

Second Sunday after Pentecost | Lectionary 11

June 14, 2020

Order of Worship: Holy Communion, Setting Four

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PRELUDE & BELLS *We observe a moment of silence for prayer and meditation.*

WELCOME *congregation responds* **and unto ages of ages. Amen.**

We stand OPENING HYMN

#526

“God Is Here!”

✠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.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.

1 John 1:8-9

Silence is kept for reflection and personal confession.

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 Christ, and by His authority, I declare to you- who believe and repent- the forgiveness 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”

2 Corinthians 13:13

p. 148 Luke 2:14



☐ Glo-ry to God in the high- est, and peace to his peo- ple on earth.



☑ Lord God, heav- en- ly king, al- might- y God and Fa - ther:



We wor- ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je- sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa- ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a- way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat- ed at the right hand of the Fa- ther; re- ceive our prayer.



For you a- lone are the Ho - ly One, you a- lone are the Lord,



you a- lone are the Most High, Je- sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir- it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray... God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

WORD

Next Steps Weekly Memory Verse: MARK 1:15

The kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news

We sit FIRST READING: EXODUS 19:2-8A

²[The Israelites] had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.³Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: ⁴You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, ⁶but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.” ⁷So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. ^{8a}The people all answered as one: “Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do.”

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

RESPONSE & MEDITATION: PSALM 100

¹Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands;
serve the LORD with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

**²Know this: The LORD himself is God;
he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his
pasture.**

³Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and call upon his name.

**⁴For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting;
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

SECOND READING: ROMANS 5:1-8

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

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



GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 9:35—10:8

Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁵Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

^{10:1}Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ²These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. ⁵These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ ⁸Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

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

We sit. SERMON

Rev. Jared Stillions, STS

Things the Bible Doesn't Say:
God Helps Those Who Help Themselves

We stand. HYMN OF THE DAY

#694

“Sing to the Lord of Harvest”

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 Christian

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

A brief silence is kept.

Heavenly Father, we are astonished by your kindness and grace. You call us your treasured people. You send your Son to forgive and redeem us, even while we are ungodly and estranged from you. Even more, Jesus calls us to share your gracious love with other ungodly sinners, whom you long to make beloved, treasured members of your family. Thank you. Help us to do, say, and be all you envision and will for us.

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

Your dear Son called and sent the Apostles to proclaim the Good News, forgive sins, and heal those sorely wounded by the powers of sin, evil and death. Strengthen and equip your Church to follow in their footsteps, and to lead the ungodly to the One who died that they might live.

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

We plead on behalf of our persecuted sisters and brothers. Help us to speak in their defense; aid them by prayers and material support; and live lives worthy of our mutual calling in Christ.

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

Make this congregation lovely with holiness, faithfulness, generosity, and joy. Fill us with your Spirit, so that we serve you with gladness and thanksgiving. We pray for our mission to develop fully devoted followers of Jesus, and to support Solid Rock our mission in action. Let our lives show the love of Jesus to those who need him the most.

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

Churches everywhere are beginning to gather, worship, and serve in Jesus' name once again. Help us to be prudent and diligent, but also bold and fearless. Make us so radiant with love for you and for your people, that our actions encourage, comfort, and strengthen people most afflicted by illness, stress, fear, and hardship.

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

You are Lord and King over all nations. Cause our leaders to acknowledge your sovereignty and to do your will for the sake of the people entrusted to them. Grant that in this election year, candidates and voters desire and work for the good of all, not just the favored few.

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

We pray for all who protect, serve, and care for others in difficult and dangerous situations. Make them competent, compassionate, brave, and wise. Bring healing and hope to them and to their loved ones when they need them most. Help us to honor their service; but speed the day when they may stand down from their duties and enjoy the blessings of health and peace.

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

Be gracious and merciful to all who are afflicted in body, mind, or spirit. We pray for families stressed to the breaking point; business owners facing foreclosure or bankruptcy; farmers, fishers, ranchers, and truckers; caregivers to special needs persons; and especially for those whom we name before you now, including: {List}. Bring to all the joy of your saving help.

