



ST. PETER'S
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EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Holy Eucharist Rite II

10:30 am | August 24, 2025

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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.

In the Episcopal tradition, our worship is guided by *The Book of Common Prayer*, which can be found in the pews, along with the *Hymnal 1982*, but everything for today's service can also be found in this leaflet.

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.

Hymn: All Praise to Thee, For thou, O King Divine (H1982 #477)

All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine,
didst yield the glory that of right was thine,
that in our darkened hearts thy grace might shine. Alleluia!

Thou cam'st to us in lowliness of thought;
by thee the outcast and the poor were sought;
and by thy death was God's salvation wrought. Alleluia!

Let this mind be in us which was in thee,
who wast a servant that we might be free,
humbling thyself to death on Calvary. Alleluia!

Wherefore, by God's eternal purpose, thou
art high exalted o'er all creatures now,
and given the Name to which all knees shall bow. Alleluia!

Let every tongue confess with one accord
in heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord;
and God the Father be by all adored. Alleluia! Amen.

The Word of God

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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.**

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.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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: Jeremiah 1:4-10 *(Please be seated)*

The word of the LORD came to me saying,

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the LORD said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a boy';
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you,
Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,

says the LORD."

Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and
the LORD said to me,

"Now I have put my words in your mouth.
See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalter: Psalm 71:1-6 (*people respond singing bold text*)

- 1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; *
let me never *be* ashamed.
- 2 In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; *
incline your ear to *me* and save me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; *
you are my *crag and* my stronghold.
- 4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, *
from the clutches of the *evildoer and the* oppressor.
- 5 For you are my hope, O Lord GOD, *
my confidence since *I* was young.
- 6 I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;
from my mother's womb you have been my strength; *
my praise shall be always of you.

The Second Lesson: Hebrews 12:18-29

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will

we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken-- that is, created things-- so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn: Thine Arm, O Lord, in Days of Old (H1982 #567)

Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old was strong to heal and save;
it triumphed o'er disease and death, o'er darkness and the grave.
To thee they went, the blind, the deaf, the palsied, and the lame,
the leper set apart and shunned, the sick with fevered frame.

And lo! thy touch brought life and health, gave hearing, strength, and sight;
and youth renewed and frenzy calmed owned thee, the Lord of light:
and now, O Lord, be near to bless, almighty as of yore,
in crowded street, by restless couch, as by Gennesaret's shore.

Be thou our great deliverer still, thou Lord of life and death;
restore and quicken, soothe and bless, with thine almighty breath:
to hands that work and eyes that see, give wisdom's heavenly lore,
that whole and sick, and weak and strong, may praise thee evermore.

The Gospel: Luke 13:10-17 *(Please stand)*

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

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

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord

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

Homily: The Rev. Derek Larson *(be seated)*

A moment of quiet reflection will follow the sermon.

The Nicene Creed *(standing)*

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 *Written by Daughters of the King*

Celebrant's invitation to prayer

Almighty God, help us to pray so faithfully that we may draw near to you and learn your will.

Silence

Prayer Leader Gracious God, 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 the life of Christ may be revealed in us.

Strengthen all who minister in Christ's name, especially our presiding bishop, Sean, our diocesan bishop, Doug, and our clergy. We pray especially for the Diocese of Southwest Florida and our companion dioceses: Dominican Republic, Georgia, South Carolina, and Western Louisiana; and for those named in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer. Give thy heavenly grace to those named on the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Andrew's in Boca Grande; St. David's in Englewood; Church of the Good Shepherd in Punta Gorda; St. Nathaniel's in North Port; St. James' in Port Charlotte; Good Shepherd and St. Mark's in Venice.

Give them courage to proclaim your Gospel.

Inspire and lead those who hold authority in the nations of the world.

Guide us and all people in the way of justice and peace.

Have compassion on those who suffer from sickness, grief, or trouble, (pause), and especially those named on our parish prayer list.

In your presence may they find strength.

We remember those who have died. (pause)

Lord, into your hands we commend them.

May we also come to share your heavenly kingdom.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. Look with your kindness on our homes and families.

Grant that your love may grow in our hearts.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. (pause) We pray especially for St. Peter's parish family and all things necessary for our common life.

