

Festival of Saints Peter & Paul

June 29, 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

#798

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

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

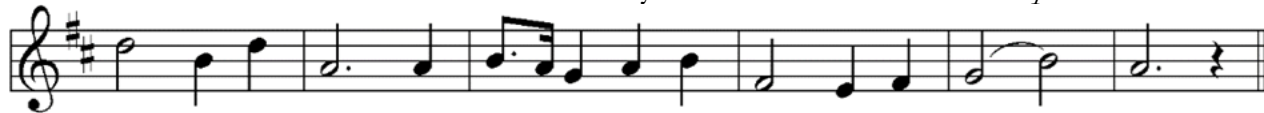
Most merciful God... **we confess that we are born captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake 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.**



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

Let us pray. Almighty God, we praise you that your blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you by their martyrdoms. Grant that your church throughout the world may always be instructed by their teaching and example, be knit together in unity by your Spirit, and ever stand firm upon the one foundation who is Jesus Christ our Lord, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Next Steps Weekly Memory Verse: ACTS 2:32
This Jesus God raised up, and that all of us are witnesses.

FIRST READING: ACTS 12:1-11

¹ About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. ² He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. ³ After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) ⁴ When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. ⁵ While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him. ⁶ The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. ⁷ Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his wrists. ⁸ The angel said to him, "Fasten your belt and put on your sandals." He did so. Then he said to him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me." ⁹ Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. ¹⁰ After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. ¹¹ Then Peter came to himself and said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting."

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

RESPONSE & MEDITATION: PSALM 87:1-2,4-6

¹ On the holy mountain stands the city he has founded;
the LORD loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

² **Glorious things are spoken of you,
O city of our God.**

⁴ Of Zion it shall be said, "Everyone was born in her,
and the Most High himself shall sustain her."

⁵ **The LORD will record as he enrolls the peoples,
"These also were born there."**

⁶ The singers and the dancers will say,
"All my fresh springs are in you."

SECOND READING: 2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8, 17-18

⁶ As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. ¹⁷ But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸ The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

We stand. GOSPEL VERSE: JOHN 6:68

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GOSPEL READING: JOHN 21:15-19

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” ¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

#661

“I Love to Tell the Story”

vv1-2

We sit. SERMON

Rev. Jared Stillions, STS

Unorthodox Wisdom
Looking Out For #1

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

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

Dear Father, thank you for promising to keep a faithful remnant to do your will! Number us, we pray, in that company. Fill us with your Spirit, so that we may live fruitful lives. In all things, help us to glorify you and nourish those who are starving for your good Word.

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

We pray for your Church. Give it ears to hear your still small voice. Give it integrity, so it does not bend the knee to modern-day Baals. Give it the spirit of boldness, to proclaim your Word to a hostile world. Give it a double portion of your Spirit, so it abounds in grace and charity.

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

We pray for the people and mission of this congregation. Keep us focused on doing your will. 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. Kindle your Spirit within us, so our hearts are warm with compassion and bright with faith.

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

We pray for your persecuted servants. Help us to defend them from those who hate the name of Jesus. Use us to provide for their needs. Strengthen us to give faithful witness to you, even when we are misunderstood or mocked.

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

We pray for our nation. Bless it with freedom, justice, peace, and opportunity. Give wisdom, integrity, and competence to our leaders in government and the private sector. Grant to them, and their counterparts in other countries, the desire to seek your will, and the strength to do it.

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

We pray for our military, and all first responders. Give them courage and competence to act in accordance with your will. Bring healing to bodies and minds wounded in war. Give patience and hope to their loved ones. Speed the day when the arts of war need no longer be practiced among us.

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

We pray for all whose need is great, including: {List}. Grant them health, wholeness, and hope. Give them the grace and comfort of your Holy Spirit; and restore them to fellowship with all who love them.

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

Holy God, you promise that your holy ones shall not see the pit of death. You sealed that promise in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Therefore we commend into your safe keeping our beloved dead. We pray for the families of {List}. Grant to us, especially those whose grief runs deep, a sure and confident hope in your promises. Help us look not to the past, or to the sorrows, doubts, and regrets that beset us. Instead, give us grace to do what pleases you in this life. And give us faith to press toward the eternal joys you have prepared for all whom you have redeemed.

