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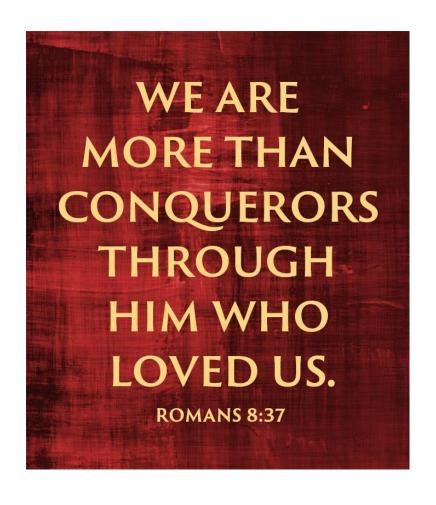
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July 26, 2020

10:30 AM

Zion Lutheran Church, Priddy TX

Pastor Mark Schimmel



#### + GATHERING +

God calls, gathers, and enlightens believers through the Holy Spirit, and in this worship service we hear the Word of God and respond as His people in prayer and praise. We begin our service sharing the news of the congregation and then join in reflection to prepare for worship. The invocation calls God to be present with us. In the Kyrie, we greet our Lord and ask for his mercy and then join in a hymn of praise and thanksgiving. Finally, we offer a prayer of the day to mark the time of the year and other special concerns of the church.

# Greeting & Announcements

## Invocation and Confession

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
- P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C: Amen

P: 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 and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen



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





- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.

# Prayer of the Day

P O God, your almighty power is most clearly shown in your mercy and pity. Multiply your grace that we may run to your promises and be made to share in your heavenly joy; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## C Amen.

## Deuteronomy 7:6-9

<sup>6</sup>{Moses said to the Israelites,} "For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. <sup>7</sup>It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, <sup>8</sup>but it is because the Lord loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations …."

- L The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 125

<sup>1</sup>Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but stands fast forever.

<sup>2</sup>The hills stand about Jerusalem; so does the Lord stand round about his people, from this time forth forevermore.

<sup>3</sup>The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.

<sup>4</sup>Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good and to those who are true of heart.

<sup>5</sup>As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers; but peace be upon Israel.

#### Romans 8:28-39

<sup>28</sup>We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup>For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup>And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. <sup>31</sup>What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup>Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died — more than that, who was raised — who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be

slaughtered." <sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- L This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

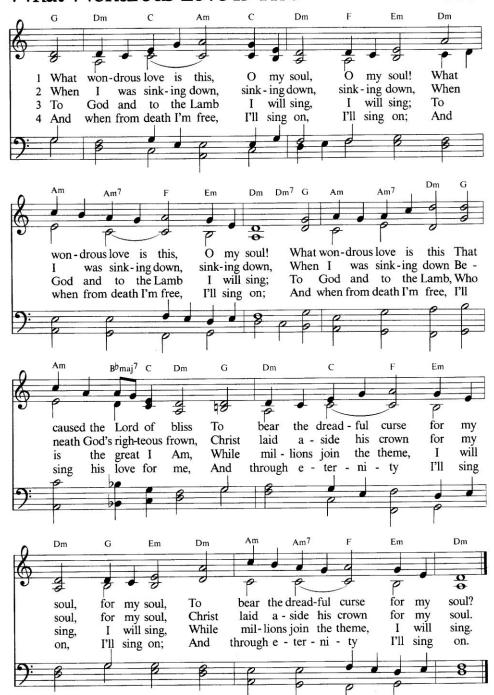
#### Matthew 13:44-52

<sup>44</sup>{Jesus said to the disciples,} "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. <sup>45</sup>Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, <sup>46</sup>who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. <sup>47</sup>Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. <sup>48</sup>When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. <sup>49</sup>So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup>and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>51</sup>Have you understood all these things?" They said to him, "Yes." <sup>52</sup>And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.

## Children's Message

## Sermon

# What Wondrous Love Is This



# The Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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. Amen

## Prayer of the Church

P: let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

## The Lord's 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. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

## The 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

# Closing Song - Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

#### Refrain:

Hallelujah! We sing your praises, all our hearts are filled with gladness. Hallelujah! We sing your praises, all our hearts are filled with gladness.

- 1) Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread; I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hunger. (Refrain)
- 2) Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt; strong in faith, free of doubt, to proclaim the joyful Gospel. (Refrain)

## **Dismissal**

P: Go in Peace, serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Offerings may be dropped in the plates by the exits on your way out.

## Prayer Concerns:

Family and friends of Ben Helmcamp, Melvin Eilers, Jr., Christian Doll, Harold Kreuger, Stephanie Krueger Hamann, Ruth Schwartz, Debbie Tiemann, Travis Tiemann, Neil Muxworthy, Craig Smith, Pastor Kingman, Ann Kunze, Fred Hartley, Melanie Bartek, Harriet Fischer, Roberta Stegemoller, Caroline Martin, Jennifer Heubner, Marci Kirscht, Ruth Wossilus, Denton, Ethel Schoen, Marilyn Weaver, Nell Helmcamp, Gladys Struempler, Julia Pax, Victor & Elnora Limmer