

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 20, 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

#770

“Give Me Jesus”

vv1-2

✠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. Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Next Steps Weekly Memory Verse: LUKE 8:15
*Blessed are those who hold the word fast in an honest and good heart,
and bear fruit with patient endurance.*

FIRST READING: GENESIS 18:1-10A

¹⁸And the Lord appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth ³and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, ⁵while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes." ⁷And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate. ⁹They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent." ¹⁰The Lord said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son."

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

RESPONSE & MEDITATION: PSALM 27:7-14

⁷Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;
be gracious to me and answer me!

⁸**You have said, "Seek my face."**

My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek."

⁹Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger,
O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not,
O God of my salvation!

¹⁰**For my father and my mother have forsaken me,
but the LORD will take me in.**

¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD,
and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

¹²**Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they breathe out violence.**

¹³I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living!

¹⁴**Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the LORD!**

SECOND READING: COLOSSIANS 1:21-29

²¹ And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³ if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister. ²⁴ Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, ²⁵ of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶ the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. ²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹ For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

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 10:38-42

Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁸ Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. ³⁹ And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, ⁴² but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

#595

"Jesus Loves Me!"

vv1-2

We sit. SERMON

Rev. Jared Stillions, STS

The Good Life
Freedom from Sin

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

Lord, thank you for the gift of hospitality. You let us entertain angels unaware! Give us generous hearts, so we may refresh and gladden the hearts of others. Fill us with your Spirit, so that by faith, we may gratefully receive the hospitality of heaven, given to us in your well-beloved Son.

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

Build up your Church in mature faith, patient suffering, generous service, and gracious hospitality. Use it to reveal the mysteries of your love, so that many people seek your face, and live.

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

Help the people of this congregation to rightly balance the loving hospitality of Martha with the loving listening of Mary. Let all we say and do to lead our neighbors to “the one thing needful” – the strong saving love of Jesus. 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.**

Your servant Paul suffered for the sake of the Gospel, as do many Christians in this day. Make them desire to glorify you. Help them encourage one another to be witnesses to their Savior, who prayed even on behalf of his persecutors.

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

We pray for our nation, for our leaders, and for all the people and nations on earth. Let your holy presence dwell with us. Grant that we may know your will, and seek your peace. Teach us to sit at your feet; to love your Law; to display your mercy; and to share your blessings with one another.

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

Lift up all those who have lost loved ones, homes, and livelihoods in the Kerrville & San Saba. 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.**

Be the strength and shield of all who stand in harm's way to protect life and liberty. Give them courage and competence. Heal wounds of body, soul, and mind. Restore them to their loved ones. And help them find new ways to serve you, their communities, and their nation, when their duties have ended.

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

Be the light and salvation of all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, including: {List}. Strengthen their bodies, refresh their hearts, take away their fears, and give them your peace. Bless all who care for them with kindness and competence.

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

Heavenly Father, we thank you for our departed loved ones who now receive that good portion that shall never be taken from them. We pray especially for the families of {List}. Help us to comfort those who mourn. Help us to nourish all who hunger for food, fellowship, or forgiveness. Help us to grow in faith, hope, and love. Welcome us, and all whom you have redeemed, into your spacious House. There, let us no more be strangers, servants, or guests, but your dear children, who see you face to face 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 Adee & 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 written below the notes.

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.**

#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.

REMINDER: The Sunday evening church service will now be at 4:00 pm

Please keep these St. Peter youth in your prayers this week as they attend Camp Lone Star.
Evelyn Adee, Ariel & Hudson Muehr, Abigail DeForest, Cullen Poeling,
Juliana & Samuel Henke

UPDATE: They are desperately calling for cereals. They are running very, very low.
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.

What a wonderful VBS this year! We had a packed house, with almost 60 kids and 40 Volunteers! Thanks to all the volunteers who made it happen! We couldn't have done it without you!!! Our donations as of Wednesday night have reached \$2800!!! What an amazing community as well as church members we have. As of right now, NALC Disaster Response Team is telling us that San Saba is in desperate need of supplies for their flooding. If you would like to add to our donations, please mark the White/green envelopes as VBS donation to Texas Floods. Sunday will be the LAST DAY for donations.

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 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 Adee

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

Attendance for Sunday, July 13: 9AM 82/4PM 4

This Week @ St. Peter

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,
4:00 pm Worship Service
Mon July 21, 1:00 pm Quilting, 4:00 pm -6:00 pm Men in Mission's Pork Steak Plates *to go*
Tue July 22, 7:00 pm Prayer Group
Thu July 24, 7:30 pm AA/Al-Anon
Sat July 26, FH Rental
Sun July 27, 9:00 am Worship Service, 10:00 am Coffee Time,
10:30 am Adult Christian Learning, 4:00 pm Worship Service

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

James Kubecka, Jerry Bonewald, Beth Laqua, Marvin Huser, Will Pence, Leonard Hollas, 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: Travis Schely, Pete Trliceck, Oleen Covey, Billie Jean Mayes, Barbara Lundy

Serving Next Weekend: July 27

Sunday AM: *Assisting:* Darlene Stacy

Communion Set Up: Jeanette Wallace

Communion Clean Up: Martha Bludau

Organist: Denise Drozd

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

Acolytes: Allie Kocian & Caroline Duty

Power Point Sunday: Barb Koehn

Altar Flowers given by: JoBeth Tieken in memory of Carl Tieken

Radio Ministry given by: Matthew & Martha Bludau & Family in celebration of our Wedding Anniversary

Sunday PM: *Assisting:* Aileen Peck

Communion Clean Up: Aileen Peck

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 18:1-14; Psalm 27:7-14; 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) *Give Me Jesus* (ELW 770)

Text & Music by African American Spiritual

1 In the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise,
give me Jesus.

Refrain

Give me Jesus,
give me Jesus.
You may have all the rest,
give me Jesus.

2 Dark midnight was my cry,
dark midnight was my cry,
dark midnight was my cry,
give me Jesus. Refrain

Hymn of the Day (ELW) *Jesus Loves Me!* (ELW 595)

Text by Anna B. Warner; Music by William B. Bradbury

1 Jesus loves me! this I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong,
they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain

Yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
the Bible tells me so.

2 Jesus loves me! he who died
heaven's gates to open wide;
he will wash away my sin,
let his little child come in. Refrain

Closing Hymn (ELW) *Here I Am, Lord* (ELW 574)

Text & Music by Daniel L. Schutte

1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?"

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?" Refrain