



ST. PETER'S
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Family Mass

10:30 am | February 22, 2026
First Sunday in Lent

Welcome to St. Peter's! From the moment you walk through these doors, you are part of our 136-year story. Many like you have come here before. Some seeking solace. Some seeking community. Some who are young. Some who are old. Some with deep faith. Some with deep doubt. Some who are here for a short time. Some who are here for their whole lives. Together, we are the saints of St. Peter's, and we share the story of this place.

It is Family Sunday! All families are welcome—large and small, families of birth and of choice. At St. Peter's, part of our mission is to “celebrate children and youth”, and Family Sunday is one way we do that. Today and every last Sunday of the month, children play an even greater role in our worship and our liturgy is adapted for younger participants

Restrooms are available in Bender Hall, through the north doors and down the ramp. There you will find individual restrooms on the left and men's and women's restrooms with changing tables through the second door and to your far right.



St. Peter's is equipped with a hearing loop for those using hearing aids.

This service is live streamed on YouTube. Please be aware you may be seen or heard by those worshiping with us online.

If you would like to learn more about St. Peter's or to have a prayerful conversation, please don't hesitate to reach out! You can find my contact information on the back of this leaflet. And again, welcome!

The Rev. Derek Larson, TSSF

The congregation, both children and adults, is invited to worship through art, if desired, by drawing a picture of one of the Scripture readings for the day. At the offertory the art will be brought forth to adorn the altar for Communion. Clipboards and coloring utensils may be found at each entrance.

We Explore God's Word

All are invited to stand as the service begins

*As we gather to pray, the
first thing we do is praise
God for goodness and love.*

Hymn: Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days (H1982 #142)

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray,
teach us with thee to mourn our sins and close by thee to stay.
As thou with Satan didst contend and didst the victory win,
O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to conquer sin.
As thou didst hunger bear and thirst, so teach us, gracious Lord,
to die to self, and chiefly live by thy most holy Word.
And through these days of penitence, and through thy Passiontide,
yea, evermore, in life and death Jesus! with us abide.
Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering overpast,
an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last!

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures for ever. Amen.**

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept

All 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.**

Kyrie (H1982 S-96)

Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy, Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy, have mercy.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

In this prayer called the “collect,” the priest “collects” or “gathers” the themes of the lesson, the season, and the congregation.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Now we listen to the story and lessons of God and God’s people in Scripture.

The Lord God put the man in the Garden of Eden to take care of it and to look after it. But the Lord told him, “You may eat fruit from any tree in the garden, except the one that has the power to let you know the difference between right and wrong. If you eat any fruit from that tree, you will die before the day is over!”

The snake was sneakier than any of the other wild animals that the Lord God had made. One day it came to the woman and asked, “Did God tell you not to eat fruit from any tree in the garden?”

The woman answered, “God said we could eat fruit from any tree in the garden, except the one in the middle. He told us not to eat fruit from that tree or even to touch it. If we do, we will die.”

“No, you won’t!” the snake replied. “God understands what will happen on the day you eat fruit from that tree. You will see what you have done, and you will know the difference between right and wrong, just as God does.”

The woman stared at the fruit. It looked beautiful and tasty. She wanted the wisdom that it would give her, and she ate some of the fruit. Her husband was there with her, so she gave some to him, and he ate it too. At once they saw what they had done, and they realized they were naked. Then they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn: Jesus Creed

D G A D
 Je-sus said, "The first com mand-ment is this:___ Hear, O Is-ra-el: The

5 G A A^(sus4) A⁷ G D
 Lord our God is the on - ly Lord. Love the Lord your God___ with all_ your heart,

10 A Bm A G
 ___ with all_ your_ soul,___ with all_ your_ mind,___ and with all your strength.

13 D A G D A
 ___ The sec-ond is this:___ Love your neigh bor_ as___ your self. There is___ no_

18 Bm A G A D
 oth-er com mand ment great - er___ than_ these.___ A - men.___

The Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Gospeller The ✠ Holy ✠ Gospel of our ✠ Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.

People **Glory to You Lord Christ.**

The Holy Spirit led Jesus into the desert, so that the devil could test him. After Jesus had gone without eating for 40 days and nights, he was very hungry. Then the devil came to him and said, "If you are God's Son, tell these stones to turn into bread."

