

18th Sunday after Pentecost
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Zion Lutheran Church, Priddy TX

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***I count everything
as loss because
of the surpassing
worth of knowing
Christ Jesus
my Lord.***

Philippians 3:6

+ 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 & Prayer of the Day

L: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: Let us pray

Generously pardon and give peace to your faithful people, O Lord, that being cleansed from every sin, we may be free and glad to serve; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

L: 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.

L: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that, apart from Christ, 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 and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. **Amen.**

The minister addresses the congregation:

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his only Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. By the authority of Christ himself, I 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.**

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

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1 My hope is built on nothing less Than Je - sus'
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood Sus - tain me
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I

blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my
his un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and
in the rag - ing flood; When all sup - ports are
then in him be found, Clothed in his righ - teous -

own I claim, But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
washed a - way, He then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain

On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Scripture Lessons

Isaiah 5:1-7

¹Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ²He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. ³And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? ⁵And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briars and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

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

Psalm 80:7-18

⁷Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

⁸**You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it.**

⁹You prepared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land.

¹⁰**The mountains were covered by its shadow and the towering cedar**

trees by its boughs.

¹¹You stretched out its tendrils to the sea and its branches to the river.

¹²**Why have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**

¹³The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

¹⁴**Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and tend this vine; preserve what your right hand has planted.**

¹⁵They burn it with fire like rubbish; at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.

¹⁶**Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.**

¹⁷And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

¹⁸**Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

^{4b}If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in

Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith — ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

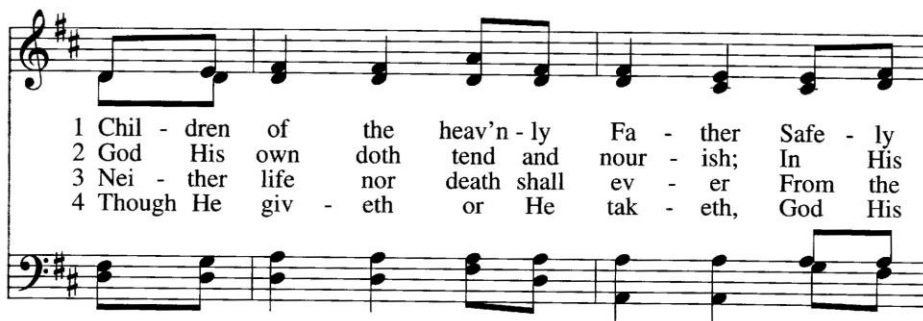
³³{Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people,} “Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. ³⁴When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ ³⁹And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ ⁴¹They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.’ ⁴²Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the Scriptures: ‘The stone that the

builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'? ⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. ⁴⁴And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

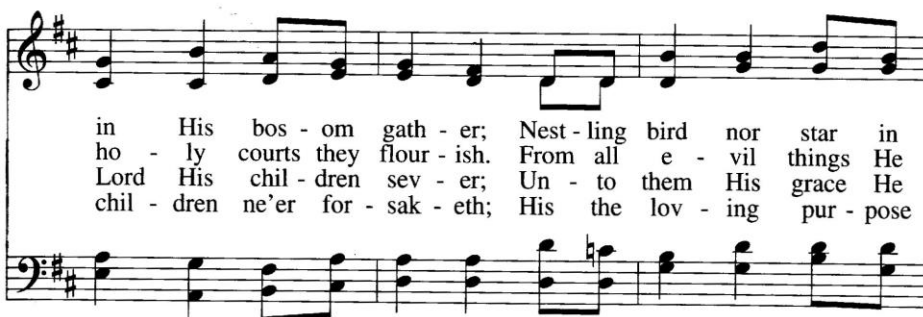
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Children of the Heavenly Father

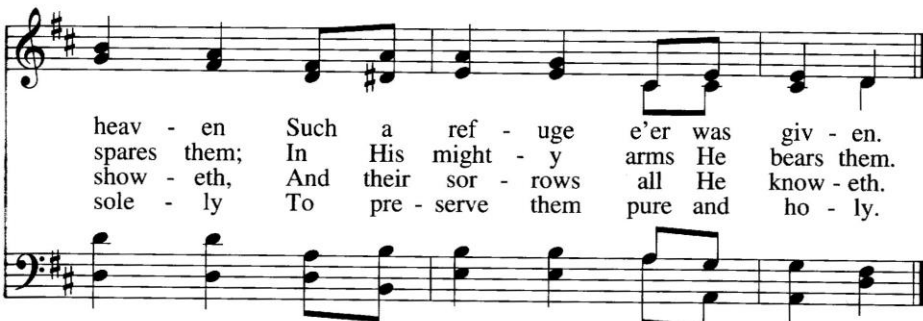
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1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He
Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He
chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.
show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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Rom. 8:14–17, 35–39; Matt. 6:26–27; Eph. 5:25–27

The Apostles' Creed

L: Let us join together in confessing our faith with the saints who have gone before us, in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

C: 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.

Prayers of the Church

L: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

L: Now let us join together in the prayer our Lord has taught us:

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.

Prayer of Commendation

L: Lord, now let your servants depart in peace, according to your word; for our eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples — a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel. (based on Luke 2:29-32)

Luther's Morning Prayer

C: We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected us through the night from all danger and harm. We ask you to preserve us and keep us this day also, from all sin and evil -- that in all our thoughts, words, and deeds, we may serve and please you. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us. Amen.

Benediction & Dismissal

L: May the Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn – Our God Reigns

How lovely on the mountains are the feet of Him,
who brings good news, good news.
Announcing peace, proclaiming news of happiness.
Our God reigns, our God reigns.

Our God reigns, our God reigns!

Our God reigns, our God reigns!

He had no stately form, He had no majesty,
that we should be drawn to Him.
He was despised and we took no account of him,
yet now he reigns with the Most High.

Our God reigns, our God reigns!
Our God reigns, our God reigns!

Out of the tomb He came with grace and majesty,
He is alive, He is alive.
God loves us so, see here His hands, His feet, His side.
Yes, we know, He is alive.

Our God reigns, our God reigns!
Our God reigns, our God reigns!

L: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

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

Prayer Concerns:

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Neil Muxworthy, Ruth Heitman, Craig Smith, Pastor Kingman,
Ann Kunze, Fred Hartley, Melanie Bartek, Harriet Fischer,
Roberta Stegemoller, Caroline Martin, Jennifer Heubner,
Marc Kirscht, Ruth Wossilus, Ethel Schoen, Marilyn Weaver,
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