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Zion Lutheran Church, Priddy TX

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Sealed with
the promised
Holy Spirit

EPHESIANS 1:13

Gathering

God calls and gathers 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 (2 Corinthians 13) 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

CONFESSION OF SIN

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sin to God our Father, imploring him, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

C: And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you, that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Most merciful God, you have given your only Son to die for us. Have mercy on us, and for his sake grant us remission of all our sins. By your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of you and of your will, and true obedience to your word, so that by your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. The Almighty and merciful God grant unto you, that are penitent, pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of his Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful

1 Oh, come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant! Oh,
 2 The high - est, most ho - ly, Light of light e - ter - nal,
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing;

come ye, oh, come . . . ye to Beth - le - hem;
 Born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;
 Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
 Je - sus, to thee . . . be . . . glo - ry giv'n!

Come and be - hold him Born the king of an - gels:
 Son of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
 Glo - ry to God . . . In . . . the . . . high - est:
 Word of the Fa - ther, Now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

Refrain

Oh, come, let us a - dore him, Oh, come, let us a - dore him,

Oh, come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

Pastor: 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.

Kyrie

A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
 Lord, . . . have mer - cy:

A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy.
 Christ, . . . have mer - cy:

A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
 Lord, . . . have mer - cy:

Hymn of Praise

☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to His people on earth.

☐ Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther: we

wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to His people on earth.

☐ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God: you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to His people on earth.



☐ For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to His people on earth.



and peace to His peo - ple on earth.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray...

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature and be born of the Virgin Mary. Grant that we, having been redeemed and made your children by grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

1 Kings 3:4-15

⁴The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." ⁶And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. ⁷And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?" ¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. ¹³I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. ¹⁴And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will

lengthen your days.” ¹⁵And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

P: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God!

Psalm 119:97-104

⁹⁷Oh, how I love your law! All the day long it is in my mind.

⁹⁸Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies, and it is always with me.

⁹⁹I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your decrees are my study.

¹⁰⁰I am wiser than the elders, because I observe your commandments.

¹⁰¹I restrain my feet from every evil way, that I may keep your word.

¹⁰²I do not shrink from your judgments, because you yourself have taught me.

¹⁰³How sweet are your words to my taste! They are sweeter than honey to my mouth.

¹⁰⁴Through your commandments I gain understanding; therefore I hate every lying way.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In him we have obtained an

inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

P: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Verse

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Gospel according to Luke, the second chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 2:40-52

⁴⁰The child {Jesus} grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him. ⁴¹Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, ⁴⁵and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." ⁴⁹And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. ⁵¹And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. ⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!

1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's
 2 Come, heav'n - ly bride - groom, light di - vine, And deep with - in
 3 Lord, when you look on us in love, At once there falls
 4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in your Son You loved us, when

own truth and light, A - glow with grace and mer - cy!
 our hearts now shine; There light a flame un - dy - ing!
 from God a - bove A ray of pur - est plea - sure.
 not yet be - gun Was this old earth's foun - da - tion!

Of Ja - cob's race, King Da - vid's Son, Our Lord and mas -
 In your one bod - y let us be As liv - ing branch -
 Your Word and Spir - it, flesh and blood Re - fresh our souls
 Your Son has ran - somed us in love To live in him

ter, you have won Our hearts to serve you on - ly!
 es of a tree, Your life our lives sup - ply - ing.
 with heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure!
 here and a - bove: This is your great sal - va - tion.

Low - ly, ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, All vic - to - rious, Rich in
 Now, though dai - ly Earth's deep sad - ness May per - plex us And dis -
 Let your mer - cy Warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! For you
 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, To us giv - ing Life for -

bles - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!
 tress us, Yet with heav'n - ly joy you bless us.
 teach us God's own love through you has reached us.
 ev - er, Keeps us yours and fails us nev - er!

5 What joy to know, when life is past,
 The Lord we love is first and last,
 The end and the beginning!
 He will one day, oh, glorious grace,
 Transport us to that happy place
 Beyond all tears and sinning!
 Amen! Amen!
 Come, Lord Jesus!
 Crown of gladness!
 We are yearning
 For the day of your returning.

6 Oh, let the harps break forth in sound!
 Our joy be all with music crowned,
 Our voices gaily blending!
 For Christ goes with us all the way—
 Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!
 His love is never ending!
 Sing out! Ring out!
 Jubilation!
 Exultation!
 Tell the story!
 Great is he, the King of glory!