Jesus answered, "The Scriptures say:

'No one can live only on food. People need every word that God has spoken.' "

Next, the devil took Jesus into the holy city to the highest part of the temple. The devil said, "If you are God's Son, jump off. The Scriptures say: 'God will give his angels orders about you. They will catch you in their arms, and you won't hurt your feet on the stones.' "

Jesus answered, "The Scriptures also say, 'Don't try to test the Lord your God!' "

Finally, the devil took Jesus up on a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms on earth and their power. The devil said to him, "I will give all this to you, if you will bow down and worship me."

Jesus answered, "Go away Satan! The Scriptures say:

'Worship the Lord your God and serve only him.' "

Then the devil left Jesus, and angels came to help him.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

HOMILY - The Rev. Derek Larson *(seated)*

A moment of quiet reflection will follow the homily.

In the homily, the priest, deacon, or other minister helps us understand the stories and teachings of Scripture.

The Nicene Creed

(standing)

The creed is a sacred teaching passed down to us for hundreds of years to remind us of the story of the triune God.

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

(standing or kneeling, as able)

Now we pray to ask God to support our common life. We name all the things that are important to us, and especially those people in our families and communities that are in need.

Deacon Let us join together in prayer, out loud or quietly.

Leader First, we pray for our church family and all those who help us remember the love of Jesus. Who helps you remember the love of Jesus?

[Pause – say out loud or think quietly of those people, places, and things that show you God’s love.]

Leader We say, “Help us follow you, God.”

People **Help us follow you, God.**

Leader Second, we pray for all those in our communities who lead us and keep us safe. Who keeps you safe?

[Pause – say out loud or think quietly of those who keep you safe.]

Leader We say, “Give them wisdom, God.”

People **Give them wisdom, God.**

Leader Third, we pray for people or situations that make us feel worried, afraid, mad, or sad. What hurts your heart?

[Pause – say out loud or think quietly of things that make you worried, afraid, mad, or sad. Hold them up to God.]

Leader We say, “Help us, God.”

People **Help us, God.**

Leader Fourth, we pray for those we know who are sick or hurt, or who have ✠ died, especially Kyle Weronik, and those on our parish prayer list. Who are you thinking of?

[Pause – say out loud or think quietly of the names of people—or animals—who are sick or hurt or who have died.]

Leader We say, “Give them strength, God.”

People **Give them strength, God.**

Leader Fifth, we say “thank you” to God for all the good things that happen in our lives. What are you thankful for today?

[Pause – say out loud or think quietly of things for which you want to say “thank you” to God]

Leader We say, “Thank you, God.”

People **Thank you, God.**

Celebrant God, hear and answer our prayers with your wisdom and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be
always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Before we share communion, we greet one another with the sign of peace. You can shake hands, give high-fives, wave, hug, kiss, or simply say hello.

Prayer for birthdays, anniversaries, and milestones:

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE OFFERTORY



The congregation is invited to offer gifts to God through the mission of St. Peter's. Our ushers will pass an offering basin for your gifts, or you may give online using the QR code to your left or on our website. Thank you for your ministry of giving.

Now we offer to God our love and service through art, money, bread, and wine. We place them on the altar as a gift to God.

Offertory Sentence:

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory Anthem: They Shall Soar Like Eagles – Laura Manzo
Neal Ward, Violin

At the doxology, the congregation is invited to come forward with their art to adorn the altar as an offering of their creativity and prayer.

Doxology *(please stand) all singing together*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

We Gather at God's Table

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Common Prayer, Additional Eucharistic Prayer One

At God's table, which is also called an altar, we pray a prayer of thanksgiving and remember all that God has done for us.

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 God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant Holy, holy, *People* **Holy!**

Celebrant It is always right to give you thanks, God our Creator, loving and faithful, holy and strong. You made us and the whole universe and filled your world with life.

