

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 27, 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**

#781

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

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. Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Next Steps Weekly Memory Verse: LUKE 11:9
*Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find,
knock and the door will be opened to you.*

FIRST READING: GENESIS 18:17-33

¹⁷The LORD said, “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, ¹⁸seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? ¹⁹For I have chosen^[a] him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may bring to Abraham what he has promised him.” ²⁰Then the LORD said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, ²¹I will go down to see whether they have done altogether^[a] according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.” ²²So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham drew near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?” ²⁶And the LORD said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.” ²⁷Abraham answered and said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.” ²⁹Again he spoke to him and said, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.” ³⁰Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.” ³¹He said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.” ³²Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.” ³³And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

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

RESPONSE & MEDITATION: PSALM 138

¹I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;

²I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.

³On the day I called, you answered me;
my strength of soul you increased.

**⁴All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD,
for they have heard the words of your mouth,**

⁵and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
for great is the glory of the LORD.

**⁶For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly,
but the haughty he knows from afar.**

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand
against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand delivers me.

⁸The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

SECOND READING: COLOSSIANS 2:6-15

⁶Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹²having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

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



GOSPEL READING: LUKE 11:1-13

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” ²And he said to them, “When you pray, say: “Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³Give us each day our daily bread, ⁴and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.” ⁵And he said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves, ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; ⁷and he will answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything?’ ⁸I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence^[d] he will rise and give him whatever he needs. ⁹And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹What father among you, if his son asks for^[d] a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹²or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

insert

“In the Garden”

vv1-2

We sit. SERMON

Rev. Jared Stillions, STS

The Good Life
Rooted in Jesus

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

Father, we have grown so used to praying to you that sometimes we forget what a privilege it is! Forgive us when we become careless, forgetful, or presumptuous. By your Spirit's leading, make us eager to stand with Jesus' arm around our shoulders, confidently and lovingly calling you "Abba, Father," and talking with you about everything.

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

Keep your Church firmly rooted and grounded in Christ, its Head. Make it dead to sin and alive to righteousness. Give it the faith and the words to pray continually for the needs of all people, and for their salvation. Give it the strength and will to act in accordance with your will.

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

Draw the people of this congregation into a life of prayer with you. 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. Help us to ask for your mercy; to seek your guidance; and to knock at the door of your heart. Give us the courage and love to invite family, friends, and neighbors into a closer walk with you.

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

Deliver your persecuted servants from evil. Help them to pray for their enemies. Help us to pray *for* them and *with* them. And guide and strengthen all missionaries. Help them find and use ways to introduce unbelievers to your dear Son, until all hearts are tuned to your praise.

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

Keep this country in your care. Guide our leaders in paths of righteousness. Help us to preserve and extend the blessings of liberty and justice for all. Give health and safety to all people; and establish your Kingdom among us.

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

We pray for our enemies; for those who are estranged from us; for those who work to harm us; and for all whose hearts are full of bitterness, malice, perversion, and other evils. Transform them, and conform them to your will. Help us to forgive them as you have forgiven us. And heal all our hearts, so that we reflect the holiness and mercy of your dear Son.

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

Lift up all those who have lost loved ones, homes, and livelihoods in 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.**

Hear the prayers of those who ask for healing; who seek for comfort; and who knock on doors that they fear are shut. Today we remember before you: {List}. Graciously answer them from the wellsprings of your mercy and steadfast love.

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

Father, keep in your care all who died clinging to the promises which have their Yes in Christ. We pray especially for the families of {List}. Comfort those who mourn. Give each of us the daily bread we need throughout our earthly pilgrimage. Help us to readily give and humbly ask for forgiveness. Strengthen us when we are tempted to turn aside from your good will; and deliver us from the snares of the Evil One. Bring us into the Kingdom that you have prepared for all whom you have redeemed through the merits of your dear Son, so that in the power of the Holy Spirit, we may praise, adore and bless 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

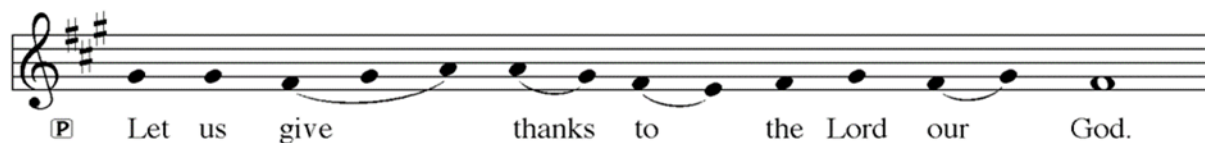
“Let the Vineyards”

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.

