Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost October 20, 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 #640

"Our Father, by Whose Name"

★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 thoughts 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

Let us pray...Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Next Steps Weekly Memory Verse: MARK 10:45

The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 53:4-12

⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. ⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. ⁸By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper. ¹¹Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. ¹²Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE & MEDITATION: PSALM 91:9-16
⁹Because you have made the LORD your refuge, and the Most High your habitation,

¹⁰there shall no evil happen to you, neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.

¹¹For he shall give his angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.

¹²They shall bear you in their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

¹³You shall tread upon the lion and the adder; you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.

¹⁴Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name.

¹⁵He shall call upon me, and I will answer him;

I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

¹⁶With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation.

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 5:1-10

¹Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. ⁵So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; ⁶as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." ⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!



GOSPEL READING: MARK 10:28-42

Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁸Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." ²⁹Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age — houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions — and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first." ³²They were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them; they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them what was to happen to him, ³³saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death; then they will hand him over to the Gentiles; ³⁴they will mock him, and spit upon him, and flog him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise again." ³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" ³⁷And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" ³⁹They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." ⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY #676

"Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak"

We sit. SERMON Rev. Alsen Wenzel

"What Does it Mean to Have Jesus as Our High Priest"

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

Father, thank you for the wealth and pleasures we have. Help us not get too attached to them. Thank you for Jesus' hard words and loving example. Help us stay forever attached to him.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Make your Church rich in faith, generosity, humility, compassion, and witness. Make it poor in pride, heresy, ingratitude, and fearfulness. Fill it with your Spirit. Conform it always to Christ, your righteous Suffering Servant, and our great High Priest.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Increase the faith, hope, and joy of your persecuted Church. Let the radiance of its faithful witness illuminate the hearts of its foes with your divine mercy.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Protect our congregation from being tempted to cling to treasures instead of sharing them, to your glory and for the benefit of our neighbors. Help us to prefer nothing whatsoever to Christ. 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 baptism.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for young adults in our congregation and community. Let them not be preoccupied with possessions or prestige, but seek to please you each day in self-forgetful service and love.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We remember before you the poor of the earth, that their suffering might be eased. We pray for the wealthy and powerful, that they may use their gifts wisely and generously. Lead the rulers of the nations in the pathway of your commandments. Teach everyone to find true contentment in seeking and doing your will.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Thank you for all who stand between us and the threatening dangers of this world. Keep them faithful, true, and bold. Help them to heal rifts caused by violence and suspicion. Use their gifts to protect justice and freedom. Strengthen them when they falter; support their loved ones; and bring them home safely and soon.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Grant that all who suffer find hope and refreshment in Jesus' mercy. We pray this day for {List}. We also plead on behalf of the poor, homeless, and unemployed. Give them the resources and courage they need to succeed. Let us display caring hearts, sound judgment, and practical assistance. Together let us flourish, and serve and glorify you.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Thank you, dear Father, for receiving all who have died in the covenant of their Baptism. We pray especially for the families of {List}. Keep us always in that covenant. Help us to encourage one another and bear each other's burdens. Help us to guide our neighbor into Jesus' presence. Together with all of your redeemed people of every time and place, let us forever rejoice in your goodness, and see you face to face.

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.

STEWARDSHIP TALK (Michael Adee)

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.**







Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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



EUCHARISTIC 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)

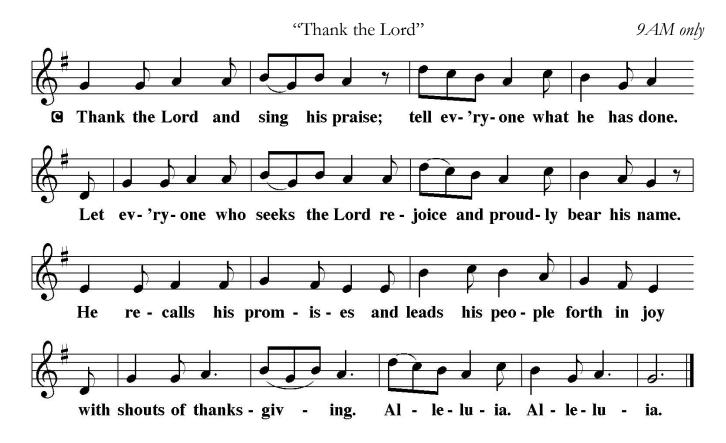
Communion administration occurs in a continuous fashion at the Communion rail. The ushers will guide you to the rail. To receive the elements, extend your hand, palm up, to the ministers. White grape juice is available in the center of the trays. For those unable to consume either bread or wine, the 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.





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



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 \$\mathbb{P}\$ give you peace. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN #720

"We Are Called"

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Our mission is Christ's mission – "I will build my church" by developing fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

Thank you, Pastor Wenzel for filling in for Pastor Jared today!

NO 5:00 pm Worship Service Sunday, Oct 20th

Sympathy and prayers for the Family of Milton Mika (Kayla Sralla's Dad), who died on Saturday, October 12th. Funeral Service will be here at St. Peter on Monday, Oct 21st at 10:00 am. A reception will follow. Visitation will be Today at Kubena Funeral Home from 4:00 pm -6:00 pm.