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

Most holy Father, thank you for the lives of your faithful people who have gone before us, especially those dearest to us. We pray for the families of {List}. Keep their memories bright. Keep us steadfast in the faith they passed on to us. Keep the Cross of Jesus ever before us; and keep us true to our calling as his disciples. By his merits, bring us into your blessed Kingdom, where with all whom you have redeemed, we will praise, adore, and glorify you in the power of the Holy Spirit forever.

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

All this we ask, dear Father, in the power of your Spirit. Receive our prayers and grant all that is in accordance with your will, for the sake of your 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 a handshake and the words "Peace be with you."

OFFERING, OFFERTORY SONG & PRAYER- *Giving back to God*



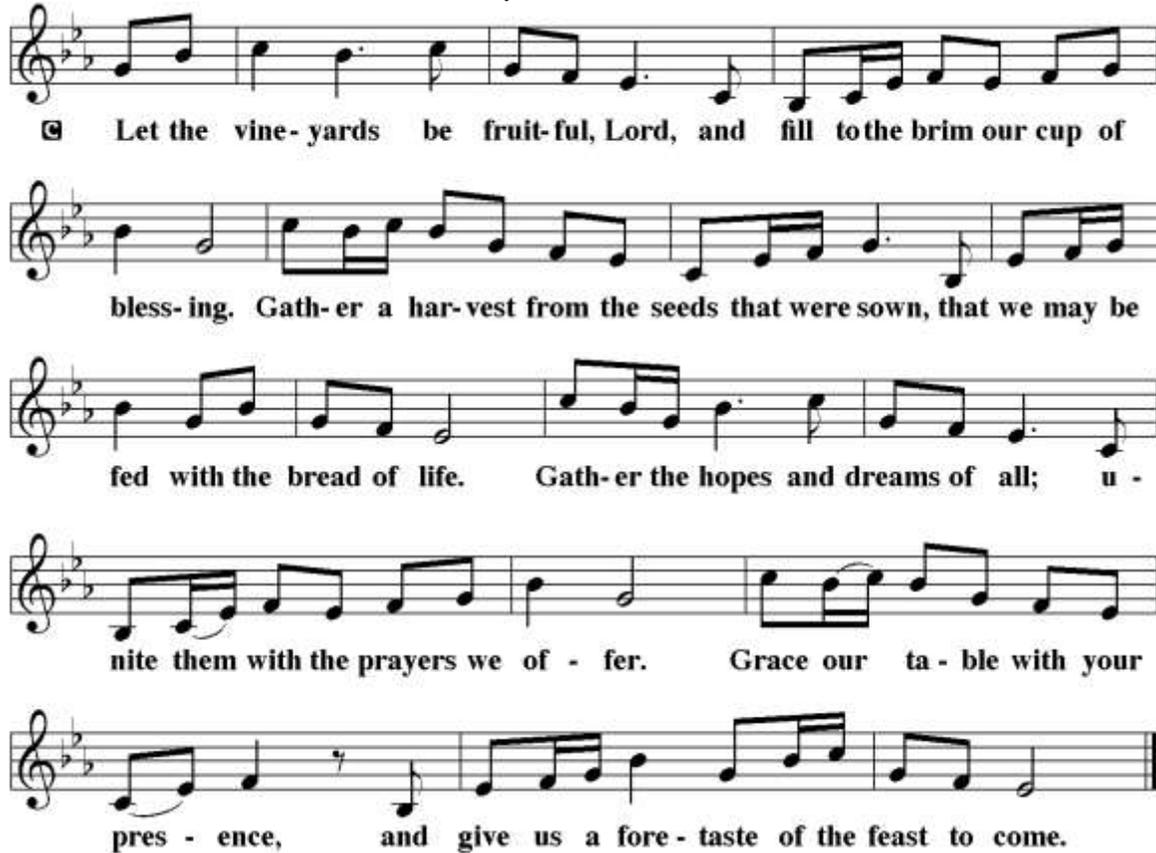
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We stand #184

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful, Lord”

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.

