

Festival of the Holy Trinity

June 15, 2025

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**

#413

“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!”

vv1 & 4

✠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 Jesus 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.**

LITANY

Kyrie Eleison

Lord, Have Mercy

Spoken

2 Corinthians 13:13



A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



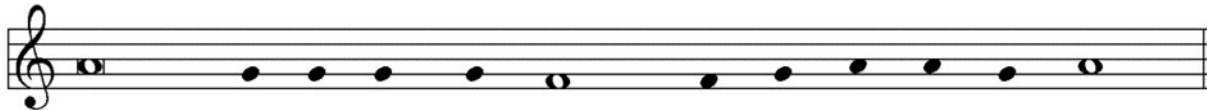
A For the peace from a- bove, and for our sal- vation, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



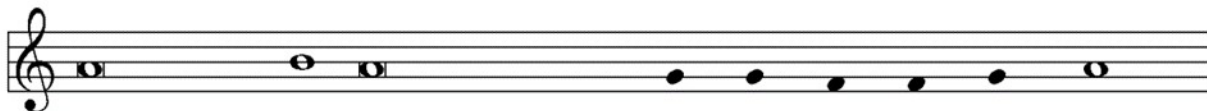
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **G** A - men



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



B Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray... God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Next Steps Weekly Memory Verse: ISAIAH 6:3
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts, God's glory fills the whole earth.

FIRST READING: PROVERBS 8:1-4, 22-31

¹ Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? ² On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; ³ beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: ⁴ "To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live.

²² The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. ²³ Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. ²⁴ When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. ²⁵ Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth— ²⁶ when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. ²⁷ When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, ²⁸ when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, ²⁹ when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, ³⁰ then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, ³¹ rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race."

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

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 16:12-15

Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ¹² "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you

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

We sit. SERMON

Rev. Jared Stillions, STS

Unorthodox Wisdom
Get Smart

We stand. PROFESSION OF FAITH 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 catholic* Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the + resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*means whole, entire Christian

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

By the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to God our Father in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord, making intercession for the Church, the world, and for all people according to their need.

A brief silence

Holy God, we praise your Name! Help us to joyfully proclaim it to the world, and to honor it in all we do. Keep your church steadfast in faith; sound in doctrine; loving in service; generous in giving; ardent in worship; and holy in living. Give all who suffer for the name of Jesus courage, graciousness, and hope; and soften the hearts of their enemies.

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

Kindle with your Spirit the hearts and minds of the people in this place. Unite us to your Son. Use us to proclaim the gospel in words and deeds to all those we meet. Help us to seek out those who most deeply need your love. Give us courage to invite them into your holy fellowship, in which they may find mercy, joy, and an eternal home. 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.**

There is no other God beside you, who are Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Give your gifts of faith, wisdom, and righteousness to all people, especially to those who take counsel for the nations. Conform the hearts of all people to your will, and bless this war-torn world with the peace that passes human understanding.

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

Dear Father, gather in your Son's embrace all who suffer, including: {List}. Bestow upon them health and salvation; and bless them, and all who care for them, with the grace and comfort of your Holy Spirit.

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

Most Holy and Blessed Trinity, we praise and adore you for welcoming our beloved dead into your eternal communion of life and love. We pray for the families of {List}. Keep our hearts firmly fixed on you, the Lord and Giver of life, the Alpha and the Omega, the God and Father of all creation. Bring us, with the whole company of the redeemed of every time and place, every nation, tribe and tongue, into the joy of your presence, where we shall behold you face to face and adore you as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, our Lord and our God.

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

In the power of the Holy Spirit, we entrust our prayers and petitions into your hands, gracious Father, for the sake of your beloved 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 #884

“Praise God”

tune #883

A musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The first system of music is for the first line of lyrics, and the second system is for the second line. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low; praise him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block notes and stems.

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;

praise him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

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.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

p153

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, Father, ...

taking bread and giving thanks to you

Almighty Father, ...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

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "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." The score ends with a double bar line.

We stand POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & 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.

MEN'S MOMENT

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.**

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



Last call for Volunteers for 2025 VBS. T-shirts will be ordered June 16th.

On May 25th Giving Statements were sent out for the first quarter by email. Pr. Jared had a letter and at the bottom you will find the attached pdf statement. Please let Kari know if you did not receive one.

MANNA FOOD PANTRY DRIVE: This Project of the Social Ministry Committee has wonderfully been responded to by St. Peter members! Thank you to all who have donated so far, and we will keep this drive going through July. Let's keep filling up the tubs as we share our gifts to minister to those in need.

