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## **Family Service with Holy Communion**

**10:30 am | July 27, 2025**

**Seventh Sunday After Pentecost**

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Welcome to St. Peter's! From the moment you walk through these doors, you are part of our 135-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.

This service is live streamed on YouTube. Please be aware you may be seen or heard by those worshipping 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*

### **Hymn: Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven (H1982 #410)**

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet thy tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing:  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to his people in distress;  
praise him still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;  
in his hand he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him; ye behold him face to face;  
sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

*Celebrant* Welcome in the name of God who is  
Thoughtful Creator, Good Shepherd,  
and Guiding Breath.

*People* **Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.**

*We gather in the  
name of the triune  
(three-in-one) God  
with a greeting,  
saying hello to God  
and one another.*

*All*                      *See pew card for music*

**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.**

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant:* God is with you.

*People:* **God is also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

O God, you are the protector of all who trust in you. Have mercy upon us, that we may pass through things that are temporary, and not lose those things which are eternal. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

## THE READINGS *(seated)*

### **The First Lesson: Colossians 2:6-15**

You have accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord. Now keep on following him. Plant your roots in Christ and let him be the foundation for your life. Be strong in your faith, just as you were taught. And be grateful.

Don't let anyone fool you by using senseless arguments. These arguments may sound wise, but they are only human teachings. They come from the powers of this world and not from Christ.

God lives fully in Christ. And you are fully grown because you belong to Christ, who is over every power and authority. Christ has also taken away your selfish desires, just as circumcision removes flesh from the body. And when you were baptized, it was the same as being buried with Christ. Then you were raised to life because you had faith in the power of God, who raised Christ from death. You were dead, because you were sinful and were not God's people. But God let Christ make you alive, when he forgave all our sins.

God wiped out the charges that were against us for disobeying the Law of Moses. He took them away and nailed them to the cross. There Christ defeated all powers and forces. He let the whole world see them being led away as prisoners when he celebrated his victory.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 85**

*(People respond saying bold text)*

<sup>1</sup> Our Lord, you have blessed your land

and made all go well for Jacob's descendants.

<sup>2</sup> **You have forgiven the sin**

**and taken away the guilt of your people.**

<sup>3</sup> Your fierce anger is no longer aimed at us.

<sup>4</sup> **Our Lord and our God, you save us!**

**Please bring us back home and don't be angry.**

<sup>5</sup> Will you always be angry with us and our families?

<sup>6</sup> Won't you give us fresh life and let your people be glad because of you?

<sup>7</sup> **Show us your love and save us!**

<sup>8</sup> I will listen to you, Lord God, because you promise peace

to those who are faithful and no longer foolish.

<sup>9</sup> **You are ready to rescue everyone who worships you,**

**so that you will live with us in all your glory.**

<sup>10</sup> Love and loyalty will come together;

goodness and peace will unite.

<sup>11</sup> **Loyalty will sprout from the ground;**

**justice will look down from the sky above.**

<sup>12</sup> Our Lord, you will bless us;

our land will produce wonderful crops.

<sup>13</sup> **Justice will march in front,**

**making a path for you to follow.**

## **Sequence Hymn: Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God (H1982 #711)**

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you; Allelu, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Allelu, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you, seek, and ye shall find,  
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you! Allelu, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Allelu, alleluia!

## **The Gospel: Luke 11:1-13**

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

When Jesus had finished praying, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his followers to pray.”

So Jesus told them, “Pray in this way:  
‘Father, help us to honor your name.  
Come and set up your kingdom.  
Give us each day the food we need.  
Forgive our sins, as we forgive everyone  
who has done wrong to us.  
And keep us from being tempted.’ ”

Then Jesus went on to say:

Suppose one of you goes to a friend in the middle of the night and says, “Let me borrow three loaves of bread. A friend of mine has dropped in, and I don't have a thing for him to eat.” And suppose your friend answers, “Don't bother me! The door is bolted, and my children and I are in bed. I cannot get up to give you something.”

He may not get up and give you the bread, just because you are his friend. But he will get up and give you as much as you need, simply because you are not ashamed to keep on asking.