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:

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the Banquet for all is now ready. **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 HYMNS

"Lamb of God"

p154 John 1:29



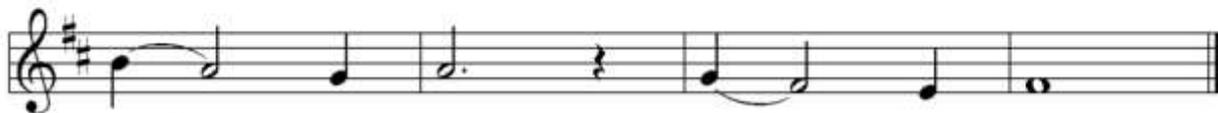
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

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

“Lord, Now You Let”

Luke 2:29-32

Lord, now you let your ser- vant go in peace; your word has been ful -
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -
pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re - veal you to the
na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.
Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now,
and will be for - ev - er. A - men

Let us pray... we give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing powers of this gift of life. In your mercy strengthen us through this gift in faith toward you, and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of 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.**

We stand. CLOSING HYMN

#834

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

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

Prayers and sympathy to Jean Niemietz in the loss of her sister Helen Titzman.

Calling all LYO! We are getting together for a pool party at the Lavaca Pool in the Hallettsville Park on Friday, June 19th from 6:00 pm -10:00 pm. It's been a while since we have seen you! Hope to see you all there!

June Personal Care Item: nail clippers/file

Adult Education on Sundays: Pastor will email a Zoom link to you on Sunday morning if you would like to participate. Class will begin at 10:30 am. If you need help with Zoom, let us know and we'll do our best to get you going in the right direction.

Women's Bible Study will resume on Thursday, June 18th @ 12:00 pm

When's the last time you wore your favorite NASCAR shirt or jacket to church? How about your Yeti cap? Now you can. June 21 is "Name Brand Sunday". We're going all out for the guys, and I'll preach in a favorite Columbia PFG shirt! On June 21, Father's Day, we'll explore some of the deceptions men face as they make a name for themselves in everyday life. Invite a man to come with you. You will not want to miss it. We look forward to seeing you then.

We still have packets of Chrismon ornaments to be sewn in the office. We probably need about 80. It takes several hours to put one together, but if we all work together, it won't take as long. Each packet has supplies for the new ornament and an existing ornament for an example.

If you have prayer requests, you may email or call the office and leave a message.

St Peter VBS Rocky Railway will be on Sunday, July 19th-21st. All St Peter members entering kinder-entering 4th grade/ and or volunteer are invited to sign up @ vbspro.events/p/stpeterlch2020.

St. Peter has been my church family since we moved back to Hallettsville from Columbus in 1989. I moved to Bellville TX at the end of May to be closer to family. You will all be missed. Here is my new address and my phone is the same. God bless you all.

Joyce Koerth
721 Concordia B Drive
Bellville, TX 77418

Our Prayer List— *Requests listed 4 weeks unless otherwise requested.*

(For an additional list of prayer concerns & joys, please see the monthly newsletter)

Concerns for: Brinley Sitka, Dorothy Lorfing, Carl Tieken, Harper Huerkamp, Charlie Lee, Esther Castellow, Joylynn Gunn, President Trump, our country, all affected by Coronavirus & unemployment,

Extended concerns: Frank Koehler, Emma Henke, Joe Mozisek, Katie & Drew Mitchell, San Miguel & Santa Maria Lutheran Churches of Dallas Metroplex, Charlie Garmon, Carrie Besetsny, Safe House Church, DeWayne Dixon, Do Stoltenberg,

Other Concerns: Those in harm's way serving in our military, law enforcement, and in the medical field dealing with Covid-19

