



**Those  
who  
humble  
themselves  
will be  
exalted**

LUKE 14:11





## Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost Bulletin Insert

Saturday, August 30, 2025 ~ 5:00 pm

Sunday, August 31, 2025 ~ 9:00 am

GATHERING SONG

"Gather Us In"

ELW #532

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### First Reading: Proverbs 25:6-7

<sup>6</sup>Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence  
or stand in the place of the great;

<sup>7</sup>for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"  
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 112

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD  
and have great delight in God's commandments!

<sup>2</sup>Their descendants will be mighty in the land;  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

<sup>3</sup>Wealth and riches will be in their house,  
and their righteousness will last forever.

<sup>4</sup>Light shines in the darkness for the upright;  
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

<sup>5</sup>It is good for them to be generous in lending  
and to manage their affairs with justice.

<sup>6</sup>For they will never be shaken;  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

<sup>7</sup>They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;  
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

<sup>8</sup>Their heart is established and will not shrink,  
until they see their desire upon their enemies.

<sup>9</sup>They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever;  
they will hold up their head with honor.

<sup>10</sup>The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away;  
the desires of the wicked will perish.

## **Second Reading: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16**

<sup>1</sup>Let mutual love continue. <sup>2</sup>Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. <sup>5</sup>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." <sup>6</sup>So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

<sup>7</sup>Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>15</sup>Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup>Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable.

<sup>8</sup>"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; <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

<sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup>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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|-----------------|---------------------------------------|----------|
| HYMN OF THE DAY | "O Let Us Go Now to the Banquet"      | ELW #523 |
| COMMUNION HYMNS | "In the Singing"                      | ELW #466 |
|                 | "Now We Join in Celebration"          | ELW #462 |
| SENDING SONG    | "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" | ELW #545 |

**Thank you to those who share in our worship services!**

|                       | <u>Saturday Evening Service</u>                      | <u>Sunday Morning Service</u> |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Ushers                | Nina Looney                                          | Eric & Stephanie Sacia        |
| Reader                | Ida Wiebel                                           | Mary Moore                    |
| Communion Assistants  | Nina Looney                                          | Nancy Germain                 |
| Counters              | Dave & Betty Griffin                                 | Eric & Stephanie Sacia        |
| Organists             | Teri Wittkowski & Susan Becker                       |                               |
| Online Streaming Team | Lucas Golinghorst, Scott La Plante, & Kevin Zidarich |                               |

# Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the  
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the  
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marly Haugen, b. 1950

Music: GATHER US IN, Marly Haugen

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# Let Us Go Now to the Banquet

## *Vamos todos al banquete*

*Refrain / Estribillo*



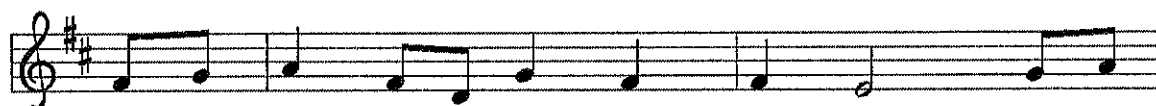
Va - mos to - dos al ban - que - te, a la  
Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the



me - sa de la crea - ción; ca - da cual con su ta - bu -  
feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is



re - te tie - ne un pues - to y u - na mi - sión.  
wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.



1 Hoy me le - van - to muy tem - pra - no; ya me es -  
1 I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -  
2 God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the  
3 May we build such a place a - mong us where all



pe - ra la co - mu - ni - dad; voy su - bien - do a - le - gre la  
mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a spring in my step I'm  
ban - quet of jus - tice and good where the har - vest will not be  
peo - ple are e - qual in love. God has called us to work to -

*Refrain / Estribillo*



cues - ta, voy en bus - ca de tu a - mis - tad.  
walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.  
hoard - ed so that no one will lack for food.  
geth - er and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

