

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 13, 2024

Order of Worship: Holy Communion, Setting Four

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PRELUDE & BELLS *We observe a moment of silence for prayer and meditation.*

WELCOME

Blessed be the Kingdom...now and forever **and unto ages of ages. Amen.**

We stand OPENING HYMN

#655

“Son of God, Eternal Savior”

✠BRIEF RITE FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS OF SINS✠

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thought 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. **Amen.**

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 is kept for reflection and personal confession.

1John 1:8-9

Most merciful God... **we confess that we are born captive 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.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you- who believe and repent- of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

✠HOLY COMMUNION✠

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

SONG OF PRAISE

“Glory to God in the Highest”

9 AM p167 Luke 2:14

5 PM see p148

Refrain **Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

1 Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. *Refrain*

2 Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. *Refrain*

3 For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Last refrain **Glory to God in the highest. Amen, amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Next Steps Weekly Memory Verse: MATTHEW 5:3
Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

FIRST READING: AMOS 5:6-7, 10-15

⁶Seek the Lord and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. ⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! ¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. ¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. ¹²For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins— you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. ¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. ¹⁴Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. ¹⁵Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

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

RESPONSE & MEDITATION: PSALM 90:12-17

¹²So teach us to number our days,
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

¹³Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry?

Be gracious to your servants.

¹⁴Satisfy us by your lovingkindness in the morning;
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

¹⁵Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us and the years in which we suffered adversity.

¹⁶Show your servants your works
and your splendor to their children.

**¹⁷May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us;
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 4:12-16

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. ¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
 You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL READING: MARK 10:13-27

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them. ¹⁷As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" ²⁰He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. ²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

The Gospel of the Lord **Praise to You, O Christ!**

HYMN OF THE DAY

#686

“We Give Thee but Thine Own”

We sit. SERMON

It's Not About Me
My Money

Rev. Jared Stillions STS

We stand. PROFESSION OF FAITH 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.

*means whole, entire Christi

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Let us intercede before the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ for the sake of the Church, the world, and one another.

A brief silence

Thank you, dear Father, for the priceless gift of your dear Son. Thank you for the wisdom, mercy, and salvation he brings. Thank you most of all for bringing us close to your heart.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bestow your Holy Spirit upon the Church, so it loves you with heart, mind, and strength. Help the Church to follow Jesus wherever he leads it to preach the Gospel and serve our neighbors. In word and deed, let it equip all people to find their treasure, joy and life in Christ alone.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We remember before you Christians who have been stripped of freedom, health, and even life, because they prize Jesus above all else. Enrich them with the joy of salvation. Through their faithful witness, bring many to repent and believe in Christ.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Thank you for blessing our congregation with so many gifts, spiritual and physical. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, so that we always love the Giver more than the gifts. Help us to willingly share those gifts with the spiritually and physically poor in our community. We pray for our mission to develop fully devoted followers of Jesus; to support Solid Rock our mission in action; and that you send us adults for baptisms.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Enrich the hearts and minds of students – from preschool through graduate school, and especially students called to be pastors and teachers in your Church. Let them love wisdom, seek understanding, and cling to Christ, their highest good and dearest treasure.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Teach the world's leaders, and especially those of our own country, to care for people more than prestige; to love justice more than popularity; and to use resources and power for the benefit of all. Grant that they should seek your will above partisan politics or personal gain.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless, guide, and protect our military and first responders. Proper all they do that is in accordance with your will. Help us to support and encourage their loved ones, and to heal and help the wounded. May we always prize and use their gifts in civilian life when their present duties are done.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We plead on behalf of all who are sick or injured, imprisoned or lonely; addicted or abused. We pray for all who are troubled by the powers of sin, evil, and death. Especially we remember before you: {List}. Grant them the joy of your saving help. Restore them to health, hope, and communion with you and with those who love and care for them.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Father, keep in your care all who have died trusting in you; and console all whose grief runs deep. We pray especially for the families of {List}. Sustain, encourage, and refresh us through the toils and trials of this life. Keep us strong in faith toward you, and fervent in love for one another. Bring us into the joy of your Kingdom. There, with all your people, let us forever feast on your goodness, and delight in adoring our Savior, united in the power and love of your Holy Spirit.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Incline your ear to our prayers, dear Lord; and answer them according to your most gracious and holy will, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also, with you.**

We briefly greet those in our row with the words "Peace be with you."

We sit. OFFERING, OFFERTORY SONG & PRAYER- *Giving back to God*



First- and second-time guests are not expected to give a monetary offering; your Connection Card and your presence this morning are your gifts. Safe, secure & easy electronic giving is available on our website stpeterhallettsville.org/giving or by scanning this code.

We stand #692

“We Are an Offering”

1 We lift our voices

We lift our hands

We lift our lives up to You

We are an offering

Lord use our voices

Lord use our hands

Lord use our lives they are Yours

We are an offering

2 All that we have

All that we are

All that we hope to be

We give to You

We give to You

3 We lift our voices

We lift our hands

We lift our lives up to You

We are an offering

We are an offering

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O Lord, our God, king of the universe. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

♩ The Lord be with you. ♪ And al - so with you.