Inspire us to pray and labor diligently for the extension of your Kingdom.

Make us alive to the needs of our community.

Christ has no body now on earth, but ours.

We thank you for your redeeming love.

May your word and sacraments strengthen us to love as you love us.

Praise to you for your unfailing grace.

God never changes.

Celebrant

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept. The congregation may kneel.

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.**

The Peace *(Please stand)*

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements will be offered after the final blessing.

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: Offer to God a Sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

Offertory Anthem: O Sing This Anthem, Song of Praise – Jay Althouse

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)*

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.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (*Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP p.361 – standing*)

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 It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

Celebrant and People (**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.

The people stand or kneel, as able

Then the Celebrant continues

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. **AMEN.**

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

Celebrant and People

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

Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover (H1982 S-154)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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: Thou, Who at Thy First Eucharist Didst Pray (H1982 #315)

Thou who at thy first Eucharist didst pray
that all thy Church might be for ever one,
grant us at every Eucharist to say
with longing heart and soul, "Thy will be done."
O may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.

For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;
make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;
draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,
by drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace;
thus may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.

So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,
may we be one with all thy Church above,
one with thy saints in one unbroken peace,
one with thy saints in one unbounded love;
more blessed still, in peace and love to be
one with the Trinity in Unity.

Prayer after Communion

The people stand or kneel, as able.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. 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.**

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: As Those of Old Their First Fruits Brought (H1982 #705)

As those of old their first fruits brought of vineyard, flock, and field
to God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield;
so we today our first fruits bring, the wealth of this good land,
of farm and market, shop and home, of mind, and heart, and hand.

A world in need now summons us to labor, love, and give;
to make our life an offering to God that all may live;
the Church of Christ is calling us to make the dream come true:
a world redeemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.

With gratitude and humble trust we bring our best to thee
to serve thy cause and share thy love with all humanity.

O thou who gavest us thyself in Jesus Christ thy Son,
help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Ministers Serving Today:

Celebrant: The Rev. Derek Larson

Altar Guild

Organist: Helen Jones

St. Peter's Choir

Readers: Sue Perica

Eucharistic Ministers: Christy Wilson

Ushers: Ron Everett, Bruce Nichols

By the Numbers:

Last Sunday's Attendance (including 13 online): 121

Average Sunday Attendance in 2025: 110

Last Week's Sunday School Attendance (including 29 children and youth): 71

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

Finances Week of August 10, 2025: Income: \$4,491.70.

Readings for next Sunday, August 31:

Jeremiah 2:4-13, Psalm 81:1, 10-16, Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16, Luke 14:1, 7-14

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 separate classes for toddlers, elementary schoolers, and teenagers!
- Today thru September 21 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.
- WEDNESDAYS at 10:30am – Lectionary Bible Study with the Rector.
- Wednesday August 24 – Lunch on Us 11:30 am - - RSVP by noon Monday. 1pm Pastoral Care & Outreach Meeting; 5pm Friends in the Park.
- Attention Theater Folk! St. Peter's is planning a Eucharist Service of the Transitus of St. Francis on October 3, 2025. Transitus means passing, as in Francis' passing from earthly life to eternal life. This Eucharist will contain some plays about St. Francis, so we need volunteer actors to take the parts. If you are interested in acting, scenery, or costuming, or want some more information, send an email to Fr. Derek at rector@stpetersplantcity.com or Jim Jeffries at jpeffries02@gmail.com.

Please Pray For:

- Ashley, Attlee, Bernie, Bill, Bill, Billie, Bernice, Betty, Bud, Carol, Carolyn, Casey, Charley, Chris, Darlene, Daryll, David, Dorothy, Drex, Ellie, Evelyn, Evon, Frank, Fred, Glen, Gregg, Hugh, James, Jane, Janet, Janice, Janice, Jason, Jeff & Jule, Jenna, John, John & Jane, Karen, Luke, Lyn, Marcie, Marilyn, Mary, 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 recently departed: Daphne
- The victims of violence and injustice in our own country and around the world.
- People of the Middle East
- Those celebrating birthdays: Jane Bender 08/26, Amelia Thomas 08/27, Marcus Alexich 08/29, Kayle O'Toole 08/30
- 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

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



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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.**