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.**



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

5PM SPOKEN



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

#679

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

vv1-3

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

Congratulations to Trent & Haley Teltschik on the birth of their 2nd daughter, Roxy Lou on June 9th. She weighted 8.5lbs and was 20 in long. Welcoming her home is big brother Truitt & big sister Laramie. Proud grandparents are Gary & Sophie Teltschik and Wesley & Jessica Morton

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

Please keep Benson & Wyatt Adee in your prayers this week as they attend Camp Lone Star.

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 NEW donations TOTAL is \$3,030!!! What an amazing community as well as church members we have. Thank you to all who donated to the Texas Flood Relief! As of right now, NALC Disaster Response Team is telling us that San Saba & Burnett is in desperate need of supplies from their flooding.

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 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

Attendance for Sunday, July 27: 9AM 70/4PM 10

This Week @ St. Peter

Sun July 27, 9:00 am Worship Service, 10:00 am Coffee Time,
10:30 am Adult Christian Learning, 4:00 pm Worship Service

Mon July 28, 1:00 pm Quilting, 5:00 pm Social Ministry, 7:00 pm FH Rental

Tue July 29, 5:15 pm Add Value, 6:00 pm Property, 7:00 pm Prayer Group

Thu July 31, 7:30 pm AA/Al-Anon

Sat Aug 2, FH Rental

Sun Aug 3, 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.

Anthony Hotz, Mike Brown, Ted Goranson, Maria Alvarado, James Evans, Noreen Kurth, 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: Melissa Beck, Travis Schely, Pete Trliceck, Oleen Covey, Billie Jean Mayes, Barbara Lundy

Serving Next Weekend: Aug 3

Sunday AM: *Assisting:* Barbara Grindeland

Communion Set Up: Cheryl Draper

Communion Clean Up: Martha Bludau

Organist: Denise Drozd

Ushers: Tommy Brandenberger, Jerome Kanak, & Warren Grindeland

Acolytes: Benson & Wyatt Adee

Power Point Sunday: Julieane Mihalovich

Altar Flowers given by: Lee & Cindy Rother in celebration of Kay Rother's birthday

Radio Ministry given by: Lucille Drozd for God's Blessings

Sunday PM: *Assisting:* Elizabeth Carlson

Communion Clean Up: Judy Winfield

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26; Psalm 100; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

SAVE THE DATES IN AUGUST:

Sunday, Aug 3rd St. Peter Blood Drive

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) Children of the Heavenly Father: (ELW 781)

Text by Ernst W. Olson; Music by Swedish folk tune

1 Children of the heav'nly Father
safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e'er was given.

2 God his own doth tend and nourish,
in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them,
in his mighty arms he bears them.

3 Neither life nor death shall ever
from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth,
and their sorrows all he knoweth.

4 Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely
to preserve them pure and holy.

Hymn of the Day (ELW) In the Garden

Text & Music by C. Austin Miles

insert

1 I come to the garden alone
While the dew is still on the roses
And the voice I hear falling on my ear
The Son of God discloses

Refrain And He walks with me
And He talks with me
And He tells me I am His own
And the joy we share as we tarry there
None other has ever known

2 He speaks and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing. *Refrain*

Closing Hymn (ELW) *For the Fruit of All Creation* (ELW 679)

Text by Fred Pratt Green; Music by Ralph Vaughan Williams

1 For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God.
For these gifts to ev'ry nation,
thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.

2 In the just reward of labor,
God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor,
God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

3 For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

