

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

August 3, 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**

#532

“Gather Us In”

w1-4

✠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. Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Next Steps Weekly Memory Verse: MATTHEW 5:3
Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

FIRST READING: ECCLESIASTES 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26

² Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.¹² I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³ And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. ¹⁴ I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. ¹⁸ I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, ¹⁹ and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰ So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹ because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²² What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? ²³ For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity. ²⁴ There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, ²⁵ for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? ²⁶ For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

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

RESPONSE & MEDITATION: PSALM 100

¹ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

² Serve the LORD with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

³ Know that the LORD, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

**⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!**

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

⁵ For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

SECOND READING: COLOSSIANS 3:1-11

³If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. ⁵Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming! ⁷In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

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

We stand. GOSPEL VERSE: JOHN 6:68

9AM ONLY

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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 12:13-21

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” ¹⁴But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” ¹⁶And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ ¹⁸And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’” ²⁰But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

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“Seek Ye First”

vv1-3

We sit. SERMON

Rev. Jared Stillions, STS

The Good Life

Treasures in Heaven

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

Let us pray for the Church, the world, and for one another.

A brief silence

Heavenly Father, you bless greatly, us even when we think we have very little! You give us life and breath. Each new day gives us a chance to repent, forgive, and share Jesus' love. Help us to thank you for these things, to enjoy them rightly; and to share them generously.

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

Clothe your Church with Christ. Put away from it all evil desires, words, and deeds. Fill it with your Spirit, so it abounds in every good gift, overflows with Jesus' life, and leads many to faith in him.

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

Fill the people of this congregation with wisdom and humility. Remind us that everything is done for you, not for ourselves, and that we must one day render an account of our stewardship of your blessings. Make us faithful, generous, and holy. Use us to draw many people into your fatherly embrace. 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.**

Keep your persecuted Church in your care, and bless their faithful witness. Help us to provide for our suffering sisters and brothers from the storehouses of our spiritual and material riches.

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

We pray for your blessing upon our nation – and for all nations. Guide our leaders with your Spirit of wisdom and understanding, counsel and might. Remind them that they are to be faithful and honest stewards of the power and authority entrusted to them.

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

Lord, lead us on the hard path of discipleship. Teach us virtues that are often unpopular: responsibility, accountability, and self-sacrifice, grounded in faith toward you and fervent love for one another.

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

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

We lift before you the suffering and sorrow of your people, including: {List}. Anoint them with the oil of gladness. Heal wounds to body, mind, and soul. Grant that, with those who love them, they may enter your gates with thanksgiving, and go into your courts with praise.

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

Heavenly Father, keep our beloved dead close to your heart. Comfort all whose grief runs deep. We pray for the families of {List}. By the power of your Spirit, turn our hearts from the folly of sin. Keep us focused on Jesus and his love for us. Make us channels of his forgiveness and grace, because so many people need them. By your mercy, bring us into your Kingdom, where with all the redeemed, we shall praise and adore you forever.

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

Hear our prayers, gracious Father, offered through the power of the Spirit; and for the sake of your dear Son, grant us all that is in accordance with your merciful will, to your glory and for the good of your people. **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*



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We stand #184

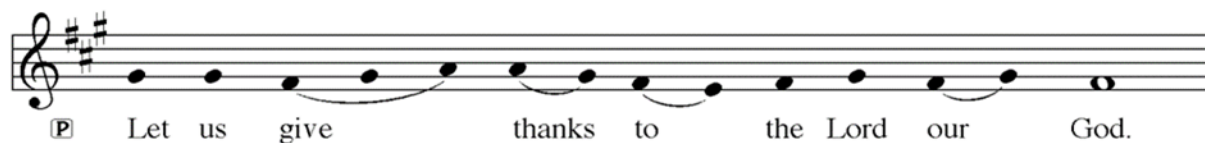
“Let the Vineyards”

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: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace." The score ends with a double bar line.

We stand POST-COMMUNION BLESSING, 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

#423

“Shall We Gather at the River”

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.

Sympathy and prayers for the Jerry Bonewald family (*Dorothy's son*). A Celebration of Life will be planned at a later date.

Reminder Aug 4, 14, 21, & 29 are Open for Coffee Time

Men in Mission would like to thank all who helped with their Pork Steak Meal. Whether you helped sell tickets or help work the event. Our success could not have happened without you. You all are very much appreciated!

UPDATE on Little Charlie Garmon that we continue to pray for: (*from his mom*) On Thursday Charlie underwent a major surgery. They were able to remove 40% of the tumor. Got the tumor bleed spot and one of the big cysts that has always given him problems. He was given a blood transfusion. Because of this, he has plenty of room now for upcoming radiation. The doctor also removed all the shunt system except the back reservoir that Dr. Curry put in a week and a half ago. He said all the catheters were blocked. He put in a new EVD in the same spot for this week until they redo the shunt system. Keep the Prayers coming as recovery can be hard. This little 10-year-old is a fighter!

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 OCTOBER**. Let's keep filling up the tubs as we share our gifts to minister to those in need.

TODAY St. Peter Blood Drive: St. Peter Quarterly Blood Drive

Wednesday, Aug 6th Lunch & Learn "Speech & Swallowing 101: Enhancing your quality of life" Call or text Joann Shimek @ 361-676-2579 today.

