

## NUPTIAL FEAST

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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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## AS WE GATHER

Today we look at our close relationship to Christ in terms of a wedding feast. The biblical writers frequently use marital terms to speak of God's relationship with His people and the salvation that He has prepared for His Bride. For example, "For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you" (Isaiah 62:5). This imagery is carried over into the New Testament, as Christ identifies Himself as the Bridegroom of the Church (Matthew 9:15; 25:1). No wedding would be complete without a wedding feast, and it is no different with the marriage of Christ and the Church. As the Bride of Christ feasts on the salutary gift of the Lord's Supper, she enjoys a foretaste of that eternal wedding feast to come. Drawing on this theme, the hymn "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness" (*LSB* 636) urges the faithful to "Hasten as a bride to meet Him, And with loving rev'rence greet Him" (st. 2) as she anticipates His coming in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. Those who "receive this sacrament worthily" are those who have the wedding garment of faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins."

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### OPENING SENTENCES

**P** Let my prayer be counted as incense before You,

**C** **and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice!** *Ps. 141:2*

**P** In the night in which He was betrayed our Lord took bread and wine,

**C** **to celebrate the Passover meal of the old covenant with His disciples.** *Matt. 26:18*

**P** In the night in which He was betrayed our Lord took bread and wine,

**C** **to institute the meal of the new covenant in His blood.** *Matt. 26:28*

**P** The cup of blessing that we bless,

**C** **is it not a participation in the blood of Christ?**

- P** The bread that we break,  
**C** **is it not a participation in the body of Christ? 1 Cor. 10:16**
- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink the cup,  
**C** **we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. 1 Cor. 11:26**
- C** **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.**

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** **And with thy spirit.**
- P** Let us pray.  
O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

### READING *Isaiah 61:10–62:5*

(God promises bread from heaven in the wilderness)

- L** A reading from the sixty-first and sixty-second chapters of Isaiah.  
*[This part of the Book of Isaiah is written in poetic form, and so we speak it responsively.]*

- L** I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;  
**C** **my soul shall exult in my God,**  
**L** for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation;  
**C** **He has covered me with the robe of righteousness,**  
**L** as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,  
**C** **and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.**  
**L** For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,

**C** and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,  
**L** so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise  
**C** to sprout up before all the nations.  
**L** For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
**C** and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,  
**L** until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,  
**C** and her salvation as a burning torch.  
**L** The nations shall see your righteousness,  
**C** and all the kings your glory,  
**L** and you shall be called by a new name  
**C** that the mouth of the LORD will give.  
**L** You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
**C** and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.  
**L** You shall no more be termed Forsaken,  
**C** and your land shall no more be termed Desolate,  
**L** but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,  
**C** and your land Married;  
**L** for the LORD delights in you,  
**C** and your land shall be married.  
**L** For as a young man marries a young woman,  
**C** so shall your sons marry you,  
**L** and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,  
**C** so shall your God rejoice over you.  
**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

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**READING**     *Matthew 22:1–14*

(The Parable of the Wedding Feast)

**L** A reading from the twenty-second chapter of Matthew.  
**L** And 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,

- P** ‘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.”’
- L** 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,
- P** ‘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.’
- L** 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,
- P** ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’
- L** And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants,
- P** ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’
- L** For many are called, but few are chosen.”
- L** O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

## CATECHISM

- P** The Sacrament of the Altar, *Who receives this sacrament worthily?*
- C** **Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words “for you” require all hearts to believe.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Jesus' Wedding Feast

### HYMN OF THE DAY:

Jerusalem the Golden *LSB 672*

### SERMON: Nuptial Feast

### APOSTLES' CREED

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and  
the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Let us pray. Lord Jesus, offering fruit from the tree of  
life,

**C** by Your word of Law accuse every prideful thought  
in us, and by Your precious Gospel call us to  
repentance and a firm faith in Your gift of eternal  
life.

