

# The Episcopal Church of St. Peter by-the-Lake July 6, 2025



Independence Day (Transferred)
Holy Eucharist Rite II: 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

#### **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

**Opening Voluntary:** Adagio for Strings - Samuel Barber

Opening Hymn: "God of Our Fathers" Hymnal 718

GENERAL ACCLAMATION BCP pg. 355

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

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

#### The Collect for Purity

BCP pg. 355

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 BCP Pg. 356

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

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.

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

#### **PSALM 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 of Hebrews.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn: "O God of Every Nation" Hymnal 607

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 III

BCP pg. 387

(said responsively by celebrant and congregation)

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

#### **Confession and Absolution**

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Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Leader and People:

Most merciful God. we confess that 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. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. 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

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below, Praise God above ye heavenly hosts,

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#### **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.

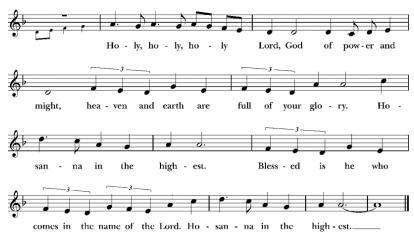
People: We lift them to the Lord.

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:

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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,

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.

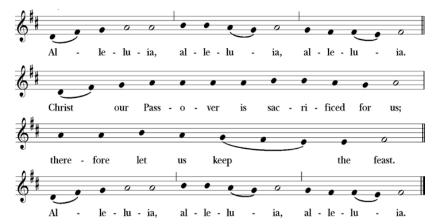
#### The Breaking of the Bread

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

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

#### **The Fraction Anthem**

Hymnal S 154



#### Administration of the Sacrament

#### **Communion of the People**

**Communion Hymn** 

'Brother, Let Me Be Your Servant'

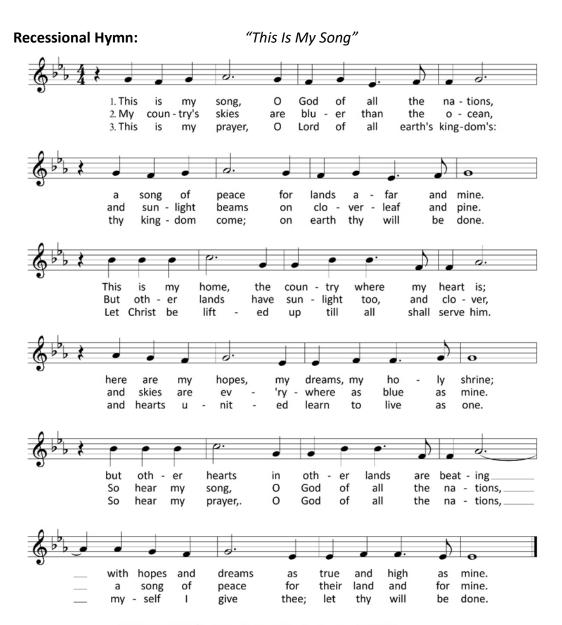
Songbook 107

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



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The Dismissal BCP pg. 366

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

People: Thanks be to God.

**Closing Voluntary:** O Day of Peace That Dimly Shines

Hymnal 597

#### Some summer fun brought to you by G & Christian Formation ~



#### SPBTL NEWS AND EVENTS

<u>CENTERING PRAYER</u> 10AM, Meets downstairs every Wed. Please join us! **COFFEE HOUR** Sign up in Fotinos Hall or call the office.

**LAST GAME NIGHT OF THE SUMMER**: Join the fun July 14th in Fotinos Hall for St. Peter's Game night! Bring a snack to share and a favorite game to play. Fun for all ages!

<u>VBS Registration is now open!</u> Look for the loose flyer in the bulletin. VBS will be July 21-24, 6-8PM, with dinner provided. Join in the fun to Discover the BIGNESS OF GOD!

<u>VALLE CRUCIS REGISTRATION</u> Is now open! Annual Parish Retreat will be October 17th–19th, 2025 See our website or Fotinos Hall for more info and a registration form.

**SUMMER CHOIR** If you like to sing but can't make weekday rehearsals, this is for you. We will meet on Sunday mornings in the Nave at 9:45 a.m. for rehearsal continuing through the months of July and August! Hope to see you there! Contact David Wilcox at music@spbtl.com for more information.

<u>HIGH NOON TEA</u>—July 13th from Noon—2pm. RSVP—Ginia at gedwards@spbtl.com Join us for an elegant gathering featuring delightful tea and a selection of three-course finger foods. Dress to impress in your Sunday best and don your finest high noon tea hats as we engage in conversation, partake in sophisticated games, and enjoy the experience of creating something new together.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** — Please check your calendars in advance so we don't have missing servants. We will see these Special Servants next week, 7/13/25:

#### 8:30 AM

Chalice Bearer— Jennifer Baker Usher— Cathy Melesh Acolyte - Tracey Engel Reader - Sherree Brady

#### 10:30 AM

Chalice Bearer— Hope Paasch, Elaine Jacobs,

Usher – Walter & Frances Smith

Acolyte - Jenny Hunter, Beckett Rinkus

Reader - John Stewart
LLR - Matt Gustis

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Tom and Cathy Grace in thanksgiving and celebration of their 56th wedding anniversary.