♩ Lift up your hearts. ♪ We lift them to the Lord.

♩ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

♪ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary . . . and join their unending hymn:

5PM Spoken

♪ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

You are indeed holy...

In the night in which he was betrayed, ... Do this for the remembrance of me.

All honor and glory are yours...now and forever. **Amen**

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

We sit. INVITATION TO COMMUNION

As often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ present and received in, with, and under the bread and wine. All who are baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit and who believe the Lord's words "This is my body given for you" and "This is my blood poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins" may receive Communion. Young children, not yet receiving Communion, may receive a blessing.

(Matt 26:26ff, Mark 14:22ff, Luke 22:19ff, 1 Cor. 11:24ff)

Communion administration occurs in a continuous fashion at the Communion rail. The ushers will guide you to the rail. To receive the elements, extend your hand, palm up, to the ministers. White grape juice is available in the center of the trays. For those unable to consume either bread or wine, the Church affirms the Lord's full presence in each element alone. Once you have received the elements, return to your seat by the side aisles. If you do not desire to receive Holy Communion, you may remain seated.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HYMN

#195

"Lamb of God"

John 1:29

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

We stand POST-COMMUNION BLESSING, SONG, & PRAYER
May the true body and blood...keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

“Thank the Lord”

9AM only



☞ **Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.**



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

Let us pray, Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

BENEDICTION

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. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

#679

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

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Men in Mission would like to thank everyone who had a part in the Sausage & Sauerkraut Meal! It would not have been successful without all of you!

The LAMB Board has invited a St. Peter Member to serve on the Board. Meetings are held at the Methodist Church Annex, on the fourth Thursday in Jan, Apr, July, & Oct at noon. If you would be interested, please contact Kari in the office by Oct 22nd.

Sunday Oct 13th Pastor Appreciation Sunday: Women in Mission would like to invite you to a celebration for Pr. Jared immediately following the 9:00 am Service. Pr. Jared is celebrating his 7th Anniversary with St. Peter. Thank you, Pastor, for all you do for St. Peter including all the behind the scenes. It is greatly appreciated!

Monday, Oct 14th Solid Rock RADA Fundraiser begins (*order forms can be found in the Church Office*)

Tuesday, Oct 15th Women in Mission's Country Store 10:00 am-2:00 pm. If you would like to help them set up, they will begin at 1:00 pm on Monday, Oct 14th. Don't forget to bring your goodies to help Women in Mission have a successful Country Store.

Wednesday, Oct 23rd Faith Family Formation Night 6:00 pm -7:30 pm (*Meal included*) Please RSVP on the GroupMe App.

Saturday, Oct 26th Ulrich & Lewis Wedding

Thursday, Oct 31st Trunk or Treat in the parking lot 5:30 pm -7:30 pm
(*We Need Volunteers to decorate vehicles and pass out candy*) *Treat Donations would be appreciated!*

YTD (Jan-Aug '24) \$186,900.05; **EXPENSES** \$214,718.49
DIFFERENCE +/- -\$27,818.44 (*due to increased insurance rate*)

Serving This Weekend Oct 13

Sunday AM: *Assisting:* Cheryl Draper

Communion Set Up: Sharon Schaefer

Communion Clean Up: Karen Satterly

Organist: Carol Drozd

Ushers: Rodney Horton, Richard Renger, & Clint Satterly

Acolytes: Sylus Stacy & Karlie Hotz

Power Point Sunday: Barbara Koehn

Altar Flowers given by Darlene Stacy & Les Besetsny in honor of Carrie Besetsny's 96th Birthday

Radio Ministry given by Darlene Stacy & Les Besetsny in honor of Carrie Besetsny's 96th

Birthday

Sunday PM: *Assisting:* Daniel Drozd

Communion Clean Up: Janis Muehr

Organist: Janis Muehr

Readings for Twenty -First Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15; Psalm 90:12-17; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:28-42

Attendance:

Sunday, Oct 6: 9AM 74/ 5PM 10

This Week @ St. Peter

Sun Oct 13, 9:00 am Worship Service, 10:00 am Coffee Time,
10:30 am Adult/Youth Christian Learning, 5:00 pm Worship Service

Mon Oct 14, 1:00 pm Quilting, 5:00 pm Stewardship,
6:00 pm Church Council

Tue Oct 15, 10:00 am -2:00 pm WIM Country Store,
7:00 pm Prayer Group

Thu Oct 17, 7:30 pm AA/Al-Anon

Sat` Oct 19, FH Rental

Sun Oct 20, 9:00 am Worship Service, 10:00 am Coffee Time, 10:30 am Adult/Youth
Christian Learning, 5:00 pm Worship Service

