

LYNNFIELD CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE

Children's Liturgy of the Word

13th Sunday of Ordinary Time

The word "Welcome" is written in a large, white, cursive script on a dark, textured chalkboard. The letters are thick and have a slightly rough, hand-drawn appearance. The background of the chalkboard is dark and shows some faint, horizontal streaks from previous writing.

Family Guide:

This is a guide designed for families to use in addition to our Children's Liturgy of the Word video for the 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time! Included in this guide are the Opening and Closing prayers, the Gospel Reading, Reflection and Reflection Questions, and Directions for the craft activity. You will also find a resource page with additional activities! Be safe, be healthy and know of our prayers!

Opening Hymn:

Come to the Feast ([CLICK HERE](#))

Opening Prayer:

God, You love and care for everyone. Help us to love as Jesus showed us, and to know that by welcoming others, we welcome You. Amen.

1st Reading

2 Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16a

A reading from the second book of Kings

One day Elisha came to Shunem, where there was a woman of influence, who urged him to dine with her. Afterward, whenever he passed by, he used to stop there to dine. So she said to her husband, "I know that Elisha is a holy man of God. Since he visits us often, let us arrange a little room on the roof and furnish it for him with a bed, table, chair, and lamp, so that when he comes to us he can stay there." Sometime later Elisha arrived and stayed in the room overnight. Later Elisha asked, "Can something be done for her?" His servant Gehazi answered, "Yes! She has no son, and her husband is getting on in years." Elisha said, "Call her." When the woman had been called and stood at the door, Elisha promised, "This time next year you will be fondling a baby son."

The word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

2nd Reading

Romans 6: 3-4, 8-11

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him. As to his death, he died to sin once and for all; as to his life, he lives for God. Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia ([Click Here](#))

Gospel

Matthew 10: 37-42

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his apostles: "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. "Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me. Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and

whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple— amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.”

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ*

Reflection and Reflection Questions:

When you think of welcoming someone, what does that mean for you? It could mean that you show kindness towards someone, that you invite them along – to play a game, to go to a party, to do an activity. Now think for a moment of times when you felt welcomed. What was it about those times that helped you to feel welcomed? Maybe a friend invited you to their house, or maybe someone shared something with you. When we welcome someone, that's a good thing. When others welcome us, that often helps us to feel good. It's important that we help one another feel included, welcomed, and invited. Today, we hear Jesus instruct his disciples before sending them out to serve others. He tells them of the struggles that come with being one of his followers, but also of the benefits of being one of his followers. Can you think of anyone in your own life – maybe a friend or family member – who shows kindness towards others? Maybe even someone in your own parish who helps to bring God's message to others? There are many people who bring God's message to others, including our faith formation teachers, our parents, our Lectors, our priests – and you. This week, take some time to think about ways that you can bring God's message to other people. What might be something you can do this week to welcome someone?

Profession of Faith

Yes Lord, I Believe! [\(Click Here\)](#)



Prayer of the Faithful

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Family Activity:

For our activity this week, we will be making a welcome sign – that you can hang someplace in your home to show friends and family are welcome in! Our first step is to gather all of the supplies that we need for this activity, including a print out of the welcome sign found below, crayons and/or markers, scissors, glue stick, a piece of construction paper, yarn or ribbon, and a hole punch.

First, with an adult's help, print out the coloring page that is found below. Color in the coloring page. You can, if you wish, cut out the image and text. Glue the coloring page, or the cut-outs onto the piece of construction paper. With an adult's help, make one hole punch at the top left corner of the construction paper and one hole punch at the top right corner of the construction paper. Through each hole, string through yarn or ribbon so that you can hang your welcome sign in your home for friends and family to see. Remember that when we welcome others and show each other kindness, it's as if we are welcoming and showing kindness to Jesus.

Closing Prayer:

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.
Amen.

Closing Hymn:

Sending Song of Joy [\(CLICK HERE\)](#)

Family Resources

- **[The Kids' Bulletin: June 28th](#)**
- **[Catholic Icing: The Liturgical Year and Ordinary Time](#)**

You are
welcome in
this home!

