

“ALL ARE WELCOME”

Chorus:

All are welcome, friend and stranger
at the banquet of the Savior
All are welcome, all are welcome here.

1 From the woman who comes crying
leaving tears at Jesus’ feet.
To the man who knows the right way -
but cannot see (Chorus)

2 From the ones who feel forgotten,
those who sense their place is gone,
To the ones who live in hunger -
here you belong (Chorus)

3 Go into the streets and cities,
to the farms and families,
Tell about the splendid table -
God's mercy (Chorus)

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Welcome! We are glad you are with us today!

*“If you do not have a church home, you are welcome here. If you would like to
Become a member, contact any member, or the church office.”*

Sunday, August 31st, 2025; 9:30 am **12th Sunday after Pentecost**

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Opening Hymn: *All Are Welcome* (Found on the back of today’s bulletin)

Apostolic Greeting

P: 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.

Call to Worship: **Psalm 112**

P: Praise the LORD! Happy are those who fear the LORD, who greatly delight in his
commandments.

**C: Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be
blessed.**

P: Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

**C: They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and
righteous.**

P: It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.

C: For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.

P: They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD.

**C: Their hearts are steady; they will not be afraid; in the end, they will look in triumph
on their foes.**

P: They have distributed freely; they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures
forever; their horn is exalted in honor.

**C: The wicked see it and are angry; they gnash their teeth and melt away; the desire of
the wicked comes to nothing.**

Almighty God, in your goodness, you provide for the needy. Remove from your people the pride of place and the pursuit of power that mocks humility. Open our hearts in generosity and justice to the neglected and lonely, that in showing esteem for others, we may honor and please you through Jesus Christ in the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 25:6-7a Susan Kruse
⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, ^{7a}for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

¹ Let mutual affection 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 the sexually immoral and adulterers. ⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself 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.

Gospel Reading: Luke 14:1, 7-14

¹ 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 and sisters

(After the reading: P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.)

Sermon Pastor Josh Schunk

Prayers of Intercession

Creator God, in your wisdom, you bring forth all that is good, and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

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.

The love of God abounds in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fills your hearts; and the life of the Spirit blesses you and gives you peace.

Dismissal: P: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!
C: Thanks be to God!