So I tell you to ask and you will receive, search and you will find, knock and the door will be opened for you. Everyone who asks will receive, everyone who searches will find, and the door will be opened for everyone who knocks. Which one of you fathers would give your hungry child a snake if the child asked for a fish? Which one of you would give your child a scorpion if the child asked for an egg? As bad as you are, you still know how to give good gifts to your children. But your heavenly Father is even more ready to give the Holy Spirit to anyone who asks.

*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.*

## THE CHILDREN'S CREED *(standing)*

**We believe in God above.  
We believe in Jesus' love.  
We believe the Spirit, too,  
comes to tell us what to do.  
We believe that we can be  
good and true, dear Lord, like you.**

*We say (or sing) together  
the things that we  
believe in – “creed”  
comes from the word  
“credo,” I believe.*

## OUR PARISH MISSION

*Deacon:* Let us affirm our Parish Mission.

**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.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*(standing, sitting, or kneeling)*

*Leader* Let's join together in prayer, out loud or quietly.

*Leader* Let's take a moment to say “thank you” to God  
for all the good things that happen in our lives.  
What things you are 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 so much, God.”

*People* **Thank you so much, God.**

*Leader* Now we pray for those we know who are sick or  
hurt, or who have died, especially Robert Manee.

*[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, “God is with them.”

*People* **God is with them.**

*Leader* We pray for people or situations that make us  
feel worried, afraid, mad, or sad.

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

We pray for the special needs and concerns of this  
congregation.

*Leader* We say, “Help us God, we trust in you.”

*People* **Help us God, we trust in you.**

*“Intercessory” Prayer—  
asking God to help the  
people we care about—is  
an important and ancient  
part of worship. We  
thank God for the  
wonderful people and  
things in our lives and  
ask God to help us when  
the people we love or  
sick or have died, or  
when we are worried or  
sad. We say the Prayers  
of the People together, so  
feel free to be bold and  
speak up at any point  
during our prayer time.*

## THE PEACE

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

*We greet one another in the love of Christ, saying "Peace" or "The Peace of the Lord." You can use a handshake, hug, or kiss with your family; try a wave, a peace sign, a bow—or something more creative—with those around you and around the church.*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **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.*

**Offertory Sentence:** Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

### **Hymn: Be Thou My Vision (H1982 #488)**

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
all else be nought to me, save that thou art—  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father; thine own may I be;  
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

High King of heaven, when victory is won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

*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

*Celebrant* The Lord is with you.

*People* **The Lord is 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* It is always right to give you thanks, God our Creator, loving and faithful, holy and strong. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. We thank you and praise you and join the choir of angels as we sing these words:

*All singing together (H1982 S-124)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant* On the night before he died, Jesus shared a meal with his friends. He took bread and thanked you. He broke it, and shared it with his friends, saying:

*All* **This is my body, given for you. Whenever you eat it, do this to remember me.**

*Celebrant* After the meal, Jesus took a cup filled with wine. He thanked you, and shared it with his friends, saying:

*All* **This is my blood, shed for you. Whenever you drink it, do this to remember me.**

*Celebrant* Great is the mystery of faith:

*All* **Christ has died; Christ is risen;  
Christ will come again.**

*When we move to the Table, we've entered the second part of the service. Here we tell the story of Jesus' meal with his friends.*

*The prayer we are using has you, the congregation, join with the priest in blessing this meal. If you want to, you can also join in the motions the priest is making with his hands. What do you think these motions mean?*

*This part is called the "Epicicles," which means the summoning or calling of the Holy Spirit. This is included in every Eucharistic Prayer.*



*Celebrant* Holy God, visit us now by the power of your Spirit in this bread and this wine, making them the Body and Blood of Christ, the feast of heaven here on earth.

*All* **Make us holy as well, bringing us close to you in love and peace as long as we live on earth.**

*Celebrant* 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 God, now and for ever.

*All* **AMEN.**

*This is known as the "Great Amen." Amen here means "yes" or "so be it!" It is when we all join our voices together to affirm (say yes to) the prayers and words that have come before*

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

*All* **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* We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

*People* **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

*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.

*Many people make the sign of the cross on themselves before receiving the bread or wine, and many respond "Amen" after receiving—what you do is up to you.*

*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: For the Bread Which You Have Broken (H1982 #341)**

For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured,  
for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.

By this pledge, Lord, that you love us, by your gift of peace restored,  
by your call to heaven above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord.

As our blessed ones adore you, seated at our Father's board,  
may the Church still waiting for you keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.

