



The Episcopal Church of St. Peter by-the-Lake



Independence Day (Transferred)

July 5th, 2026

8:30 AM & 10:30AM Holy Eucharist

Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent; for this is the house of God.

**Before the service, speak to the Lord; during the service, let the Lord speak to you;
after the service (and during the peace) speak to one another.**

Thoughts for Independence Day

“Here is my creed. I believe in one God, creator of the universe: that He governs the worlds by his providence, that he ought to be worshipped. That the most acceptable service we can render to Him, is by doing good to his other children...These I take to be the fundamental principles of all sound religion, and I regard them as you do, in whatever sect I meet with them.” (Benjamin Franklin, The Literary Diary of Ezra Stiles)

“I will never, by any word or act, bow to the shrine of intolerance, or admit a right of inquiry into the religious opinions of others.” (Thomas Jefferson, letter to Edward Dowse, 1803).

“God’s time is always near. He set the North Star in the heavens. He gave me the strength in my limbs. He meant that I should be free.” (Harriet Tubman, letter to Ednah Dow Cheney, 1859.)

“The Holy Land is everywhere.” (Black Elk – Oglala Lakota Leader)

“Liberty is the breath of life to nations.” (George Bernard Shaw)

Faithfully,

Father Ron

The Liturgy of the Word

PRELUDE May God bless you during this time of quiet reflection and personal prayer.

OPENING VOLUNTARY *MATERNA* – arr. Robert Thygerson

ENTRANCE *God of our fathers*

Hymnal 718

GENERAL ACCLAMATION

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Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**

The Collect for Purity

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Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

8:30 am: *Celebrant:* Lord have mercy

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People: **Christ have mercy**

Celebrant: Lord have mercy

The Gloria (10:30 am)

Hymnal S 280

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. 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.

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, Amen

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray

Almighty Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Deuteronomy 10:17-21

Reader: A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

The Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the Lord your God; him alone you shall worship; to him you shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise; he is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 145:1-9

1 I will exalt you, O God my King, *

and bless your Name for ever and ever.

2 Every day will I bless you *

and praise your Name for ever and ever.

3 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *

there is no end to his greatness.

4 One generation shall praise your works to another *

and shall declare your power.

5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *

and all your marvelous works.

6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *

and I will tell of your greatness.

7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; *

they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, *

slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 The Lord is loving to everyone *

and his compassion is over all his works.

The Second Lesson

Hebrews 11:8-16

Reader: A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Sequence Hymn: *Let there be peace on earth*

Songbook 61

The Gospel (*standing*)

Matthew 5:43-48

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Ron Taylor

The Nicene Creed *(standing)*

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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.

The Prayers of the People Form VI

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(said responsively by celebrant and congregation)

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and José, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.
Silence The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
Silence The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
Silence The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession and Absolution

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Celebrant: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Leader and People:

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
In your compassion forgive us our sins, Known and unknown,
Things done and left undone; And so uphold us by your Spirit
That we may live and serve you in newness of life,
To the honor and glory of your Name;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Liturgy of the Table

The Offertory

O beautiful for spacious skies

Hymnal 719

At the Presentation

Doxology

Hymnal 380, stanza 3

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

The Bidding Prayer

Celebrant: This is the table of our Lord, Jesus Christ. It is made ready for all. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, You who have been here often and you who have not been here long, You who have tried to follow and those who struggle to find the path. Come, because it is God who invites you. It is God's will that those who desire to do so should meet God here.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer A)