Keep St. Peter Youth Church Campers in your prayers as they attend camp this week
(Maggie & John Stillions) June 16-20

OFFERING YTD (Jan-May '25) \$126,702.74; EXPENSES \$140,481.60
DIFFERENCE +/- -\$13,778.86 *(due to yearly insurance payment)*

This Weekend June 8

Sunday AM: *Assisting:* Darlene Stacy

Communion Set Up: Tammy Garner

Communion Clean Up: Barb Grindeland

Organist: Denise Drozd

Ushers: Dr. Wesley McAda, Shannon DeForest, Luther Lorring, Aaron Henke

Acolytes: Finley Poeling & McKenna Patterson

Power Point Sunday: Judy Garmon

Altar Flowers given by: Darlene, Bryan, Syllas & Titus Stacy & Carrie Besetsny
in memory of Carl Tieken

Radio Ministry given by: Linda Smith in memory of my mother, Adela Claus

Sunday PM: *Assisting:* Aileen Peck

Communion Clean Up: Aileen Peck

Second Sunday after Pentecost June 22, 2025

Isaiah 65:1-9; Psalm 22:19-28; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

This Week @ St. Peter

Sun June 15, 9:00 am Worship Service, 10:00 am Coffee Time,
10:30 Adult Christian Learning, 3:00 pm Nursing Home Service,
5:00 pm Worship Service
Mon June 16, 1:00 pm Quilting, 6:00 pm Men & Women in Mission Meeting
Tue June 17, 7:00 pm Prayer Group
Thu June 19, 6:00 pm Solid Rock Board, 7:30 pm AA/Al-Anon
Sat June 21, *FH Rental*
Sun June 22, 9:00 am Worship Service, 10:00 am Coffee Time,
10:30 am Adult Christian Learning, 5:00 pm Worship Service

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

Julie Tanner, Elizabeth McGee, Deanna Ness, Billy Jean Mayes, Joelle Mihalovich,
Jane Yamerick, Aubrey Martell, Leon Koehne, Janice Delmar, Ky Lange, Cooper Kirkland,
James Kubecka, Wayne Briscoe, Charles Hotz, Cherri Fryer, Charlotte Murphy

Extended concerns: Requests listed 9 months unless otherwise requested.

Oleen Covey, Gracie Isbell, Jim Brandt, Edmund Koerth, Barbara Tackett, Melissa Grice,
Charlotte Hartmann, Michael Drozd, 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 Trump, our country

Grieving Families of: Joseph Benbenik, Gary Muehr, Elliette Mae Kocian, Darleen Kastner,
Jordan Ramirez, Bernadette Bludau, Percy Spradlin, Kim Fowlkes, Jean Niemietz,
Steve Kutach, Emmanuel Velasquez, Michelle Greenwell, Michelle Goranson, Andy Seay,
Howard & Dean Loewe

Serving Next Weekend: June 22

Sunday AM: *Assisting:* Sophie Teltschik

Communion Set Up: Linda Smith

Communion Clean Up: Barbara Grindeland

Organist: Denise Drozd

Ushers: Dr. Wesley McAda, Shannon DeForest, Aaron Henke

Acolytes: Julie Henke & Clay Henke

Power Point Sunday: Barb Koehn

Altar Flowers given by: Barb Koehn & family in remembrance of God's faithful servant,
Larry Koehn

Radio Ministry given by: John & Lucille Parker in celebration of John's birthday and our
Anniversary

Sunday PM: *Assisting:* Daniel Drozd

Communion Clean Up: Daniel Drozd

SAVE THE DATES IN JULY:

July 14-16 St. Peter VBS “Epic Australian Adventure” (register online now at myvbs.org/stpeterlch)

Thursday, July 17 5:00 pm Worship Meeting

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS OF 6.9.25 MEETING

1. Approved Republican Women to rent the fellowship hall in August for drive thru fundraiser.
2. Voted to change the time of the Sunday pm service from 5 pm to 4 pm beginning the second Sunday in July, in accordance with the wishes of the majority of Sunday evening church attendees.
3. Approved change from the Augsburg Revised Common Lectionary to the Concordia Publishing Lectionary which is used by many NALC congregations. Also approved using the English Standard Version (ESV) bible due to New RSV (NRSV) going out of print and will be unavailable for download of printed material in the future.
4. Approved JoBeth Tieken to be added to the Social Ministry Committee.
5. Approved the following for 2nd Quarter Benevolence:
 - \$2,000 to two families in our church with hardships
 - \$1,000 to Ky Lange – young adult fighting cancer
 - \$500 to Kid’s Health Party – KC Hall in Hallettsville
 - \$500 to French Simpson Library
 - \$1,000 to St. Paul Lutheran Church – LCMC needing repairs after disaster – Kodiak, Alaska

Entrance Hymn (ELW) *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!* (ELW 413)

Text by Reginald Heber; Music by John B. Dykes

1 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Hymn of the Day (ELW) *This Is My Father's World* (ELW 824)

Text by Maltbie D. Babcock; Music by Franklin L. Sheppard

1 This is my Father's world,
and to my list'ning ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
his hand the wonders wrought.

3 This is my Father's world;
oh, let me not forget
that, though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world;
why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is king, let heaven ring;
God reigns, let earth be glad!