Celebrant Holy, holy, *People* **Holy!**

Celebrant By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Celebrant Holy, holy, *People* **Holy!**

Celebrant You send your Spirit to bring new life to the world, and clothe us with power from on high. And so we join the angels to celebrate and sing:

All singing together (WLP, H858 Hymn tune: Land of Rest)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed ✠ is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant Father, on the night before he died, Jesus shared a meal with his friends. He took the bread, and thanked you. He broke it, and gave it to them, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me. ✠

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine. He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you. This is my blood, the new promise of God's unfailing love. Do this to remember me. ✠

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Setting: Ambrosian chant; adapt. Mason Martens (b. 1938)

Celebrant Father, as we bring this bread and wine, and remember his death and resurrection, send your Holy Spirit, that we who share these gifts may be fed by Christ's body and blood. Pour your Spirit on us ✠ that we may love one another, work for the healing of the earth, and share the good news of Jesus, as we wait for his coming in glory. For honor and praise belong to you, Father, with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit: one God, for ever and ever.

This part is called the "Epiciclesis," where we ask God to send the Holy Spirit upon the bread and wine and upon us, God's people.

All singing together (S146)

Amen



Setting: McNeil Robinson II (b. 1943)

Celebrant And now, in the words that Jesus taught us, we are bold to say,

Lord's Prayer

G C D G C D

Our Fa-ther, who art in heav - en, hal-low-ed be thy Name, —
Give us this day our dai - ly bread. And for give us our tres-pass - es,

9 Em D/F# G Am⁷ G D/F# 1. 3

thy king-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heav'n.
as we for- give — those — who tres pass a - gainst — us.

19 2. Am⁷ Bm⁷ C D

And lead us not in-to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us — from e - vil.

28 D(sus4) D G Gmaj7 G Am⁷

For thine is the king - dom, and the pow - er, and the glo - ry,

36 Am¹³ Am⁷ C Cmaj7 D D7 G(sus4) G(add2) G

for — ev - er and ev - er. A - men. —

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

O Lamb of God, that tak-est a - way the sins of the
world, have mer - cy up - on — us. us. O
Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sins
of the world, grant us thy peace.

Celebrant This is God's table. Jesus is the host. We are the guests.

✠ Share in God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

You are invited to receive communion this morning, an ancient practice intended for all baptized Christians, no matter your tradition. You may receive just the bread (which is full participation in the sacrament), or both the bread and the wine by sipping directly from the chalice. You may also receive by intinction, in which case the minister will dip the bread in the chalice for you. You may receive the bread in your hand or on your tongue.

Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister.

If you would prefer not to receive communion, you may also come forward and cross your arms over your chest for a blessing.

Communion Hymn: I Am the Bread of Life (H1982 #335)

I am the bread of life; they who come to me shall not hunger;

They who believe in me shall not thirst.

No one can come to me unless the Father draw them.

Refrain: And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up,
And I will raise them up on the last day.

The Bread that I will give is my Flesh for the life of the world,

And they who eat of this bread, they shall live forever, they shall live forever. **Refrain**

Unless you eat of the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink of his Blood,

You shall not have life within you, you shall not have life within you. **Refrain**

I am the Resurrection; I am the life.

They who believe in me, even if they die, they shall live for ever. **Refrain**

Yes, Lord we believe that you are the Christ,

the Son of God who has come into the world. **Refrain**

A FINAL PRAYER AND A BLESSING

All **Holy God, we thank you for being present here in the Communion we shared, and for this taste of your feast. We pray that you will be in our minds and hearts as we leave this place, showing us the best way to go and giving us the strength and courage to follow it. Amen.**

Deacon Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee.

People **And kneel before the Lord our maker.**

The people kneel as able. Silence is kept

Celebrant Grant, most merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Invitation to Mission *Please be seated*

Some brief announcements for the mission of the church are offered.

Our Parish Mission *(Please stand)*

We, at St. Peter's, strive to be a welcoming Christian community of all ages that embodies God's word and sacraments, invites spiritual curiosity, celebrates children and youth, and embraces the world with God's Love.

