

August 31, 2025

GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP HIM

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 5:11-12 Rev. Dave Lindberg

...let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy, and spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may exult in you. For you bless the righteous, O LORD; you cover him with favor as with a shield.

*Song

JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE

1

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love; Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, Opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the dark of doubt away; Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day!

2

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays, Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise; Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing sea, Chanting bird and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in Thee!

Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,
All who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

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Christians, what do you believe?

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.

*That is, the true Christian church of all times and all places.

*Song

ABIDE WITH ME

Abide with me;
fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens;
Lord with me abide.
When other helpers, fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, abide with me.

2

I need Thy presence, every passing hour.
What but Thy grace,
can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness
Where is thy sting death?
Where grave thy victory?
I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross,
before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom,
and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks,
and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

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GOD CLEANSES US FROM OUR SIN

CONFESSION OF SIN

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; Who pardons all that truly repent and believe in the name of Jesus; We humbly confess our sins and seek your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we love our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved mercy, or walked humbly with you our God.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, according to your steadfast love; According to your grace offered in the gospel, forgive us our sin and cause us to walk in your ways in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 5:6-10

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

Leader: In Christ you are forgiven. **People:** Thanks be to God.

SONG - CTK KIDS

(Collection of tithes, gifts and offerings)

1

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to take Him at His Word.
Just to rest upon His promise,
Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord!"

Chorus

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er. TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS

Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! Oh, for grace to trust Him more!

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee, Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend. And I know that Thou art with me, Will be with me to the end. (chorus)

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*SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 9:1-12

Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn her seven pillars. ²She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed her wine; she has also set her table. ³She has sent out her young women to call from the highest places in the town.

- 4 "Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!" To him who lacks sense she says,
- 5 "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed.
- ⁶ Leave your simple ways, and live, and walk in the way of insight."
- 7 Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse, and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury.
- ⁸ Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you; reprove a wise man. and he will love you.
- ⁹ Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.
- The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.
- ¹¹ For by me your days will be multiplied, and years will be added to your life.
- ¹² If you are wise, you are wise for yourself; if you scoff, you alone will bear it.

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God!

PASTORAL PRAYER

Elder Greg Gorman

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. 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.

GOD FEEDS US FROM HIS WORD

*SERMON TEXT Matthew 25:1-46

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³ For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴ but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵ As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶ But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' ⁷ Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹ 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.' ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹² But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' ¹³ Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

14 "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. 15 To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16 He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. 18 But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more,' 21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' 22 And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.' 23 His master said to him. 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' 24 He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.' 26 But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? ²⁷ Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. 29 For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰ And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

³¹ "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. ³⁴ Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸ And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹ And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' ⁴⁰ And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

⁴¹ "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God!

SERMON Rev. Dave Lindberg

"Preparing for Christ's Return"

GOD FEEDS US AT HIS TABLE

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

CTK welcomes all baptized believers who are communing members of gospel-believing churches to participate in the Supper.

❖ Gluten-free and nut-free bread is in a small box on the plate.

SONG DURING COMMUNION

INSTRUMENTAL

*SONG ONLY A HOLY GOD

1

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven Who else could make every king bow down Who else could whisper and darkness trembles Only a Holy God

2

What other beauty demands such praises What other splendour outshines the sun What other majesty rules with justice Only a Holy God

Chorus
Come and behold Him,
the One and the Only
Cry out, sing holy, forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God

What other glory consumes like fire What other power can raise the dead What other name remains undefeated Only a Holy God (chorus)

4

Who else could rescue me from my failure Who else would offer His only Son Who else invites me to call Him Father Only a Holy God, only my Holy God (chorus x2)

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GOD SENDS US WITH HIS BLESSING

*BENEDICTION

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below; Praise him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SERMON NOTES Matthew 25:1-46 "Preparing for Christ's Return"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CTK Community Groups are Launching the Week of September 7

Beginning the second week of September CTK will be launching three new Community Groups in Cedar Hill, Midlothian, and Ovilla. The purpose of community groups is to grow in our Love of God and Neighbor in and through our relationships with each other as we share a meal and pray together twice a month. Please check out the sign-up sheets at the welcome desk and consider which group is best for you! *We encourage you to choose a group close to your community, but we understand that day and time might also be an important factor.

Upcoming!!!

Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks regarding the CTK Fall Schedule as we look forward to a new ministry year of Sunday School, Men's and Women's Bible Studies, as well as Youth and Family Activities.

Sunday School

Elementary Christian Education needs teachers. Do you have a heart of teaching our young ones about Jesus? Contact pastor Dave: dave@ctktexas.com.

September Collection for Bridges Resource Center

We are collecting baby wash, baby lotion, and diaper cream for Bridges in September. You may place these items in the basket provided between the nursery and Welcome Table. Thank you for helping local families in need.

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