Thursday, Aug 7th Sharps Disposal (*LMC parking lot*) 9:00 am -1:00 pm

Saturday, Aug 9th LYO & Solid Rock Families Back to School Lavaca Pool Party
2:00 pm-5:00 pm Don't forget to RSVP on the GroupMe App!

Sunday, Aug 10th Solid Rock Open House: "An Epic Australian Adventure"
You are invited to check out Solid Rock and all their hard work getting ready for the '25-'26 school year from 10:30 am -12:00 pm.

Sunday Aug 10 Backpack Blessing, Teacher Installation (*St. Peter/Solid Rock*), Solid Rock Open House, and Rally Day. Join us for brunch after church and Rally Day for ALL AGES where we wrap up our VBS theme "Epic Australian Adventure." We will explore that Jesus saves us. The bible story will be Peter and John Race to the Tomb. (John 20:1-10, 19-20) The bible memory verse is Jesus said..."I am the resurrection and the Life." John 11:25

Saturday, Aug 16th Market Days (*Women in Mission Bake Sale*) If you would like to donate baked good items, the Women welcome any and all. Please have your baked goods at the KC Hall by 8:00 am or you may leave your items in the kitchen (Fellowship Hall) on Friday, and they will be delivered to the KC Hall for you. Please let Judy Garmon know if you will be leaving baked goods in the kitchen. Thank you in advance!!

Sunday, Aug 17th First Day of Christian Learning (*pk3-12th grade*) & Bible Sunday for Prek3, 2nd grade, & 5th grade

Wednesday, Aug 20th Confirmation Meeting: This meeting is for parents & youth entering 5th grade. (*Fellowship Hall*)

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

This Weekend Aug 3

Sunday AM: *Assisting:* Sophie Teltschik

Communion Set Up: Cheryl Draper

Communion Clean Up: Ruth Muehr

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

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

This Week @ St. Peter

Sun Aug 3, 8:00 am -1:00 pm St. Blood Drive, 9:00 am Worship Service,
10:00 am Coffee Time, 10:30 am Adult Christian Learning, 4:00 pm Worship Service
Mon Aug 4, 1:00 pm Quilting
Tue Aug 5, 9:30 am Nursing Home Service,
7:00 pm Prayer Group
Wed Aug 6, 10:30-12:00 pm Lunch & Learn "Speech & Swallowing 101: Enhancing your
quality of life" *Hallettsville Methodist Church*
Thu Aug 7, 9:00 am -1:00 pm Sharps Disposal (LMC), 7:30 pm AA/Al-Anon
Sat Aug 9, 2:00 pm-5:00 pm LYO & Solid Rock Back to School @ the Pool
Sun Aug 10, 9:00 am Worship Service (Backpack Blessing, Teacher Installation),
10:00 am Coffee Time, 10:30 am -Noon Solid Rock Open House,
10:30 am Rally Day (all ages), 4:00 pm Worship Service

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

Carol Koehne, Julie Tanner, Anthony Hotz, Mike Brown, Ted Goranson, Maria Alvarado,
James Evans, Noreen Kurth, James Kubecka, Beth Laqua, Marvin Huser, Will Pence,
Rose Dueitt, Janie Andrews, Steve Kossa, Edward Robles, Becky Berger, Edita Rybak,
Ruby Young, Keith Ethridge, Abraham Soloria, Jimmy Gutierrez III, Betty Clark,
Mary & Leroy Schroeder,

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: Brayden Robertson, Jerry Bonewald, Travis Schely, Melissa Beck,
Pete Trlicek, Oleen Covey, Billie Jean Mayes, Barbara Lundy

Serving Next Weekend: Aug 10

Sunday AM: *Assisting:* Marilyn McAda

Communion Set Up: Susan Brandenberger

Communion Clean Up: Ruth Muehr

Organist: Denise Drozd

Ushers: Tommy Brandenberger, Jerome Kanak, & Warren Grindeland

Acolytes: Finley Poeling & Maggie Stillions

Power Point Sunday: Tina Hotz

Altar Flowers given by: L.A. & Janis Muehr in celebration of L.A.'s Birthday

Radio Ministry given by: L.A. & Janis Muehr in celebration of L.A.'s Birthday

Sunday PM: *Assisting:* Daniel Drozd

Communion Clean Up: Daniel Drozd

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 15:1-10, 17-18; Psalm 33:12-22; Hebrews 11:1-16; Luke 12:22-40

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

Openings for Flowers: Oct 19, 26; Nov 9, 16; Dec 14

ENTRANCE HYMN (ELW) *Gather Us In* (ELW 532)

Text & Music by Marty Haugen

1 Here in this place the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

2 We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.

3 Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.

Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

4 Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away--
but here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.

Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Hymn of the Day Seek Ye First

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1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness
And all these things
Shall be added unto you
Allelu alleluia

2 Man shall not live by bread alone
But by ev'ry word
That proceeds
From the mouth of God
Allelu alleluia

3 Ask and it shall be given unto you
Seek and ye shall find
Knock and the door
Shall be opened unto you
Alleluia alleluia

Closing Hymn (ELW) Shall We Gather at the River (ELW 423)

Text & Music by Robert Lowry

1 Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever
flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain

Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.

2 On the margin of the river,
washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever,
all the happy golden day. Refrain