**P** Lord Jesus, bread from heaven,

- C** feed us always that we may neither hunger nor thirst, but continually be ready for whatever temptations we might face in this wilderness until our journey's end.
- P** Lord Jesus, whose forgiveness is healing medicine,
- C** bind up our sin-sick souls and heal our wounded consciences so that Your life may flow through us.
- P** Lord Jesus, offering a blest communion in the Lord's Supper,
- C** we give thanks that in spite of our sinful condition You bring us into fellowship with You and one another, acceptable in Your sight by Your atoning grace.
- P** Lord Jesus, rest for the weary,
- C** lift the burden of our sins, we pray, and refresh our souls so that we may serve You each day and invite others to join us on our journey toward an eternal Sabbath.
- P** Lord Jesus, who invites us to the heavenly nuptial feast,
- C** bestow on us hearts of love and joy each time we partake of the Lord's Supper, a foretaste of the feast to come.
- P** Lord Jesus, whose sacrifice instituted the new covenant,
- C** enable us to receive in true faith Your assurance that our separating sins have been forgiven in time and eternity.
- P** Lord Jesus, who received the Father's wrath in our stead on the cross,
- C** each time we receive Your body and blood in the Lord's Supper, grant that we may recognize the gravity of our sin and the reality of Your grace.
- P** Lord Jesus, God's Passover Lamb,
- C** give us hearts single-mindedly fixed on You, whose blood has saved us from the wrath we deserve and whose victory over death has opened to us eternal life.
- P** Lord Jesus, who has made the Lord's Supper Your feast of victory,

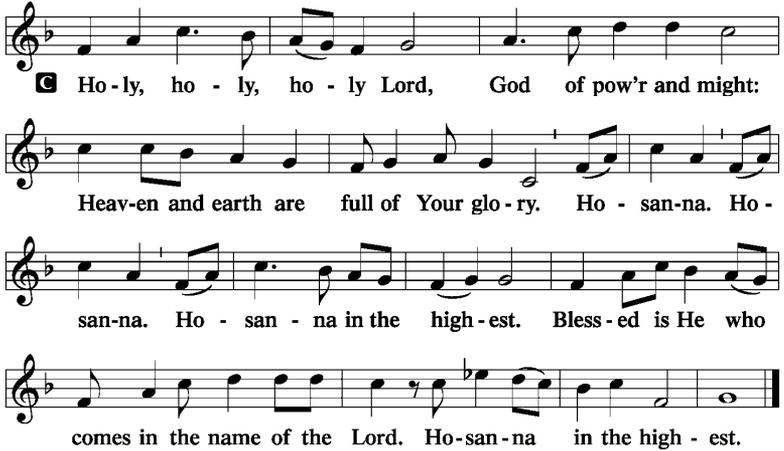
- C** with saints and angels we praise and glorify Your holy name here in time until we join them to sing Your praises face-to-face.
- P** O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land.
- C** Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come;
- P** Let us pray. O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works,
- C** give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness;
- P** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### PREFACE

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And with thy spirit.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them up unto the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.
- C** It is meet and right so to do.
- P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{†}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C** 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.**

### **PAX DOMINI**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

### **BENEDICTION**

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

### **HYMN TO DEPART:**

**Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing** *LSB 924*

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1. Facebook: type in "Immanuel Lutheran Church" in the box along the top of facebook that has the magnifying glass. You'll probably get more than 1 Immanuel Lutheran Church. You'll see the exterior of our church with the blue cloudy sky as a profile picture. If you cannot find our church's Facebook page this way, go to our church's website: [immanuellakefield.com](http://immanuellakefield.com). Once you are there, you will see a black box with the letter 'f' inside of it on the right hand side of the screen in the burgundy strip. If you click on this black box with the letter 'f', it will take you directly to our church's Facebook page.
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## **We Remember in our Prayers**

*Berniece Kolander on the death of her son, James Kolander  
Our residents at Doman Rose, Colonial Manor, Valley View,  
Lakeview Assisted Living in Heron Lake, Meadows in  
Worthington, Accura Health Care in Spirit Lake, Koppen  
Gardens in North Mankato, Pathstone in Mankato, Pines in  
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