

*Turning Hearts to Christ Through Love*  
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**At the Table of God**

“Come to the table.” In our daily experiences, there is no invitation that is more readily received and fully appreciated. To be at the table is to be assured of nourishment and refreshment. In Psalm 23, we are told of a table that is prepared under challenging circumstances. Yet, even there, the cup of God’s blessing overflows. Our gathering for worship and our coming to the Table of the Lord is a weekly experience of overflowing blessing filled with signs of God’s gracious presence. We rejoice that we are invited to His amazing table!

PRESERVICE ANTHEM: “10,000 Reasons”

Choir

THE BELL



CANDLES



WELCOME

(Order of service: Divine Service—Setting One, page 151 LSB)

✠ ✠ ✠ **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** ✠ ✠ ✠

OPENING HYMN: “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

#803 [ Stand for last verse ]

♪ **Joyful, joyful we adore Thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,  
Praising Thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
Drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light of day.**

♪ **All Thy works with joy surround Thee,  
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee,  
Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain  
Call us to rejoice in Thee.**

♪ **Thou art giving and forgiving,  
Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Well-spring of the joy of living,  
Ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Fountainhead of love divine:  
Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit!  
Joyful, we by grace are Thine!**

INVOCATION:

(P:) In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
(C:) **AMEN.**

EXHORTATION:

If we say we have no sin,  
we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just,  
will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**  
— Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination. —

CONFESSION:

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION:

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.  
**AMEN.**

✚ ✚ ✚ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ✚ ✚ ✚

INTROIT:

*Isaiah 61:10; antiphon: Ps. 146:2*

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;  
**I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**  
I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;  
**my soul shall exult in my God,**  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;  
**he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,**  
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,  
**and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.**  
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**  
I will praise the LORD as long as I live;  
**I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

KYRIE: *Lord, Have Mercy*

*Tune: "Lord Jesus, Think on Me" #610*

♩ 1) **Have mercy on us, Lord.**  
**Receive our prayers and praise.**  
**Defend us by Your mighty Word**  
**Lord, comfort, help, and save.**

♩ 2) **Grace all who worship here**  
**With unity and peace.**  
**In all the world, both far and near,**  
**Your kingdom, Lord, increase!**

HYMN OF PRAISE:

*Tune: "Glory to God"*

♩ 1) **To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;**  
**Good will from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!**  
**We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing—**  
**Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

♩ 2) **To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son we pray;**  
**O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.**  
**Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,**  
**Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—**

♩ 3) **For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.**  
**Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;**  
**You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,**  
**In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.**

SALUTATION:

The Lord be with you.  
**AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY:

Let us pray.

Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN.** [ Sit ]

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

*Isaiah 25:6–9*

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**THANKS BE TO GOD.**

GRADUAL:

He will command his angels concerning you  
**to guard you in all your ways.**  
Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
**and all that is within me, bless his holy name!**

EPISTLE:

*Philippians 4:4–13*

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**THANKS BE TO GOD.**

[ Stand ]

ALLELUIA AND VERSE:

Tune: "Father Welcomes" #605



**Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
**Celebrate what God has done.**  
**Hear the gospel, Spread the story,**  
**God's good news for everyone!**

HOLY GOSPEL: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

**GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.**

*Matthew 22: 1-14* — Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.' But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

APOSTLES' CREED:

*Hymnal, inside back cover*  
*[ Sit ]*

SERMON HYMN: "The King Of Love My Shepherd Is "

#709

**The King of Love my Shepherd is,**  
**Whose goodness faileth never;**  
**I nothing lack if I am His**  
**And He is mine forever.**

**Where streams of living water flow,**  
**My ransomed soul He leadeth**  
**And, where the verdant pastures grow,**  
**With food celestial feedeth.**

**Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,**  
**But yet in love He sought me**  
**And on His shoulder gently laid**  
**And home rejoicing brought me.**

**In death's dark vale I fear no ill**  
**With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,**  
**Thy rod and staff my comfort still,**  
**Thy cross before to guide me.**

**Thou spreadst a table in my sight;**  
**Thine unction grace bestoweth;**  
**And oh, what transport of delight**  
**From Thy pure chalice floweth!**

**And so through all the length of days**  
**Thy goodness faileth never;**  
**Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise**  
**Within Thy house forever!**

SERMON:

"The Hardest Sermon"

MATTHEW 22:1-14

CHOIR ANTHEM:

"Even So Come "

Choir

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

*Remember in prayer—*

Ryan Addison - Mia Balko - Dick Dudley - Chuck Fredrikson - Angie Garcia - Blake Gibson - Mark Holly - Morris Klare - Russell Klare - Evelyn Loewe - Virginia Loewe - Michael Lyons - Cyndee Remmert - Lane Rex - Red Robertson - Christina Cobb Rodriguez - Hailey Russell - John Salinas - Ann Shipley - Shane Small - Michael Spieglehour - Helen Witzsche - Judy Wood - Buddy Jones - Nancy Kieschnick - Joan Miller - Friends & Family of Faye Atkison, Mel Landavazo, Zina Lerma - Our Military & their Families - Our Nation - Business Owners - Seasonal Weather

LORD'S PRAYER:

*(Hymnal, inside back cover)*

Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:  
**Our Father who art in heaven, . . .**

Matthew 6:9-13

CLOSING COLLECT:

Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, 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.**

BENEDICTION:

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**AMEN.**

[ Sit ]

CLOSING HYMN: "Savior. Again To Thy Dear Name We Raise"

#917

- ♪ **Savior, again to Thy dear name we raise  
With one accord our parting hymn of praise;  
Once more we bless Thee ere our worship cease,  
Then, lowly bending, wait Thy word of peace.**
- ♪ **Grant us thy peace upon our homeward way;  
With Thee began, with Thee shall end, the day.  
Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
That in this house have called upon Thy name.**
- ♪ **Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the coming night;  
Turn Thou for us its darkness into light.  
From harm and danger keep Thy children free;  
For dark and light are both alike to Thee.**
- ♪ **Grant us Thy peace throughout our earthly life,  
Our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife;  
Then, when Thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,  
Call us, O Lord, to Thine eternal peace.**

SILENT PRAYER

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