2 Dios invita a todos los pobres  
a esta mesa común por la fe,  
donde no hay acaparadores  
y a nadie le falta el conqué. Estribillo

3 Dios nos manda a hacer de este mundo  
una mesa donde haya igualdad,  
trabajando y luchando juntos,  
compartiendo la propiedad. Estribillo

## In the Singing



1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,  
2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,



in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,  
in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931

Music: BREAD OF PEACE, Carlton R. Young, b. 1926

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## Now We Join in Celebration



- 1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,
- 2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!
- 3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;  
For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing  
rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,  
of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,  
Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.  
pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav'n - ly glad - ness.  
seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

Text: Joel W. Lundeen, 1918–1990

Music: SCHMÜCKE DICH, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

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## Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



- 1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
- 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
- 3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.  
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.  
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.



Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.  
Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.  
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, sts. 1–2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3, alt.

Music: SICILIAN MARINERS, Sicilian, 18th cent.



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**GRACE - GIFTED    FAITH - LIFTED**  
**CALLED TO SHARE, SEEK AND SERVE CHRIST.**

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP** Today we gather to celebrate God's love and grace as revealed to us through Jesus Christ. For those that might be interested in knowing more about the ministries and activities of the congregation there are some printed materials available for you to take. The materials are located on the counter just inside the east entrance of this building. You can also find more information through the church website at [faithlutheranelldridge.com](http://faithlutheranelldridge.com).

**CHILDREN** are always welcome in worship. Special children's bulletins are available for their use.

**VISITOR? CHANGE OF ADDRESS? INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES? HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?** Please feel free to complete the information card located in front of you next to the hymnals and pass the card to the outer aisle during announcements and an usher will pick them up during the call to worship.



*If you are interested in providing altar flowers, please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex, or by using the link on our web site, [www.faithlutheranelldridge.com](http://www.faithlutheranelldridge.com)*

**Flowers This Week**



Trusting that God hears our prayers, we keep these people  
and all who are in need in our prayers.

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|------------------|----------------|----------------|-------|
| Steve Mixdorf    | Patty Denner   | June Mephram   | James |
| Henry Storjohann | Barb Conklen   | Anna Mundy     | Kyle  |
| Jim Schneider    | Meyer Mixdorf  | Rebecca Casson | Cindy |
| Gary Oerman      | Cheryl Torey   | Marilyn        |       |
| Brianne Tallyn   | Anderson Sears | Kelly          |       |

Join us every Sunday morning trough August 31, for worship at the Outdoor Chapel. If the weather does not cooperate, we will move worship inside to Fellowship Hall. Please bring a lawn chair and join us outside this summer on Sunday mornings.





## Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study

Join us this Tuesday afternoon at 1:00 pm, as we read and discuss and discuss the scriptures for the week ahead.

Make Music a  
Part of Your Life



You are invited to come and be a part of the music and worship ministry at Faith! Our choirs will start up for the season on Wednesday, September 3. People of Praise (POP) will meet 6:00-6:55 p.m., and Resounding Joy chime choir will meet 7:00-8:15 p.m. Both groups rehearse in the sanctuary. Anyone high school age and up is welcome to sing in POP. Although no handchime experience is required to participate in Resounding Joy, an ability to read music is a practical requirement. If you have any questions, please contact our Music Director, Sue Becker ([susan.becker1995@gmail.com](mailto:susan.becker1995@gmail.com)). We hope you can join us as we make a joyful noise to the Lord!



## Join Us for Sunday School!

Come join us at 10:15 am Sunday morning, September 7, for free breakfast and Rally Day celebration!

Regular Sunday School classes for all kids ages 3 preschool—6th grade will begin on Sunday, September 7, at

10:15 am. We look forward to seeing you!

\*\*\* If you are interested in helping with Sunday School, please contact Pastor Heather.