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 from Whom”

tune #883

A musical score for two voices, Treble and Bass clef, in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost." The score consists of two systems of staves, each with a treble and bass line.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;

praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy 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.**

P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

5PM SPOKEN

C 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 p92




☛ 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

#805

“Lead On, O King Eternal!”

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

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.

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

This Weekend June 29th

Sunday AM: *Assisting:* Barbara Grindeland

Communion Set Up: Linda Smith

Communion Clean Up: Marilyn McAda

Organist: Denise Drozd

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

Acolytes: Karlie Hotz & Maggie Stillions

Power Point Sunday: Julieane Mihalovich

Altar Flowers given by: Monte & Aileen Peck in honor of our 51st Wedding Anniversary today
6/29/74

Radio Ministry given by: June Pence in memory of June Renger on her Birthday

Sunday PM: *Assisting:* Daniel Drozd

Communion Clean Up: Daniel Drozd

Attendance for Sunday, June 22nd: 9AM 83/5PM 4

This Week @ St. Peter

Sun June 29, 9:00 am Worship Service, 10:00 am Coffee Time,
10:30 Adult Christian Learning, 5:00 pm Worship Service

Mon June 30, 1:00 pm Quilting, 5:00 pm Social Ministry Meeting; FH Rental 7:00 pm

Tue July 1, 6:00 pm Learning Commission, 7:00 pm Prayer Group

Thu July 3, 7:30 pm AA/Al-Anon

Fri July 4, Church Office Closed

Sun July 6, 9:00 am Worship Service, 10:00 am Coffee Time,
No Adult Christian Learning, No 5:00 pm Worship Service

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

Ruby Young, Keith Ethridge, Abraham Soloria, Jimmy Gutierrez III, Betty Clark, Mary Schroeder, Melanie Gilliam, 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.*

Pauline Karl, 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: July 6

Sunday AM: *Assisting:* Sophie Teltschik

Communion Set Up: NO COMMUNION TODAY

Communion Clean Up: NO COMMUNION TODAY

Organist: Denise Drozd

Ushers:

Acolytes: McKenna Patterson & Elli DeForest

Power Point Sunday: Sharyn Sullivan

Altar Flowers given by: Glen & Carol Drozd in honor of our 48th Wedding Anniversary

Radio Ministry given by: June Pence in honor of Jennie Pence Shafer's birthday

NO 5PM Sunday Worship

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 66:10-14; Psalm 66:1-7; Galatians 6:1-10; 14-18; Luke 10:1-20

SAVE THE DATES IN JULY:

Sunday, July 13 VBS Volunteer Meeting 10:30 am in the basement

July 14-16 St. Peter VBS "Epic Australian Adventure"

Thursday, July 17 5:00 pm Worship Meeting

Openings for Radio: Aug 31; Sept 7, 14, 21; Oct 26; Nov 2, 16, 23, 30; Dec 14, 28

Openings for Flowers: Sept 14, Oct 19, 26; Nov 16; Dec 14, 28

ENTRANCE HYMN (ELW) *Will You Come and Follow Me: The Summons* (ELW 798)

Text by John L. Bell; Music by Scottish traditional

1 "Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?

2 "Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare,
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray'r
in you and you in me?

3 "Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?

4 "Will you love the you you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?"

HYMN OF THE DAY (ELW) *I Love to Tell the Story* (ELW 661)

Text by Katherine Hankey; Music by William E. Fischer

1 I love to tell the story
of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory,
of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story,
because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings
as nothing else would do.

Refrain

I love to tell the story;
'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.

2 I love to tell the story:
how pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it,
more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story,
for some have never heard
the message of salvation
from God's own holy word. Refrain

CLOSING HYMN (ELW) *Lead On, O King Eternal!* (ELW 805)

Text by Ernest W. Shurtleff; Music by Henry T. Smart

1 Lead on, O King eternal!
The day of march has come;
henceforth in fields of conquest
your tents will be our home.
Through days of preparation
your grace has made us strong;
and now, O King eternal,
we lift our battle song.

2 Lead on, O King eternal,
till sin's fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper
the sweet amen of peace;
for not with swords loud clashing,
nor roll of stirring drums,
but deeds of love and mercy
the heav'nly kingdom comes.

3 Lead on, O King eternal:
we follow, not with fears,
for gladness breaks like morning
where'er your face appears.
Your cross is lifted o'er us;
we journey in its light;
the crown awaits the conquest;
lead on, O God of might!