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 Christian Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen

The Prayers

P: Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

Exhortation

The Lord's Supper

The Preface (*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*)

P: Oh, may the good Lord be with you.

C: And may the Lord be with you too.

P: Lift your hearts to Him in praise.

C: To the Lord our hearts we raise.

P: Let us offer praises true.

C: It is fitting so to do:

Gratefully we sing

To the Lord, our King!

Pastor:

Blessing and honor and glory and power be unto you, Almighty God, eternal Lord, merciful Father! Long ago, you made us in your image; and though we shattered it, in your mercy you sent your Son to restore your image in us. Having suffered for us and died our death, he lives and reigns at your right hand. And so with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join in their unending hymn ...

The Sanctus (*Angels We Have Heard on High*)

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of hosts, all praise be given!

All your glory fills the earth,

All your power fills the heavens!

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Blessed is the King who came,

Bringing love and life divine!

Blessed is the King who comes

In the bread and in the wine!

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer (*Hark! The Herald Angels*)

God our Father, God of fame,
Hallow'd be your saving name;
Everywhere your kingdom come,
Far away and here at home;
May we to your will comply
As the angels do on high;
Grant each day our daily bread,
Thankful that by you we're fed,
Thankful that our care you've planned;
All we have is from your hand.

Grant that we, our sins forgiv'n,
Follow in the way of heav'n;
May we, even at our worst,
Show forgiveness shown us first.
Guard us from the tempting devil,
And deliver us from evil,
Yours the kingdom, so sing we,
Pow'r and glory ever be
Unto you while ages run.
Yea, amen! So be it done!

The Agnus Dei (*Once in Royal David's City*)

Lamb of God, the world's Redeemer,
Mercy to your people give.
Lamb of God, the world's Redeemer,
May we in your mercy live.
Lamb of God, we all implore:
Grant us peace forevermore.

Distribution of the Lord's Supper

Communion Policy: We believe that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine. All the baptized who understand they are sinners in need of forgiveness and who believe, as Christ's words clearly state, "This *is* my body", "this *is* my blood", and understand that Christ offered himself as a sacrifice for sin *once for all* – as his words say; "*for you*, for the forgiveness of sin" - are welcome to the Lord's Table.

Those who have not yet received instruction are welcome to receive a blessing.

We will be collecting your tithes and offerings during the distribution of communion.

The Nunc Dimittis (*Away in a Manger*)

Lord, now in your mercy your servants release
As your Word has promised. Oh, grant us your peace.
Our eyes your salvation and mercy behold,
Prepared for the nations, as prophets foretold.

A Light to the Gentiles, by whom they now see
The glory of Isr'el, the Promised One he
Who lives now and ever, the heaven's bright Son,
With Father and Spirit eternally one.

Post Communion Prayer

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this your salutary gift; and we ask you in your mercy to strengthen us through the same in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ; your dear Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen

The Benediction (*O Little Town of Bethlehem*)

Pastor: Now may the good Lord bless and keep,
His love in you increase;
Lift up His face with shining grace,
And grant eternal peace.
To Father, Son, and Spirit,
Eternal One-in-Three.
Be thanks and praise through all our days
And to eternity!

Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive its
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs em -
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow Nor thorns in - fest the
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions

King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
 ploy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 ground; He comes to make his bless - ings
 prove The glo - ries of his righ - teous -

room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
 plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
 flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is
 ness And won - ders of his love, And won - ders of his

sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, Far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, And won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Dismissal

Prayer Concerns:

Ruby Schuman, Melvin Eilers, Jr., Earnest Scherp, Christian Doll,
Troy Mauldin, Harold Kreuger, Stephanie Krueger Hamann, Christy Wells,
Ruth Schwartz, Debbie Tiemann, Travis Tiemann, Neil Muxworthy,
Ruth Heitman, Craig Smith, Ann Kunze, Fred Hartley, Melanie Bartek,
Harriet Fischer, Gina Garcia, Jennifer Heubner, Marci Kirscht,
Ruth Wossilus, Nell Helmcamp Ethel Schoen, Marilyn Weaver,
Gladys Struempler, Julia Pax, Victor & Elnora Limmer