

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 13, 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**

#516

“Almighty God, Your Word is Cast”

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.**

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

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

Let us pray. O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Next Steps Weekly Memory Verse: LUKE 10:27

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and your neighbor as yourself.

FIRST READING: LEVITICUS 18:1-5, 19:9-18

¹⁸And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²“Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, I am the LORD your God. ³You shall not do as they do in the land of Egypt, where you lived, and you shall not do as they do in the land of Canaan, to which I am bringing you. You shall not walk in their statutes. ⁴You shall follow my rules^[a] and keep my statutes and walk in them. I am the LORD your God. ⁵You shall therefore keep my statutes and my rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am the LORD. ⁹“When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. ¹⁰And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God. ¹¹“You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. ¹²You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD. ¹³“You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired worker shall not remain with you all night until the morning. ¹⁴You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the LORD. ¹⁵“You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. ¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD. ¹⁷“You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

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

RESPONSE & MEDITATION: PSALM 41

¹Blessed is the one who considers the poor!

In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him;

²the LORD protects him and keeps him alive;

he is called blessed in the land; you do not give him up to the will of his enemies.

³The LORD sustains him on his sickbed;

in his illness you restore him to full health.

⁴As for me, I said, “O LORD, be gracious to me;

heal me, for I have sinned against you!”

⁵My enemies say of me in malice,

“When will he die, and his name perish?”

⁶And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words,

while his heart gathers iniquity; when he goes out, he tells it abroad.

⁷All who hate me whisper together about me;

they imagine the worst for me.

⁸They say, “A deadly thing is poured out on him;

he will not rise again from where he lies.”

⁹Even my close friend in whom I trusted,

who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.

¹⁰But you, O LORD, be gracious to me,

and raise me up, that I may repay them!

¹¹By this I know that you delight in me:

my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.

¹²But you have upheld me because of my integrity,

and set me in your presence forever.

¹³Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,

from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen.

SECOND READING: COLOSSIANS 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,
²To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.³We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, ⁶which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, ⁷just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your^[s] behalf ⁸and has made known to us your love in the Spirit. ⁹And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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

We stand. GOSPEL VERSE: JOHN 6:68

9AM ONLY

P151

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: LUKE 10:25-37

Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁵ And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶ He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” ²⁷ And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸ And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.” ²⁹ But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰ Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” ³⁷ He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

#742

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

vv1-3

We sit. SERMON

Rev. Jared Stillions, STS

The Good Life

Gospel Bears Good Fruit

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

Thank you, Lord, for giving us the ministry of showing mercy to others. We confess that sometimes we are distracted or self-absorbed. We make excuses for “passing by on the other side.” Forgive us, Father, and kindle your Holy Spirit within our hearts. Make us signs of your love to those who need it most.

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

When your Church lies wounded and bleeding, and its leaders pass by on the other side, send your dear Son to be her Good Samaritan. Anoint her with the oil of healing and gladness. Feed her with the medicine of immortality, the Body and Blood of her Savior. And raise her up to be your “Mercy Hospital” for a hurting and hurtful world.

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

Fill the hearts of everyone in this congregation with kindness and mercy. 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. Make us holy and humble, gentle and good, courageous and compassionate, all in equal measure. Make us into your kindly beasts of burden who bear wounded and dying souls to the healing presence of Jesus, their Good Physician.

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

Our persecuted sisters and brothers cry to you for help. Give them strength, hope, and courage in their suffering. Do not let us ignore their plight. Forgive and transform evildoers who have wounded them.

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

Give sharp eyes, wise hearts, and generous hands to our elected and appointed leaders, wherever they are given authority and power. Help each of us to notice our neighbor's distress. Give us all the grace and the willingness to show them mercy.

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

Protect the farms, businesses, and homes of those affected by flood, fire, wind, or drought. Keep safe all who work to repair and strengthen bridges, roads, dams, and levees. Open wide the hands of all your people, to help provide for those whose homes and livelihoods have been washed or shriveled away.