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

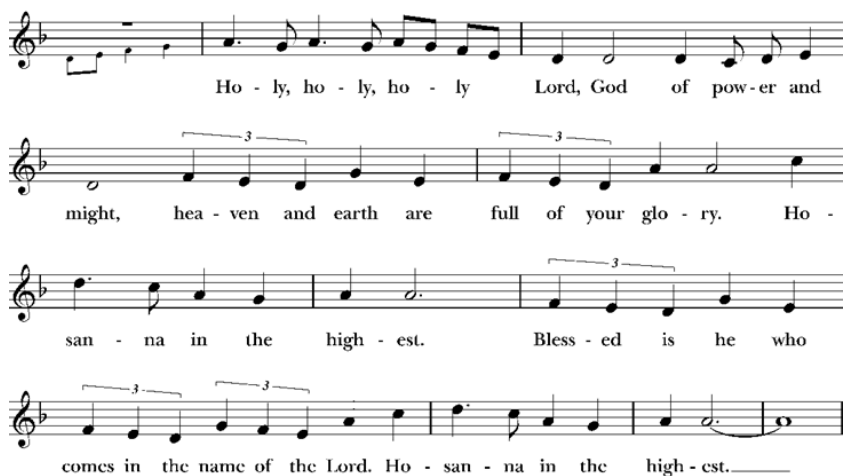
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. (Preface of the day.)
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

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The people kneel or sit.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.
He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People: **Christ has died.**
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

Danish 3-fold (10:30)

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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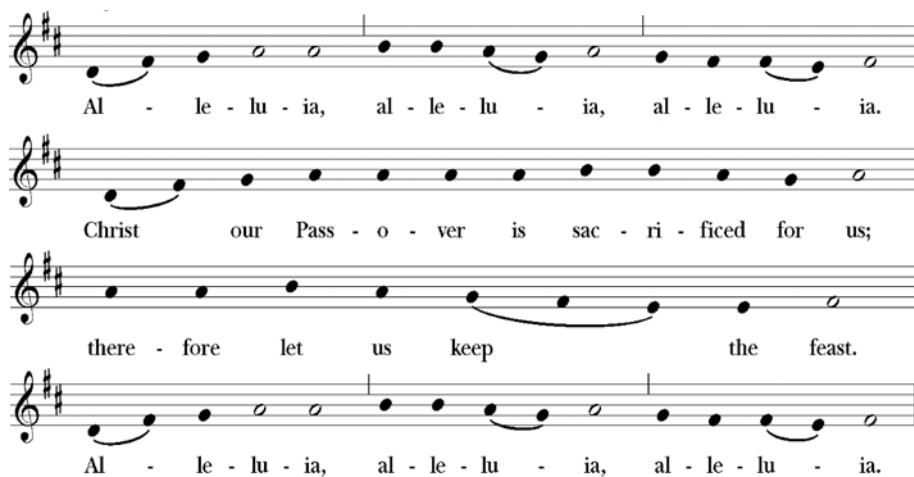
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

The Fraction Anthem



Administration of the Sacrament

Communion of the People

Communion Hymn *I come with joy to meet my Lord*

Hymnal 304

Post Communion Prayer (Celebrant and People)

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Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Sending Hymn:

This Is My Song



1. This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 2. My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
 3. This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king-dom's:



a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
 thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.



This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
 Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him.



here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
 and skies are ev - 'ry - where as blue as mine.
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.



but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing _____
 So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions, _____
 So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions, _____



— with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
 — a song of peace for their land and for mine.
 — my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.

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The Dismissal

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Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Closing Voluntary: NATIONAL HYMN – arr. Mary McDonald

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Dick & Beth Lunney
In honor of their children.*

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE

Check out the July & August Special Servant Schedule
and compare to your vacation schedule.

The sooner we know to find a sub, the easier that
will be! Or better yet, swap with another servant for
an available week!!

THANK YOU!!

SPBTL NEWS AND EVENTS

CENTERING PRAYER 10AM, Meets downstairs every Wed. Please join us!

COFFEE HOUR Sign up in Fotinos Hall or call the office.

MUSIC MINISTRY: **Chancel Choir** and **Handbell Choir** rehearsals are taking a break for the summer.

