

# 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## August 31, 2025

### SPRING PRAIRIE LUTHERAN CHURCH



#### Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**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.**

#### Reading

Proverbs 25:6-7a

- <sup>6</sup> Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence  
or stand in the place of the great,  
<sup>7a</sup> 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.**

#### Psalms 112

(Read responsively)

- <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**

## Gospel

## Luke 14:1, 7-14

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse.

**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 and sisters 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.**



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,



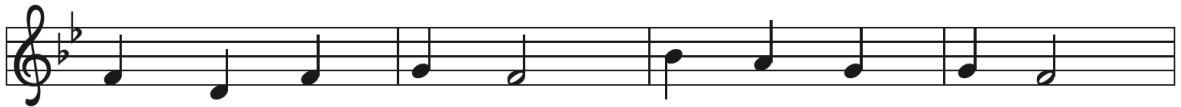
we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.



1 "Come now, you bless - ed, eat at my ta - ble,"  
2 When did we see you hun - gry or thirst - y?  
3 "When you gave bread to earth's hun - gry chil - dren,  
4 Christ, when we meet you out on life's road - ways,



said Je - sus Christ to the righ - teous a - bove.  
When were you home - less, a strang - er a - lone?  
when you gave wel - come to war's ref - u - gees,  
look - ing to us in the fac - es of need,



"When I was hun - gry, thirst - y, and home-less,  
When did we see you sick or in pris - on?  
when you re - mem - bered those most for - got - ten,  
then may we know you, wel - come and show you



sick and in pris - on, you showed me your love."  
What have we done that you call us your own?  
you cared for me in the small - est of these."  
love that is faith - ful in word and in deed.

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