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

Lift up all those who have lost loved ones, homes, and livelihoods in the Kerrville tragedy. Be close to the grieving, comfort those who mourn, and provide for those who have lost everything. Bless the work of relief agencies and all who are bringing aid and assistance. May the church be a beacon of hope, offering comfort and support to those who are suffering. Stir hearts to generosity and compassion to provide support and assistance where needed.

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

Bring the healing balm of Jesus' grace and mercy to all who are wounded in body, mind, or spirit, including those we name before you now {List}. Bless all who act as Good Samaritans to them. Let all that is needed for health and hope be provided, and restore them to full fellowship with all who love them.

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

Dear heavenly Father, thank you for giving your fullest healing to our beloved dead. Bind up the hearts of those still wounded by grief. We pray especially for the families of {List}. Help us to show kindness and mercy to everyone we meet throughout our earthly pilgrimage, for we do not know the burden of suffering they bear. Fill us with your life-giving Spirit. And, by your grace, bring us into your house of healing, life, love, and peace, which your Son has prepared for all whom he has redeemed, and where we shall abide with you forever.

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 #184

“Let the Vineyards”

Isaiah 5:1, Psalm 23:5, others

Let the vine- yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless- ing. Gath- er a har- vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath- er the hopes and dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

CAMP MILESTONE: (*First time campers Evelyne Adeo & Abigail DeForest*)

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

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 includes a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C).

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

#313

“O Lord, Now Let Your Servant”

9AM only



1 O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n-ly peace,
2 Then grant that I may fol - low your gleam, O glo - rious Light,



for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:
till earth-ly shad - ows scat - ter, and faith is changed to sight;



a light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill,
till rap - tured saints shall gath - er up - on that shin - ing shore,



the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
where Christ, the bless - ed day - star, shall light them ev - er - more.

Text: Ernest E. Ryden, 1886–1981, alt., based on the Nunc dimittis

Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune

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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

#439

“Soon and Very Soon”

vv1-2

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

Please keep the family of Oleen Covey (*Lynette Hruzek's sister*) in your prayers. Her funeral service was last Wednesday.

TODAY: VBS Volunteer Meeting 10:30 am in the basement

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.

July 14-16 St. Peter VBS "Epic Australian Adventure" 5:30 pm-8:00 pm. Please keep St. Peter's VBS in your prayers this week.

St. Peter VBS will be collecting donations for Kerrville. If you would like to contribute, please designate on the envelope "FOR VBS DONATION".

Sunday, Aug 3, St. Peter Blood Drive: You may sign up online now

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

This Weekend July 13

Sunday AM: *Assisting:* Cheryl Draper

Communion Set Up: Patsy Klekar

Communion Clean Up: Kellee Horton

Organist: Denise Drozd

Ushers: Donald Muehr, Clayton Muehr, Ramon Lopez, & Chris Chudej

Acolytes: Liam Sralla & John Stillions

Power Point Sunday: Judy Drozd

Altar Flowers given by: Judy Drozd in honor of Lana's Birthday

Radio Ministry given by: DeForest Family in celebration of Betty Williams' 91st birthday

Sunday PM: *Assisting:* Daniel Drozd

Communion Clean Up: Daniel Drozd

Attendance for Sunday, July 6: 9AM 68

This Week @ St. Peter

Sun July 13, 9:00 am Worship Service(*Camp Milestone*), 10:00 am Coffee Time,
10:30 am VBS Volunteer Meeting, 10:30 Adult Christian Learning,
5:00 pm Worship Service
Mon July 14, 1:00 pm Quilting, 5:30 pm-8:00 pm VBS Day 1
Tue July 15, 5:30 pm 08:00 pm VBS Day 2, 7:00 pm Prayer Group
Wed July 16, 5:30 pm -8:00 pm VBS Day 3
Thu July 17, 5:00 pm Worship Meeting, 7:30 pm AA/Al-Anon
Sat July 19, FH Rental
Sun July 20, 9:00 am Worship Service, 10:00 am Coffee Time,
10:30 am Adult Christian Learning, 3:00 pm Nursing Home Service,
5:00 pm Worship Service

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

Rose Dueitt, Janie Andrews, Steve Kossa, Edward Robles, Becky Berger, Edita Rybak,
Ruby Young, Keith Ethridge, Abraham Soloria, Jimmy Gutierrez III, Betty Clark,
Mary Schroeder, Melanie Gilliam, Julie Tanner, Elizabeth McGee, Deanna Ness,
Leroy Schroeder, Joelle Mihalovich, Charlotte Murphy

Extended concerns: Requests listed 9 months unless otherwise requested.