Grieving Families: Helen Titzman, Emma Eckert, Billie Boethel, Lane Johnson, Aline Wojtek, Evelyn Bohner, William Edward McAda, DVM, Steven Williams, Hazel Henderson, Tina Russ, Hazel Evans

This Week @ St. Peter

Sun June 14, 9:00 am Worship, 10:30 Adult Education on Zoom, 5:00 pm Worship

Mon June 15, 1 5:00 pm Social Ministry, 7:00 pm Women & Men in Mission

Tues June 16, 7:00 pm Prayer Group

Wed June 17

Thur June 18, 12:00 pm Women's Bible Study Returns

Fri June 19, LYO Pool Party at The Lavaca Pool in the Park from 6:00 pm -10:00 pm

Sat June 20

Sun June 21 9:00 am Worship, 10:30 Adult Education on Zoom, 5:00 pm Worship

Serving this weekend:

Sunday AM- *Assisting:* Barbara Grindeland

Communion Set Up: Barbara Koehn

Communion Clean Up: JoAnn Connelly

Organist: Carol Drozd

Ushers: Shannon DeForest, Wesley McAda, Luther Lorfing

Acolytes: Alyssa & Johanna Smith

Power Point Sunday: Carson Evans

Piano: Open

Greeters: Open

Altar Flowers given by: Carol Drozd for God's many blessings

Radio Ministry given by: Linda Smith in memory of mom, Adela Claus' birthday

Sunday PM *Assisting:* Aileen Peck

Communion Clean-Up: Rida Chovanetz

Organist: Sunday: Janis Muehr

Usher: Aaron Henke

Piano: Open

Greeters: Open

Openings for:

Radio: July 26, Aug 9, 16, 23, 30

Greeters: Open

Piano: Open

Flowers: Aug 9, 23

Readings for next Sunday, June 21

Malachi 3:1-4; Psalm 141; Acts 13:13-26; Luke 1:57-67 [68-80]

ATTENDANCE

06/07/20 Sun AM 40 & Sun Pm 27

**St. Peter Church Council Highlights
June 8, 2020**

- Women & Men in Mission Meeting 7:00 pm Monday, June 15th .
- LYO will be having a pool party at the Hallettsville Swimming Pool on June 19th from 6-10 pm.
- Youth are invited to a Youth gathering on July 31 & August 1 at Lutheran Church in Victoria.
- Educational Scholarships are due on June 30th .
- Women’s Bible Study will resume in person on Thursday, June 18th.
- Adult Bible Study will resume in person on Sunday, June 28th.
- Mark your calendar for Rally Day August 9th, lots of exciting things are being planned.
- Solid Rock is making plans for another Bingo night on October 3rd, Ladies mark your calendar.

• Benevolence for 2 nd Quarter:	
Peter’s Place	\$500
Cassin Leopold Benefit	1,500
Manna Food Pantry	500
Solid Rock	1,000
NALC Seminary	<u>500</u>
Total	\$4,000

Opening Hymn *God Is Here*(# 526)

1 God is here! As we your people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.

2 Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit;
here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.

3 Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.

4 Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!

Hymn of the Day: *Sing to the Lord of Harvest* (# 694)

1 Sing to the Lord of harvest
your songs of love and praise;
with joyful hearts and voices
your alleluias raise;
by him the rolling seasons
in fruitful order move;
sing to the Lord of harvest
a joyous song of love.

2 God makes the clouds drop fatness,
the deserts bloom and spring,
the hills leap up in gladness,
the valleys laugh and sing.
God fills them with his fullness,
all things with large increase
and crowns the year with goodness,
with plenty and with peace.

3 Bring to this sacred altar
the gifts his goodness gave,
the golden sheaves of harvest,
the souls Christ died to save.
Your hearts lay down before him
when at his feet you fall,
and with your lives adore him
who gave his life for all.

Closing Hymn Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (#834)

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!

2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

3 To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

4 Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render; oh, help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!