YOU ARE AWESOME! Thank you to EVERYONE who made the Women in Mission Country Store a Success this year!! Whether you donated items, your time, or a monetary donation it was really appreciated!!

Solid Rock Bingo "Let's Fiesta" One-half Hog Processed Raffle Tickets are available in the office for \$5.00. Only 500 tickets will be sold, and you have 2 chances to win.

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.

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

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

Saturday, Oct 26th Bryce Ulrich & Olivia Lewis Wedding: Please keep this couple in your prayers as they enter into marriage. Congratulations!

Thursday, Oct 31st Trunk or Treat in the parking lot 5:30 pm -7:30 pm *Treat Donations would be appreciated!*

Friday, Nov 1st Tickets go on sale for Solid Rock "Let's Fiesta Bingo" (see Kari DeForest)

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

Sunday, Nov 3rd St. Peter Blood Drive 8:00 am-1:00 pm:

The last Blood Drive of 2024. At a time we reflect on the past generosity of those who have donated blood, we remain aware of the importance and need of continued blood donations. The statistic of every 2 seconds someone in the U. S. needing blood or platelets reminds us that we as donors are the **ONLY** way this life-giving gift can be available. This being the weekend that daylight savings time ends-yes, we "fall back", as well as the opening of hunting season, those persons who are available are pleased asked to consider this opportunity to register to be a donor for those lives depending on others for their gift of life. Sign up online at

https://donor.southtexasblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/142924)

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

Serving This 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: Barb Koehn

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

NO Sunday PM

Readings for Twenty -Third Sunday after Pentecost Jeremiah 31:7-9; Psalm 126; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:43-52

Attendance:

Sunday, Oct 13: 9AM 100/5PM 9

This Week @ St. Peter

Sun Oct 20, 9:00 am Worship Service, 10:00 am Coffee Time,

10:30 am Youth Christian Learning only today, 3:00 pm Nursing Home Service,

NO 5:00 pm Worship Service

Mon Oct 21, 1:00 pm Quilting, 6:00 pm Men & Women in Mission Meeting

Tue Oct 22, 7:00 pm Prayer Group

Wed Oct 23, 6:00 pm Family Faith Formation

Thu Oct 24, 7:30 pm AA/Al-Anon, LAMB Board Noon

Sat' Oct 26, Ulrich/Lewis Wedding

Sun Oct 27, 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 27

Sunday AM: Assisting: Barbara Grindeland

Communion Set Up: Tammy Garner Communion Clean Up: Judy Drozd

Organist: Denise Drozd

Ushers: Rodney Horton, Richard Renger, & Clint Satterly

Acolytes: Benson Adee & Allie Kocian Power Point Sunday: Summer Leopold

Altar Flowers given by In celebration of the Ulrich/Lewis Wedding

Radio Ministry given by Leonard & Carol Hollas for all of God's blessings

Sunday PM: Assisting: Aileen Peck Communion Clean Up: Aileen Peck Organist: Janis Muehr

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

Concerns for: Heather Smith, 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, 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: Milton Mika, Aleks Medrano, Gene Adee, Patsy Klimitchek, 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 Tieken, Dorothy Ehler

SAVE THE DATES IN NOVEMBER

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) Our Father, by Whose Name (ELW 640)

Text by F. Bland Tucker; Music by John D. Edwards

1 Our Father, by whose name all parenthood is known, in love divine you claim each fam'ly as your own.
Bless mothers, fathers, guarding well, with constant love as sentinel, the homes in which your people dwell.

2 O Christ, yourself a child within an earthly home, with heart still undefiled to full adulthood come: our children bless in ev'ry place that they may all behold your face and, knowing you, may grow in grace.

3 O Holy Spirit, bind our hearts in unity and teach us how to find the love from self set free; in all our hearts such love increase that ev'ry home, by this release, may be the dwelling place of peace.

Hymn of the Day (ELW) Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak (ELW 676)

Text by Frances R. Havergal; Music by Rober Schumann

1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in living echoes of your tone; as you have sought, so let us seek your straying children, lost and lone.

2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the wand'ring and the wav'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that we may feed your hung'ring ones with manna sweet.

3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the precious truths which you impart; and wing our words, that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.

4 Oh, fill us with your fullness, Lord, until our very hearts o'erflow in kindling thought and glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

Closing Hymn: ELW 720 "We Are Called"

Words: David Haas; music David Haas; © 1988 GIA Publications, Inc.

1 Come, live in the light Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord We are called to be light for the kingdom To live in the freedom of the city of God

Refrain

We are called to act with justice
We are called to love tenderly
We are called to serve one another
To walk humbly with God

2 Come, open your heart Show your... mercy to all those in fear We are called to be hope for the hopeless So all hatred and blindness... will be... no more. Refrain

3 Sing, sing a new song Sing of that great day when all will be one God will reign and we'll walk with each other As sisters and brothers... united in love. Refrain