Ky Lange, Pauline Karl, Gracie Isbell, Jim Brandt, Edmund Koerth, Barbara Tackett,
Charlotte Hartmann, Melissa Grice, Michael Drozd, Jeffrey Morgenroth, Charlie Garmon,
Carrie Besetsny, DeWayne Dixon, James Evans,
Pr. John Schmidt & family (*Missionary in Ghana, Belize, & Pakistan*)

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: Pete Trliceck, Oleen Covey, Billie Jean Mayes, Barbara Lundy

Serving Next Weekend: July 20

Sunday AM: *Assisting:* Tammy Garner

Communion Set Up: Jeanette Wallace

Communion Clean Up: Martha Bludau

Organist: Denise Drozd

Ushers: Donald Muehr, Clayton Muehr, Ramon Lopez, & Chris Chudej

Acolytes: Ariel Muehr & Benson Adeo

Power Point Sunday: Judy Garmon

Altar Flowers given by: Judy Drozd in honor of Summer Leopold's Birthday

Radio Ministry given by: Martha Bludau in celebration of Tina Hotz's Birthday

Sunday PM: *Assisting:* Aileen Peck

Communion Clean Up: Aileen Peck

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 18:1-14; Psalm 27:1-14; Colossians 1:21-29; Luke 10:38-42

SAVE THE DATES IN AUGUST:

Sunday, Aug 3rd St. Peter Blood Drive

Tuesday, Aug 5th 3rd Quarterly Benevolence Meeting 5:30 pm

Wednesday, Aug 6th Lunch & Learn

Thursday, Aug 7th Sharps Drive (*LMC parking lot*)

Saturday, Aug 9th LYO & Solid Rock Families Back to School Lavaca Pool Party
2:00pm-5:00pm

Sunday Aug 10th Rally Day/Backpack Blessing

Saturday Aug 16th Market Days (*Women in Mission Bake Sale*)

Sunday, Aug 17th First Day of Christian Learning (*pk3-12th grade*)

Openings for Radio: 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) *Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast* (ELW 516)

Text by John Cawood; Music by J. Day

1 Almighty God, your word is cast
like seed into the ground;
now let the dew of heav'n descend
and righteous fruits abound.

2 Let not the sly satanic foe
this holy seed remove,
but give it root in ev'ry heart
to bring forth fruits of love.

3 Let not the world's deceitful cares
the rising plant destroy,
but let it yield a hundredfold
the fruits of peace and joy.

4 So when the precious seed is sown,
life-giving grace bestow,
that all whose souls the truth receive
its saving pow'r may know.

HYMN OF THE DAY (ELW) *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* (ELW 742)

Text by Joseph Scriven ; Music by Charles C. Converse

1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
oh, what needless pain we bear--
all because we do not carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!

2 Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged--
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--
take it to the Lord in prayer.

3 Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge--
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.

Closing Hymn (ELW) *Soon and Very Soon* (ELW 439)

Text & Music by Andrae Crouch

1 Soon and very soon We are going to see the King
Soon and very soon We are going to see the King
Soon and very soon We are going to see the King
Hallelujah hallelujah We're going to see the King

2 No more crying there
We are going to see the King
No more crying there
We are going to see the King
No more crying there
We are going to see the King.
Hallelujah hallelujah We're going to see the King

3 No more dying there
We are going to see the King
No more dying there
We are going to see the King
No more dying there
We are going to see the King
Hallelujah hallelujah We're going to see the King

4 Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King
Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King
Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King
Hallelujah hallelujah We're going to see the King

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Hallelujah hallelujah
Hallelujah hallelujah