Hymn: Lord, Prepare Me to be a Sanctuary

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you. **Repeat**

THE DISMISSAL – SENDING US INTO THE WORLD

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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***Flowers in the Narthex are given in Thanksgiving and Honor of the
72nd Wedding Anniversary of June and Don Rayburn
by Larry & Joan Rayburn, Kellye Pollard, and Rich Hatle***

Ministers serving today:

Celebrant: The Rev. Derek Larson

Deacon: The Rev. Denise Healy

Organist: Helen Jones

St. Peter's Choir Neal Ward, Violin

Reader: Piper Stevens

Intercessor: Dylan Hunt

Crucifer: Christy Lyle

Altar Guild

Acolytes: Elizabeth Lyle, Glenn Lyle

Eucharistic Ministers: Mike Booher, Christy Wilson

Ushers: Mark Conner, Frank Cummings

By the Numbers:

Last Sunday's Attendance (including 6 online): 103

Average Sunday Attendance in 2026: 113

Ash Wednesday Attendance: 94 (including 7 online)

Readings for next Sunday, March 1, 2026:

Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

Are you on our email list? More announcements can be found in our weekly "This Week at St. Peter's" email. Remember that you can also check <https://www.stpetersplantcity.com/calendar> for up-to-date calendar listings.

Take note:

- Today at 9:15am - Youth and Children's Sunday School with classes for toddlers, elementary schoolers, and teenagers!
- Pathfinders: Join our adult Sunday School class each Sunday at 9:15am in Lent for a series on prayer.
- Engage Café, Wednesday at 5:30pm in Bender Hall. RSVP by noon Monday.
- The Sacrament of Confession is available on Wednesdays in Lent in the church from 4:45pm-5:15pm or by appointment.
- Our parish is reading the book "Praying Like Monks, Living Like Fools" in the season of Lent. Order your copy and join a discussion group.
- Be sure to see TW@SP for our many Outreach opportunities.
- Please take this short, anonymous survey on prayer by scanning the QR code as we reflect on the role it has in our parish.



Please Pray For:

- Amanda, Anthony, Bill, Bill, Billie, Bernice, Betty, Bruce, Bud, Carol, Carolyn, Charley, Chris, Dale, Darlene, Daryll, David, David, Don, Dorothy, Drex, Ellie, Evelyn, Everidge Family, Evon, Fred, Glenn, Gregg, Hugh, Jackie, James, Jane, Janet, Janice, Janice, Jason, Jeff, Jenna, Jim, Jim, JoAnne, John, John & Jane, June, Leslie & family, Linda, Luke, Marilyn, Mary, Mary, Mary Katherine, Nora, Priscilla & Robert, Richard, Rosemary, Sally, Sandra, Sarah, Shirley, Stephanie, Su, Susan, Susan, Susanne, Terri, Thomas, Tim, Tracey, Vernette
- Our Neighbors at Laundry Love and Friends in the Park
- The victims of violence and injustice in our own country and around the world.
- People of the Middle East
- The recently departed: Kyle Weronik
- Those celebrating birthdays: Harry Solloway 02/23, Melinda Corley 02/23, Steven McCall 02/27, Jeremy Ham 02/27, Jace Clark 02/27, Eileen Jelsovsky 02/28.
- Those celebrating anniversaries: June & Don Rayburn 02/23, Patsy & James Winkler 02/23, Rebecca & Christopher Thomas 02/24.
- Those expecting a child and their families: Grace Everett (3/26), LauraAnn Larson (5/26), Brittany Eukovich Wilhelm (5/26), Laura Booher Benton (7/26), Carley Sicignano (7/26)
- St. Peter's Vestry: Brian, Chris, Christy, Diana, Eda, Lindsay, Mark, Ron, Sandy
- Members of our community serving in the armed forces: Aden, Andrew, Austin, Brendan, Christopher, Dayna, Forrest, Kyle, Logan, Matt, Matthew, Nick, Paul, Robert, Scott, Timothy, Trace, Yasmine

Parish Administration:

Rector: The Rev. Derek Larson, TSSF

Deacon: The Rev. Denise Healy

Parish Administrator: Sarah Dean

Director of Music Ministries: Helen Jones

Treasurer: Trey Stevens

Sexton: Tony Wilson

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Lindsay Hunt, Diana Johnson, Christy Lyle (Senior Warden),
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DID YOU FIND OUR CHURCH MICE?



St. Peter's has three resident mice clergy for our mouse congregation! Find all three and after mass tell Fr. Derek where they are for a cute sticker.