The new school year is approaching and we would like to reach out for donations for craft supplies again this year! Our Sunday School teachers and Fun Club Volunteers would be so appreciative and grateful for your donations! Following is a list of supplies needed. **Markers (Washable and Regular)**, which are also used for the FOC lunch bags. **Tacky Glue** (We have plenty of Elmer's and glue sticks). **Popsicle/craft sticks** (natural and colored). **Wiggly Eyes** and **Buttons**. **Construction paper** and **plain white paper plates**.

There will be a basket under the coat rack to accept any donation you would like to make. Thank you so much for your help and generosity!



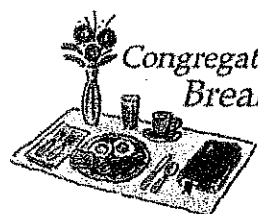


NOISY OFFERING

This weekend we will be collecting a "noisy" offering for ELCA World Hunger. Please drop any change into the cans and make a joyful noise to the Lord!



You are invited to an Open House on Sunday, September 14 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Come and see our newly renovated Sanctuary and enjoy some refreshments. The celebration is open to all community members. We look forward to sharing our "new" space with you!



Congregational  
Breakfast

Join us on **Sunday, September 7**, for our monthly **Congregational Breakfast** following the 9 am worship service. It is our hope that these intergenerational congregational breakfasts will be an opportunity for us to grow in faith and in relationship with one another. (More info on page 10.)

## WEEKLY Sneak Peek

### Saturday, August 30 *Noisy Offering*

5:00 pm      Worship in Fellowship Hall & Online

### Sunday, August 31 *Noisy Offering*

9:00 am      Worship Outdoors  
10:15 am      Fellowship

### Monday, September 1 *Office Closed*

### Tuesday, September 2

1:00 pm      Bible Study  
5:30 pm      Food Pantry  
6:30 pm      Jubilation  
6:30 pm      VFW

### Wednesday, September 3

5:00 pm      Confirmation Meal  
5:30 pm      Confirmation Conversations  
6:00 pm      People of Praise  
7:00 pm      Resounding Joy  
7:00 pm      High School Youth

### Thursday, September 4

6:30 pm      Team Night  
7:30 pm      Exec. Meeting

### Friday, September 5

9:30 am      Food Pantry

### Saturday, September 6

5:00 pm      Worship in Fellowship Hall & Online

### Sunday, September 7 *Rally Day*

9:00 am      Worship  
10:15 am      Congregational Breakfast and Sunday School Rally Day  
6:00 pm      Scouts



August 23 & 24 5:00 pm: 44, 9:00 am:81, Online:46, Total: 171

## Did You Get the Invitation?

Choosing the invitation design for an important event can be nerve-wracking. But deciding whom to invite? Whittling down the list of desired attendees can be even more difficult than choosing the invitation itself. So much stress.

In today's gospel reading, Jesus uses a dinner party as a teaching opportunity. In the ancient world, being invited to such an occasion was an honor, but figuring out where to sit once you arrived required a whole other stress-inducing decision. How embarrassing it would be to choose a place of prominence, only to discover you're not that important and have to move down the table. How disappointing it would be to invite someone to your party but not receive an invitation to their next gathering. (Is that why you invited them, anyway?) So many of these social games we continue to play.

You might say that Jesus takes the stress out of party-planning because he encourages us to take an honest and humble view of it all: the view from God's vantage point. In the realm of God, the last in the eyes of the world are first, and the first, last.

In the kingdom of God, roles are reversed, orders are disrupted, and convention is thrown out the window so all may know the grace, peace, and love of God. The divine Host throws amazing parties and desires everyone, especially those overlooked by the party-throwers and powerbrokers of the world, to have a chance to enjoy them.

Today's gospel reading reminds us that at God's table, everyone is invited and no one goes away empty. The party is freely offered and not a setting for social games. The table has no head and no foot but, rather, is a cloud of witnesses gathered around the life of the Crucified and Risen One.

The eucharist is the prime example of this feast. Did you get the invitation? Because you're invited!