#### SPECIAL SERVANT SCHEDULE July August 2025

DATE	7/6/2025	7/13/2025	7/20/2025	7/27/2025	
8:30	FIRST SERVICE	FIRST SERVICE	FIRST SERVICE	FIRST SERVICE	
Chalice Bearer	Cathy Melesh	Jennifer Baker	Kathleen Wiley	Michele Moss	
Usher	Mike/Angela Matousek	Cathy Melesh	Ronnie Rudd	Chad Hamby	
Acolyte	Cathy Hiney	Tracey Engel	Cathy Melesh	Libby Motto	
Reader	Susan Schuman	Sherree Brady	Karen Horne	Diane Johnson	
Coffee HOUR					
10:30	SECOND SERVICE	SECOND SERVICE	SECOND SERVICE	SECOND SERVICE	
Chalice Bearer	Patty & Patrick Duggan	Hope Paaasch, Elaine Jacobs	Jim/Stephanie Heil	John/Michelle Stewart	
Usher	Duane Rinkus, Jim Racz	Claire/Bob Tracy	Walter/Frances Smith	Gary Johnston, David Plyler	
		Bonnie Grant, Zachary			
Acolyte	Madison Ireland, John Stewart	Ireland	Jenny Hunter, Beckett Rinkus	Ethan Graham, Lillian Finch	
Reader	Elaine Jacobs	Hope Paaasch	John Stewart	Jenny Hunter	
Livestream Tech	Bill Reid, Beth Lunney	Beth Lunney, Walter Smith	Beill Reid, Phillip Russo	Phillip Russo, Andy Halasz	
Lay Reader	Jim Bowden	Libby Motto	Matt Gustis	Cyndi Jarvis	
Coffee HOUR	Brittany & Jacob Seminara				
Altar Guild	A. Bowden	J. McPeak	C. Hatley	B. Smith	
Flower	Tom & Cathy Grace	Beth & Dick Lunney	Beckye Smith	Josette Anzalone	
Bread Guild	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4	
DATE	8/3/2025	8/10/2025	8/17/2025	8/24/2025	8/31/2025
8:30	FIRST SERVICE	FIRST SERVICE	FIRST SERVICE	FIRST SERVICE	FIRST SERVICE
Chalice Bearer	Sherree Brady	Cathy Melesh	Kathleen Wiley	Jennifer Baker	Michele Moss
Usher	Emily Gentry	Helen Lungwitz	Steve/Cathy Hiney	Tracey Engel	Jennifer Baker
Acolyte	Michele Moss	Cathy Hiney	Tracey Engel	Cathy Melesh	Libby Motto
Reader	Libby Willis	Jennifer Baker	Libby Motto	Cathy Melesh	Michele Moss
Coffee Hour					
10:30	SECOND SERVICE	SECOND SERVICE	SECOND SERVICE	SECOND SERVICE	SECOND SERVICE
Chalice Bearer	Diane Davis, Frances Smith	Scott Major, Beckye Smith	Mary Sansbury, Diana Mushill	Patty & Patrick Duggan	Hope Paasch, Elaine Jacob
Usher	Mary Sansbury, Joe Anzalone	Diana Mushill, Kathy Campbell	Roger Simpson, Gra Wagner	Dick Lunney, Duane Rinkus	Jim Racz, Mary Sansbury
Acolyte	Michelle Stewart, Boone Russo	Greta & Freya Gustis	Isabelle Dalton, Audrey Prouty	Madison Ireland, Ava Prouty	Bonnie Grant, Jack Dwye
Reader	Bonnie Grant	Priscilla Foley	Georgia Rummage	Diana Mushill	Cyndi Jarvis
Livestream Tech	Beth Lunney, Phillip Russo	Walter Smith, Bill Reid	Bill Reid, Andy Halasz	Phillip Russo, Walter Smith	th Lunney, Cha Wuerden
Lay Reader	Jim Bowden	Sherree Brady	Matt Gustis	Stephanie Heil	Libby Motto
Coffee Hour					
	A. Bowden	J. McPeak	C. Hatley	B. Smith	B. Smith
Altar Guild					
Altar Guild Flower	Jim Heil	Cyndi Jarvis	Josette Anzalone	Betsy Clements	Libby Motto

#### PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATE (as of 5/31/2025)

	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Variance YTD
Total Revenues	\$236,731	\$219,878	\$16,852
Total Expenses	\$223,690	\$219,648	(\$4,042)
Net Total	\$13,041	\$230	\$12,811

## ST. PETER BY-THE-LAKE EPISCOPAL CHURCH MAGNIFIED VBS 2025

### **SIGN UP FORM**



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#### Jesus Christ, Head of the Church

Ministers: All members of the Church The Rt. Rev. José A. McLoughlin, Bishop

Rector: The Rev. Dr. Ron Taylor

**Christian Formation Director:** Ginia Edwards

**Director of Music:** David Wilcox

**Director of Music Emeritus:** Leigh Ann Johnston

Licensed Lay Reader: Jim Bowden

**Ushers:** Mike/Angela Matousek, Duane Rinkus, Jim Racz **Chalice Bearers:** Cathy Melesh, Patty Duggan, Michelle Stewart

Acolytes: Cathy Hiney, Zachary Ireland, John Stewart

Readers: Susan Schuman, Elaine Jacobs

Altar Guild Team 1 – Ann & Jim Bowden, Sherree Brady, Priscilla Foley, Vickie

Jordan, Lara Readling, Gloria Reid, Frances Smith, Katie Hamby

Bread Guild Team 1: Vickie Jordan, Libby Barger Livestream Tech: Bill Reid, Beth Lunney Coffee Hour: Brittany & Jacob Seminara

#### THE VESTRY

Senior Warden – Jessica Gustis Junior Warden – Stephanie Heil

Tracy Engel, Pat Higbie, Gary Jarvis, Connie Mathis, Bill Reid, Mary Sansbury, Pamela Weed

Clerk of the Vestry: Daphne Wagner

#### **MISSION STATEMENT:**



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