SUMMER CHOIR During the summer months, we will assemble a Gathering Choir each Sunday at 9:45AM to learn an easy-to-sing anthem for that same Sunday. Think of it as a Flash Mob Choir! Children and Youth are welcome too! Questions – Contact David at music@spbtl.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS —- Please check your calendars in advance so we don't have missing servants. We will see these Special Servants next week, 7/12/26:

8:30 AM

Chalice Bearer - Cathy Melesh
Ushers - Ronnie Rudd
Acolytes - Cathy Melesh
Reader - Libby Willis

10:30 AM

Chalice Bearers - Beckye Smith, Mary Sansbury
Ushers - Joe Anzalone, Roger Simpson
Acolytes - Freya & Greta Gustis
Reader - Diana Mushill
LLR - Cyndi Jarvis
Livestream - Beth Lunney, Andy Halasz

**Special Servant Schedule
July and August 2026**

DATE	7/5/2026	7/12/2026	7/19/2026	7/26/2026	
8:30	FIRST SERVICE	FIRST SERVICE	FIRST SERVICE	FIRST SERVICE	
Chalice Bearer	Sherrée Brady	Cathy Melesh	Jennifer Baker	Kathleen Wiley	
Usher	Mike & Angela Matousek	Ronnie Rudd	Cathy Melesh	Chad Hamby	
Acolyte	Cathy Melesh	Cathy Melesh	Libby Motto	Cathy Melesh	
Reader	Jennifer Baker	Libby Willis	Jennifer Baker	Cathy Melesh	
Coffee HOUR					
10:30	SECOND SERVICE	SECOND SERVICE	SECOND SERVICE	SECOND SERVICE	SECOND SERVICE
Chalice Bearer	Scott Major, Diane Davis	Becky Smith, Mary Sanbury	Diana Mushill, Sheryn Fletcher	Patty & Patrick Duggan	
Usher	Mary Sanbury, Mark White	Joe Anzalone, Roger Simpson	Dick Lunney, Duane Rinkus	Jim Racz, Kathy Campbell	
Acolyte	Michele Stewart, Isabelle Dalton	Freya & Greta Gustis	Zachary Ireland, Beckett Rinkus	Madison Ireland, Lilian Finch	
Reader	Bonnie Grant	Diana Mushill	Zoe Jarman	Jenny Hunter	
Livestream Tech	Bill Reid, Beth Lunney	Beth Lunney, Andy Halasz	Bill Reid, Zack Edwards	Walter Smith, Cha Wuerdeman	
Lay Reader	Matt Gustis	Cyndi Jarvis	Sherree Brady	Zoe Jarman	
Coffee HOUR	Bob & Claire Tracy				
Altar Guild	A. Bowden	J. McPeak	C. Hatley	B. Smith	
Flower	Dick & Beth Lunney	Michelle Stewart	Sherree Brady	Bill & Gloria Reid	
DATE	8/2/2026	8/9/2026	8/16/2026	8/23/2026	8/30/2026
8:30	FIRST SERVICE	FIRST SERVICE	FIRST SERVICE	FIRST SERVICE	FIRST SERVICE
Chalice Bearer	Michele Moss	Sherrée Brady	Cathy Melesh	Jennifer Baker	Kathleen Wiley
Usher	Helen Lungwitz	Steve & Cathy Hiney	Emily Gentry	Ron & Karen Horne	Mike & Angela Matousek
Acolyte	Michele Moss	Libby Motto	Cathy Hiney	Cathy Melesh	Michele Moss
Reader	Michele Moss	Susan Schuman	Sherree Brady	Karen Horne	Michele Moss
Coffee Hour					
10:30	SECOND SERVICE	SECOND SERVICE	SECOND SERVICE	SECOND SERVICE	SECOND SERVICE
Chalice Bearer	Jim & Stephanie Heil	Hope Paasch, Elaine Jacobs	John & Michele Stewart	Diane Davis, Frances Smith	Scott Major, Becky Smith
Usher	Claire / Bob Tracy	David Pylar, Mike Scaglione	Mary Sanbury, Sheryn Fletcher	Joe Anzalone, Kathy Campbell	Diana Mushill, Mark White
Acolyte	Bonnie Grant, Audrey Prouty	Michelle Stewart, Ava Prouty	Greta Gustis, Diana Mushill	Zachary Ireland, Grace Finch	Madison Ireland, Isabelle Dalton
Reader	Jan McDonald	Cyndi Jarvis	Andy Parton	Ginny Pretty	Frances Smith
Livestream Tech	Cha Wuerdeman, Beth Lunney	Andy Halasz, Walter Smith	Zach Edwards, Beth Lunney	Bill Reid, Andy Halasz	Walter Smith, Zach Edwards
Lay Reader					
Coffee Hour					
Altar Guild	A. Bowden	J. McPeak	C. Hatley	B. Smith	A. Bowden
Flower	Josette Anzalone	AVAILABLE	Josette Anzalone	Jim Bowden	Cathy Littlejohn

