman, *preaching*

Diane Olson, *assisting minister*

Rod Richter, *reader*

Shanti Austvold, *crucifer*

Deacon Mark Sedio, *cantor/organist*

Mark Kieffer, Marc Wilson, *sound operators*

Bill Masche, Bruce Bergeson-Meekins,

Dave West, Richard Stegall, *sacristans*

Bob Tufford, *lead usher for September*

Rosemary Olerud, Jim Snustad, Lee Vinson, *greeters & hosts*

Pastor D. Foy Christopherson, *liturgy director*

Please join us in the great room for fellowship following worship.

This service is being streamed live on the internet at www.centralmpls.org.

Chancel flowers this weekend are given by Carol Henderson in loving memory of her husband Ole and in remembrance of his 100th birthday. If you wish to donate flowers contact Judy Korogi 10 days in advance at 612-788-1288.



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WELCOME

You are welcome. No exceptions.

Central Lutheran Church experiences God's expansive love and strives to share it abundantly. We affirm all people without regard to age, race, biological sex, housing status, ethnicity, sexual orientation, immigration, refugee or migration status, gender identity or expression, socioeconomic status, and physical or mental health or ability. All are a part of God's family, created in God's image. • We strive to practice radical hospitality with all people. Everyone is invited to immerse themselves in the life of this community of faith as we explore the promise of God for all. • Central Lutheran is a Reconciling in Christ congregation.

Guests are welcome. We are pleased you are worshiping with us today. We invite guests to complete the “Welcome to Central” card found in the pew racks and leave it with an usher or place it in the offering plate. If you would like more information about Central, please contact us at 612-870-4416, or email info@centralmpls.org.

Children are welcome at all services. Worship bulletins for children and activity bags are available at Sanctuary entrances. A nursery may be found near the welcome desk. Nursery staff are provided on Sunday mornings.

Welcome to the Lord's Table. All who come seeking Jesus are welcome at the Lord's Table. Please follow the guidance of the ushers and instructions in the order of service. During communion, ministers will bring bread and wine to persons in designated access seating areas. If you are not in a designated access seating area and desire to commune where you are seated, please notify an usher who will direct communion ministers to come and serve you. Communion may be received in one kind (only bread or only wine) from any station if wheat bread or alcohol presents a health concern. Gluten-free breads and alcohol-free wine are available by request at most liturgies from most communion stations.

Welcome to the Holy Baptism. All who come seeking Jesus are welcome to receive Holy Baptism. Please visit with any worship leader, staff member, hospitality volunteer, contact the church office, or complete an information card, indicating that you wish to be baptized. A pastor will contact you.

Friends of Central...Stay connected

Across the country and beyond there are many people who have a soft spot in their heart for Central Lutheran Church – people who feel a connection both to the history and the ongoing mission of this congregation. If you're one of them, we invite you to join our network of Friends of Central. Pick up a brochure or visit our website for more information or to join.

Electronic Giving Opportunities: Online at www.centralmpls.org click on **Give Today**; or text 73256, enter code word *centralmpls* (lower case), and a numerical amount. Press send and fill in the details. All contributions from members and guests will appear in a contribution statement. WIFI is available as *Central Lutheran* (password *guestclc*). If you give electronically, use the green pew card to drop in the offering plate instead of an envelope. The ministries and mission of Central Lutheran are supported by givers like you. Questions? Contact the church office at 612-870-4416.



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Offertory Prayer

- A** Let us pray together.
A God of all creation,
you open wide your hand
and satisfy the need of every living thing.
You have set this feast before us.
Open our hands to receive it.
Open our hearts to embrace it.
Open our lives to live it.
We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P** The Lord be with you.
A And also with you.

- P** Lift up your hearts.
A We lift them to the Lord.

- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
A It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The presider continues with the Great Thanksgiving, concluding:

Lord's Prayer (1975)

- A** Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Communion

All who come seeking Jesus are invited to receive these gifts of God.

Communion at this service is served standing at stations. Please follow the directions of the ushers.

Grape juice and gluten-free bread are available upon request. The benefits of the sacrament are fully present in either the bread or the wine, should health reasons prevent you from receiving one of them.

Children are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.

“Nocturne”

Edvard Grieg

silence for reflection concludes the Communion

Prayer after Communion

- A** Let us pray.
Gracious provider,
you nourish us with holy food and drink,
and you open us up to the needs of others.
Refresh us with your Spirit,
that our words and deeds may proclaim
your creative and life-giving Word,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
A Amen.

Saturday, August 31, 2019

Sunday, September 1, 2019

Lectionary/Ordinary 22 C | Proper 17 C

Sunday between August 28 and September 3

The parable of the wedding guests:

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FIRST READING *Do not put yourself forward* Proverbs 25:6–7

The Book of Proverbs is known as wisdom literature. Proverbs presents a view of life that is orderly, simple, and practical. The truth of the advice on humility in the presence of the ruler is self-evident.

Do not put yourself forward in the king’s presence
or stand in the place of the great;

⁷ for it is better to be told, “Come up here,”
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

Word of God, word of life.

🔊 Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING *God is with us* Hebrews 13:1–8, 15–16

The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains many suggestions for the conduct of life, all of which are shaped by God’s love toward us in Jesus Christ.

Let mutual love continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³ Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴ Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, “I will never leave you or forsake you.” ⁶ So we can say with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?”

⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

¹⁵ Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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GOSPEL *Invite the poor to your banquet* Luke 14:1, 7–14

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📖 The holy gospel according to Luke.

🔊 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷ When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸ When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹ and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹ For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

📖 The gospel of the Lord.

🔊 **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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