In your service, Lord, defend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward,  
in the world to which you send us let your kingdom come, O Lord.

## **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.**

*The Priest blesses the people*

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## **Hymn: I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing**

I'm gonna **SING** when the Spirit says sing,  
I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says sing,  
I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says sing,  
And obey the Spirit of the Lord.

I'm Gonna **PRAY** when the Spirit says pray ...

I'm Gonna **SHOUT** when the Spirit says shout ...

## **THE DISMISSAL – SENDING US INTO THE WORLD**

*Deacon*    Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the  
                 power of the Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

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**Ministers serving today:**

Celebrant: The Rev. Derek Larson

Organist: Helen Jones

Readers: Piper Stevens, Charlotte Weronik

Ushers: Maureen & Bruce Nichols

Deacon: The Rev. Denise Healy

St. Peter's Choir

Altar Guild

Eucharistic Ministers:

**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.**

**By the Numbers:**

Last Sunday's Attendance (including 7 online): 83

Average Sunday Attendance in 2025: 110

Weekly Income and Expenses Budgeted: \$7,000 (\$1,000 a day).

Finances Week of July 13, 2025: Income: \$6,726.50.

**Readings for next Sunday, August 3:**

Hosea 11:1-11, Psalm 107:1-9, 43, Colossians 3:1-11, Luke 12:13-21

**Take note:**

- **PATHFINDERS:** Have you wanted to travel to the Holy Lands, but it's not in your budget to go right now? Join us in the Pathfinders Class this summer! We will be driving thru history with Dave Stotts program *Drive Thru History – the Gospels* and exploring the many regions that Christ and his followers walked through. Passports not required.
- Sunday, August 10th at 9:15am- Intergenerational Program Year Kick-Off. Join us for games, treats, announcements, recognitions, and an overview of St. Peter's offerings for the rest of the year.
- Sunday, August 10th at 10:30am- Blessing of the Backpacks. Bring your backpacks for a special blessing over all students and education workers. We will also bless school supplies donated to local schools.
- Sunday, August 18th at 9:15am- Youth and Children's Sunday School begins, this year with separate classes for toddlers, elementary schoolers, and teenagers!
- Sunday, August 18th at 9:15am- New Pathfinders Series: Our Shared Faith- a Look at the Episcopal Tradition. This class also acts as preparation for confirmation and reception into the Episcopal Church. Contact Fr. Derek for more details.
- Tuesdays at 10:30am – Lectionary Bible Study with the Rector.

**Please Pray For:**

- Anthony; Ashley, Attlee, Denise, Marehnah & Anthony; Bernie, Bill, Bill, Bernice, Betty, Bud, Carol, Carolyn, Charley, Chris, Daphne, Darlene, Daryll, David, Dorothy, Drex, Ellie, Evelyn, Evon, Frank, Frankie, Fred, Glen, Gregg, Hugh, James, Janet, Janice, Janice, Jason, Jeff & Jule, Jenna, John, John & Jane, Luke, Lyn, Marilyn, Mary, Nancy, Nora, Priscilla & Robert, Richard, Roger, Sally, Sally, Sarah, Shirley, Stephanie, Steve & Jennifer, Su, Teri, Thomas, Tim, Tom & Quincey, Our Neighbors at Laundry Love, 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: Robert Manee
- Those celebrating birthdays: Cynthia Crumpton 07/27, Scott Collins 07/31, Emerson Gaede 08/01.
- Those celebrating anniversaries: Michael Dotson & Charles Kellner 0730.
- St. Peter's Vestry: Christy, Cindy, Eda, Mark, Neal, Patti, Patty, Ron, Sandy
- Members of our community serving in the armed forces:  
Aden, Andrew, 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**

**Nursery Leader:**

**Vestry: Sandy Black, Patti Booher (Senior Warden), Mark Conner,  
Ron Everett (Junior Warden), Cindy Gutowski,  
Patty Linder (Clerk), Christy Lyle, Eda Snyder, Neal Ward**



**Holy Eucharist every Sunday at 8am and 10:30am  
TruthWalkers (Godly Play-style Sunday School)  
and Preschool Sunday School at 9:15am**

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**Did you find our church mice?  
John Mousely is the one preaching. Thomas Cracker is  
the one praying. Find them both and tell Fr. Derek  
where they are for a cute sticker.**