



HOLY LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME, DO NOT STOP THEM, FOR IT IS
TO SUCH AS THESE THAT THE KINGDOM OF GOD BELONGS. MARK 10:14
BAPTISM

Sunday, August 28, 2022
Arlington Hills Lutheran Church

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12th Sunday after Pentecost

Introduction

Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God’s grace in holy baptism we have a place at Christ’s banquet table. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.

Prelude

“O Christ the Same”

arr. Mark Albrecht

Welcome and Announcements

Greeting

Matt. 11:29

P: Alleluia. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart.

All: Alleluia.

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

All: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

All: we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

P: Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

All: Amen.

Baptism

We are delighted to receive **Easton Gregory Peterson** into our fellowship and mission this morning. Easton is the son of Craig and Kristy Peterson, baby brother of Ethan, Evan and Eli. He is the grandson of Elaine and Charles Rohrbach. The Sponsors are Karen and Jeff Brennhofer.

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

P: Who do you present for the sacrament of Baptism?

Sponsors: We present Easton Gregory Peterson for baptism.

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your son baptized into Christ?

Parents: I do.

P: As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that Easton may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

P: Do you promise to help Easton grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: I do.

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Easton in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors: I do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Easton and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

Please stand if you are able.

Profession of Faith

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

P: Parents, Sponsors, and congregation, do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Thanksgiving At The Font

P: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

Baptism

Prayer

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Easton with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

P: Easton, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

Welcome

P: Let us welcome the newly baptized Easton.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Apostolic Greeting and Prayer of the Day

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you.

All: And also with you.

P: 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.

All: Amen.

Readings and Psalm

Assisting Minister

First Reading: Proverbs 25:6-7

The book of Proverbs is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. Wisdom literature gave directions to Israel's leaders and people for the conduct of daily life. Today's reading is about humility.

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

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

Psalm: Psalm 112 (Read responsively by whole verse)

The righteous are merciful and full of compassion. (Ps. 112:4)

AM: ¹Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD and have great delight in God's commandments!

All: ²Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

AM: ³Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.

All: ⁴**Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

AM: ⁵It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

ALL: ⁶**For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

AM: ⁷They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

All: ⁸**Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

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

All: ¹⁰**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

The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus Christ.

AM: ¹Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember 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. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep 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." ⁶So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

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

AM: Word of God, Word of life

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

P: The holy gospel according to Luke, the 14th chapter

All: **Glory to you, O God.**

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to imitate God's gracious hospitality to those in need.

¹On 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. ⁷When 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; ⁹and 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. ¹⁰But 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. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

¹²He 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. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

P: This is the gospel of our Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

“Guess Who’s Coming To Dinner?”

Pastor Mitch

Hymn of the Day “The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing”

ELW#531

Verses 1, 2, & 3 found on page 12

Prayers of Intercession

AM: *Each prayer will end with:* Merciful God.

All: receive our prayer.

Offering

Offering Music “God Extends an Invitation” arr. Anne Krentz Organ

Offering Prayer

P: God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.

All: Amen.

Invitation to Communion

P: In Christ’s presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

Words of Institution

P: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Lord’s Prayer

All: 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

Distribution of Communion

Prayer after Communion

P: Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

All: Amen.

Sending Hymn

“O Christ the Same”

WOV# 778

Verses 1, 2, and 3 found on page 13

Blessing

P: The God of peace, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

All: Amen.

Postlude

“Allegro in A Major” Wilhem Friedemann Bach

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

All: Thanks be to God.

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Leading Worship Today

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Music: Barbara Rossow

Assisting Ministers: Valerie and Orval Osmundson

Hospitality: Valerie and Orval Osmundson

Ushers: David Almquist, Florence and Dennis Rasmusson

Livestream Producer: Silvester Vicic

Notice: A Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, September 18, 2022 following the 9:30 a.m. service, approximately 10:30 a.m. in the Reception Room and on Zoom

Topic: to call Rev. Dr. Mitch Kinsinger as Senior Pastor

Gathering Hymn

Verses 1, 3, & 5
All Are Welcome

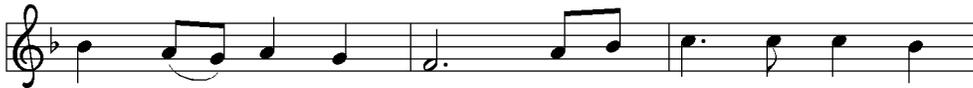
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1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
claim the faith of Je - sus:
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
end to fear and dan - ger:
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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CATHERING

The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing

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The Feast Is Ready



1 The trum - pets sound, the an - gels sing, the feast is
 2 Ta - bles are la - den with good things, oh, taste the
 3 The hun - gry heart he sat - is - fies, of - fers the



read - y to be - gin. The gates of heav'n are o - pen wide,
 peace and joy he brings. He'll fill you up with love di - vine;
 poor his par - a - dise. Now hear all heav'n and earth ap - plaud



and Je - sus wel - comes you in - side.
 he'll turr. your wa - ter in - to wine.
 the a - maz - ing good - ness of the Lord,



Sing with thank - ful - ness songs of pure de - light.



Come and rev - el in heav - en's love and light.



Take your place at the ta - ble of the King.



