

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
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10:30 AM  
Zion Lutheran Church, Priddy TX  
Pastor Mark Schimmel



**You know neither  
the day nor the hour.**

**Matthew 25:13**

# Greeting & Announcements

GATHERING

## Here in This Place

*Gather Us In*

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1 Here in this place . . . 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,

D A C G Gm Dm

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,

C G D A C G

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.

Gm Dm C D C/D Gm<sup>6</sup>/D D

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

A C D G A C

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 peop-les to-geth-er,

D G A D A C G

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.

Gm Dm C D C/D Gm<sup>6</sup>/D D

### Invocation

*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

### Prayer of the Day

Almighty, eternal God, show mercy to your children who humbly pray, that we who have no confidence in our worth may not be judged but tenderly received. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

### Confession

P: If we say we have fellowship with God while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth; but if we walk in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.

C: According to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your

Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake, God forgives you all your sins. For thus says the Lord: I will sprinkle clean water upon you and you shall be made clean. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and will give you a heart of flesh. You shall be my people, and I will be your God.

### **Lord Have Mercy (Kyrie)**

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above, and for salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this house and for all who worship here, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

### **Come, worship the Lord (Hymn of Praise – Gloria)**

Come, worship the Lord, for his great glory and pow'r;  
Praise the Father on high the ruler of all!

Come, worship the God who divided day from the night;  
Thank the Lord for making the world and filling our days with his  
light!

Come, worship the Lord for his love mercy and grace;  
Praise the Son who has come to show us his face.

Come, worship the God who has here suffered and died;  
Thank the Lord for giving his life, a spotless and pure sacrifice.

Come, worship the Lord, the Spirit, just, holy and true;  
Praise him for the gift of faith and life that is new.

Come, worship the Lord, for he lives in glory divine;  
Praise the one who will reign for now and all time.

Come, worship the God who has here called us his own.

Thank the Lord to whom we belong and lift up our prayer and our  
song. Amen.

### **Amos 5:18-24**

<sup>18</sup>Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord! Why would you have the day of the Lord? It is darkness, and not light, <sup>19</sup>as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him, or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him. <sup>20</sup>Is not the day of the Lord darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? <sup>21</sup>“I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. <sup>22</sup>Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them. <sup>23</sup>Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. <sup>24</sup>But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.”

L      The Word of the Lord.

**C      Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 70**

<sup>1</sup>Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; O Lord, make haste to help me.

<sup>2</sup>Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogether dismayed; let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.

<sup>3</sup>Let those who say to me “Aha!” and gloat over me turn back, because they are ashamed.

<sup>4</sup>Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let those who love your salvation say forever, “Great is the Lord!”

<sup>5</sup>But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me speedily, O God.

<sup>6</sup>You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, do not tarry.

**Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

<sup>13</sup>We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. <sup>15</sup>For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Open our ears to hear your word;

Lord, your love reveal.

Your promise instill within our hearts,  
and sow in us the seeds of faith.

### **Matthew 25:1-13**

<sup>1</sup>{Jesus said to the disciples,} “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ <sup>7</sup>Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup>But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup>And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ <sup>12</sup>But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ <sup>13</sup>Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

### **Sermon**



## Be Thou My Vision

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!

thou my best thought . . . by day and by night,  
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tower,  
 thou, and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

## The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally  
begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God  
from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin  
Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the  
Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. 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.

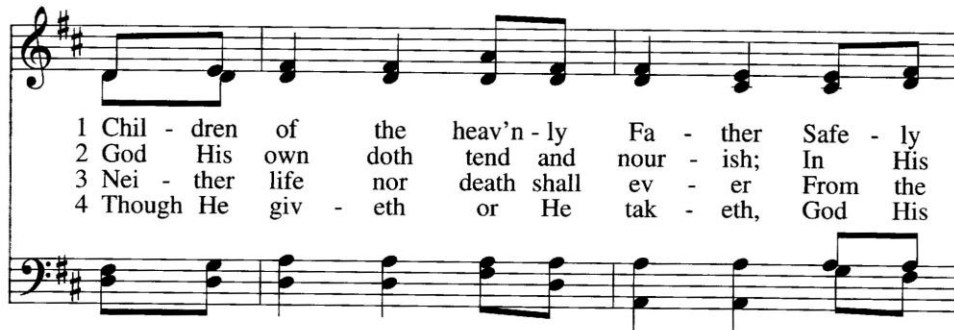
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to  
you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen

# Children of the Heavenly Father

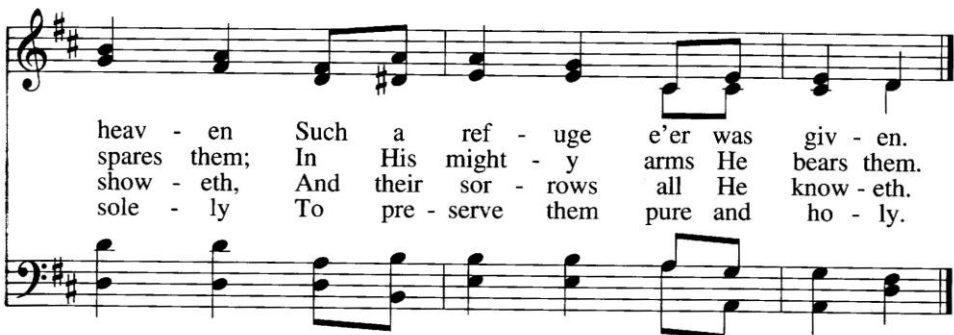
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1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly  
 2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His  
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the  
 4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



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; Mat. 6:26–27; Eph. 5:25–27*

## 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:

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