Serving Next Weekend Oct 20

Sunday AM: *Assisting:* Tammy Garner

Communion Set Up: Tammy Garner

Communion Clean Up: Judy Drozd

Organist: Denise Drozd

Ushers: Rodney Horton, Richard Renger, & Clint Satterly

Acolytes: Finley Poeling and Elli DeForest

Power Point Sunday: Sharyn Sullivan

Altar Flowers given by Barb Koehn & Family in memory of Larry Koehn

Radio Ministry given by Mr. & Mrs. Brad Leopold & Family in celebration of Judy Drozd's Birthday

Sunday PM: *Assisting:* Daniel Drozd

Communion Clean Up: Daniel Drozd

Organist: Denise Drozd

Our Prayer List:– *Requests listed 4 weeks under **Concerns For** unless otherwise requested.*

Concerns for: Kris Shafer, Bernice Brown, Pr. Amy Little, Barbara Steen, Lisa Beyer, James Kubecka, Glenn & Pat Pagel, Pr. Brian McGee, Barb Grindeland, Jeanette DeBord, Debbie Hopper, Charlotte Hartmann, Bill Beaver, Christine Guidry, Milton Mika, Barbara Tackett, Larry Stillions

Extended concerns: Melissa Grice, Michael Drozd, Misty Fletcher Remmers, Cody Rice Jr, William Lane, Brandi Orsak, Jeffrey Morgenroth, Charlie Garmon, Carrie Besetsny, DeWayne Dixon, James Evans, Pr. John Schmidt & family (*Missionary in Ghana*)

Other Concerns: first responders (*military, law enforcement, firefighter, medical*), Safe House Church (*Hallettsville*); San Miguel (*Ft. Worth*) and Houston Oromo Lutheran Churches, President Biden; our country; and those facing unrest & unemployment, & those affected by Helene

Grieving Families of: Aleks Medrano, Gene Adee, Patsy Klmitchek, Victor Vasek, Evelyn Lishinski, Bessie Garner, Sarah Sralik, Bubba Pustejovsky, Louis Kopnicky, Haleigh Matchett, Kylie Folmar, Rebecca Spies, Rogers Paul Guidry Jr, Irene Gummelt, Pr. Phil Baker, Carl Ticken, Dorothy Ehler

SAVE THE DATES IN NOVEMBER

Friday, Nov 1st Tickets go on Sale (Solid Rock Bingo- Jan 11th) *Table of 8-\$450; individual \$40*

Sunday, Nov 3rd St. Peter Blood Drive

Sunday, Nov 3rd Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting (*immediately following the 9:00 am Service*)

Thursday, Nov 7th SHARPS Drive (*LMC parking lot*)

Saturday, Nov 9th Vavrusa/Benz Wedding

Sunday, Nov 10th Congregational Thanksgiving Meal and 80 & Older Celebration

Friday, Nov 15th Solid Rock's RADA Fundraiser ends

Sunday, Nov 17th 1st Steps Class 10:30 am-3:30 pm

Sunday, Nov 24th Community Thanksgiving Service

Openings for:

Radio: Dec 8, 15, 29 (*Please check to see you are paid up for the Radio Sponsorship of \$50*)

Flowers: Nov 10, Dec 1, 8

Entrance Hymn (ELW) *Son of God, Eternal Savior* (ELW 655)

Text by Somerset C. Lowry; Music by Julius Rontgen

1 Son of God, eternal Savior,
source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
hallows all our human race,
you our head, who, throned in glory,
for your own will ever plead:
fill us with your love and pity,
heal our wrong, and help our need.

2 As you, Lord, have lived for others,
so may we for others live.
Freely have your gifts been granted;
freely may your servants give.
Yours the gold and yours the silver,
yours the wealth of land and sea;
we but stewards of your bounty
held in solemn trust will be.

3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us,
King of love and Prince of peace;
hush the storm of strife and passion,
bid its cruel discords cease.
By your patient years of toiling,
by your silent hours of pain,
quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,
stem our selfish greed of gain.

4 Son of God, eternal Savior,
source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
hallows all our human race:
by your praying, by your willing
that your people should be one,
grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition:
here on earth your will be done.

Hymn of the Day (ELW) *We Give Thee but Thine Own* (ELW 686)

Text by William W. How; Music by L. Mason and G. Webb

**1 We give thee but thine own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

**2 May we thy bounties thus
as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest us,
to thee our firstfruits give.**

**3 The captive to release,
to God the lost to bring,
to teach the way of life and peace--
it is a Christlike thing.**

**4 And we believe thy word,
though dim our faith may be:
whate'er we do for thine, O Lord,
we do it unto thee.**

Closing Hymn (ELW) *For the Fruit of All Creation* (ELW 679)

Text by Fred Pratt Green; Music by Ralph Vaughan Williams

1 For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God.
For these gifts to ev'ry nation,
thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.

2 In the just reward of labor,
God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor,
God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

3 For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.