The feast is read - y to be - gin;



the feast is read - y to be - gin.

Text: Graham Kendrick, c. 1950
 Music: Graham Kendrick
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THE FEAST IS READY
 LM and refrain

O Christ the Same

1 O Christ the same, through all our sto - ry's pag - es—
 2 O Christ the same, the friend of sin - ners, shar - ing
 3 O Christ the same, se - cure with - in whose keep - ing

our loves and hopes, our fail - ures and our fears;
 our in - most thoughts, the se - crets none can hide;
 our lives and loves, our days and years re - main;

e - ter - nal Lord, the king of all the a - ges,
 still as of old up - on your bod - y bear - ing
 our work and rest, our wak - ing and our sleep - ing,

un - chang - ing still a - mid the pass - ing years:
 the marks of love in tri - umph glo - ri - fied:
 our calm and storm, our plea - sure and our pain:

O liv - ing Word, the source of all cre - a - tion,
 O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heav - en—
 O Lord of love, for all our joys and sor - rows,

who spread the skies and set the stars a - blaze;
 O Prince of life, in all your sav - ing power;
 for all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee;

O Christ the same, who wrought our whole sal - va - tion,
 O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are giv - en:
 O Christ the same, be - yond our brief to - mor - rows,

we bring our thanks for all our yes - ter - days.
 we bring our thanks for this the pres - ent hour.
 we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, b. 1926
 Music: LONDONDERRY AIR, Irish tune

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

Thank You to Pam Wiehe for her temple talk this morning on Alley Shoppe. We give thanks to Pam and her many volunteers who serve those in need. We also give thanks for the many people who contribute to Alley Shoppe. This month we are collecting items for:



We welcome Easton Gregory Peterson to our Arlington Hills family today! Easton is the son of Craig and Kristy Peterson, baby brother to Ethan, Evan and Eli and grandson of Charles and Elaine Rohrbach. Sponsors are Karen and Jeff Brennhofer. Congratulations!

August Birthday

Janine Almquist

August 24

August Anniversary

Joanne and Robert Groth

August 26 – 55 years

We welcome Mary Kowitz as the new (temporary) Administrative Assistant. As many of you know Mary has been filling in as a volunteer in this role since Cheryl Hollman's retirement in April. She has agreed to take the position, temporarily, as we continue to review and make changes to the job. Mary will be working approximately 20 hours a week – Monday – Thursday from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The office will be closed on Friday.

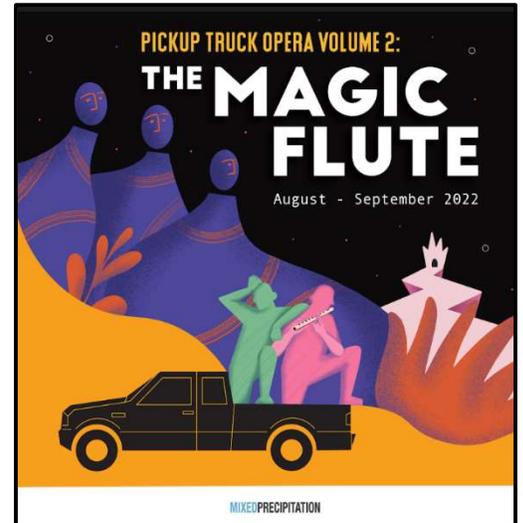
She can be reached at 651-771-5501 ext. 101; email: ahlc.admin@ahlc-stp.org or her cell phone which is 651-242-0538. Thank you, Mary, for helping us through this transition!

We pray for the family of Marcella Langton who died on August 15, 2022. She was 91. A Celebration of Life for Marcella will be held in St. Paul at a later date. We will update you when we get the date.

This week we especially remember in our prayers: Adeline Hansen, Wayne Blossy, Tom Nyman, Tyler King, Peggy Engh, Barb Rossow, Dona Haberman, Jackie Staples, Dean Anderson, Richard Johnson, Priscilla Reeve, Jerry Ekblad, Gary Winter, Betty Richter, Velta Krauze, Joanne Policone, Shirley Johnson, Margaret Cleary, MaryAnn Wistrom, John Lind, John Hollman, Deb Perry, Esther Hallgren, Jan Kowitz, Richard Edge, Sharon Anderson, and Linda Nyberg.

Upcoming Events:

- September 4 Partnership Temple Talk – Jessica Jones, Open Door Learning Center.**
- September 6 Worship, Music and The Arts Board Meeting – 10:00 a.m. Reception Room**
- September 7 Pickup Truck Opera – Volume 2 – Our Redeemer Lutheran Church – 5:30 Meal and Performance**



- September 11 We will begin using Liturgy Setting #3.**
- September 13 Alley Shoppe Reopens**
- September 18 Special Congregation Meeting following the 9:30 a.m. service (approximately 10:30 a.m.) in the Reception Room and on Zoom.**
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Meeting ID: 817 4095 4813 Passcode: 411102
Phone: +1 312 626 6799
- September 20 Congregational Council Meeting – 6:30 p.m. in the Reception Room and on Zoom.**
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<https://zoom.us/j/95540645340>
Meeting ID: 955 4064 5340
Phone: +1 312 626 6799