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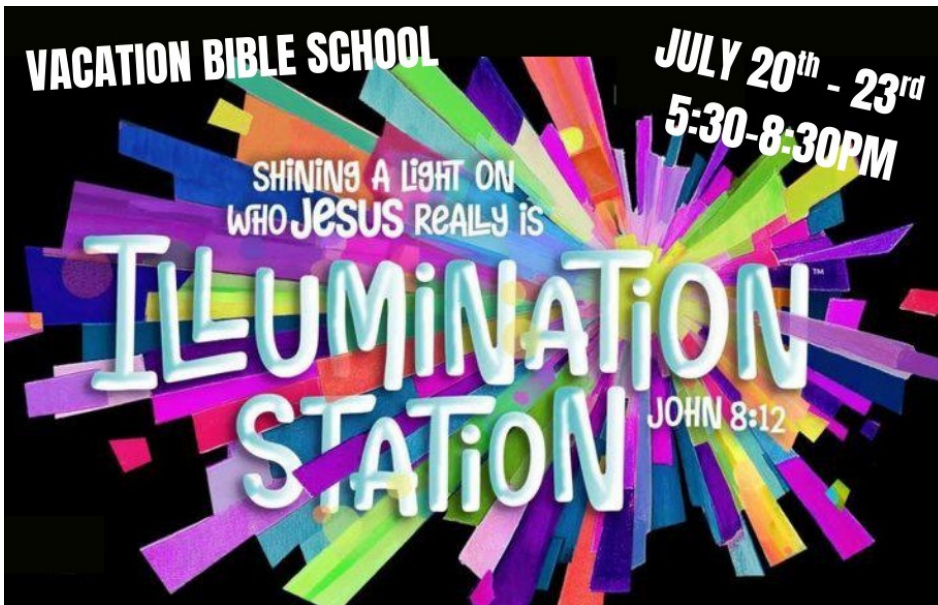


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<u>April YTD</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance YTD</u>
Revenue	\$152,156	\$159,943	-\$7,787
Expenses	\$165,812	\$159,943	-\$5,869
Net Total	-\$13,656	\$0	-\$13,656

Notes:

- Contributions given for support clergy are excluded from Revenue since non-budgeted
- Paid in full annual pledge contributions received are pro-rated for YTD Revenue



ST. PETER BY-THE-LAKE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ILLUMINATION VBS 2026

SIGN UP FORM

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name	:	
Email Address	:	
Phone Number	:	
Date of Birth	:	/ /
Address	:	
City	:	
ZIP/Postal Code	:	
State/Province	:	
Pick up Person	:	

REGISTRATION OPTION

☐ Small Blessing Newborn-4yrs	☐ Pre-k-2nd grade	☐ 3rd-5th grade
☐ 6th-8th grade	☐ 9th-12th grade	☐ Adult

VBS T-SHIRT (\$15)

Optional

☐ **SIZE**

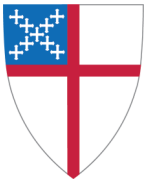
ALLERGIES?

FOOD RESTRICTIONS?

☐ Gluten Free	☐ Vegan	☐ Peanut/ Nuts	☐ None	☐ Other
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Jesus Christ, Head of the Church

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Livestream Tech: Bill Reid, Beth Lunney

Coffee Hour: Bob & Claire Tracy

THE VESTRY

Senior Warden – Stephanie Heil

Junior Warden – Mary Sansbury

Tracey Engel, Pat Higbie, Steve Hiney,
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Moss, John Stewart

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