



ST. PETER'S
EST EPISCOPAL CHURCH **1889**

Family Service with Holy Communion

10:30 am | September 28, 2025
Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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.

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: Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord! (H1982 #437)

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;

tender to me the promise of his word;

in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!

Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;

his mercy sure, from age to age the same;

his holy name -- the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!

Powers and dominions lay their glory by.

Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,

the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!

Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord

to children's children and forevermore!

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 declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure. 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: Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

The Lord spoke to me in the tenth year that Zedekiah was king of Judah, which was the eighteenth year that Nebuchadnezzar was king of Babylonia. At that time, the Babylonian army had surrounded Jerusalem, and I was in the prison at the courtyard of the palace guards. Zedekiah had ordered me to be held there because I told everyone that the Lord had said: I am the Lord, and I am about to let the king of Babylonia conquer Jerusalem.

Later, when I was in prison, the Lord said:

Jeremiah, your cousin Hanamel, the son of your uncle Shallum, will visit you. He must sell his field near the town of Anathoth, and because you are his nearest relative, you have the right and the responsibility to buy it and keep it in the family.

Hanamel came, just as the Lord had promised. And he said, “Please buy my field near Anathoth in the territory of the Benjamin tribe. You have the right to buy it, and if you do, it will stay in our family.”

The Lord had told me to buy it from Hanamel, and so I did. The price was 17 pieces of silver, and I weighed out the full amount on a scale. I had two copies of the bill of sale written out: an official copy containing the details of our agreement and another copy, without the details. Some witnesses and I signed the official copy, which was folded and tied, before being sealed shut with hot wax. Then I gave Hanamel the silver. And while he, the witnesses, and all the other Jews sitting in the courtyard were still watching, I gave both copies to Baruch son of Neriah.

I told Baruch that the Lord had said:

Take both copies of this bill of sale, one sealed shut and the other open, and put them in a clay jar so they will last a long time. I am the Lord All-Powerful, the God of Israel, and I promise you that people will once again buy and sell houses, farms, and vineyards in this country.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

(People respond reading bold text)

¹ Live under the protection of God Most High
and stay in the shadow of God All-Powerful.

² **Then you will say to the Lord,
“You are my fortress, my place of safety
you are my God, and I trust you.”**

³ The Lord will keep you safe from secret traps
and deadly diseases.

⁴ **He will spread his wings over you
and keep you secure.
His faithfulness is like a shield or a city wall.**

⁵ You won't need to worry about dangers at night
or arrows during the day.

⁶ **And you won't fear diseases that strike in the dark
or sudden disaster at noon.**

¹⁴ The Lord says, “If you love me and truly know who I am,
I will rescue you and keep you safe.

¹⁵ **When you are in trouble, call out to me.
I will answer and be there to protect and honor you.**

¹⁶ **You will live a long life and see my saving power.”**

The Second Lesson: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

And religion does make your life rich, by making you content with what you have. We didn't bring anything into this world, and we won't take anything with us when we leave. So we should be satisfied just to have food and clothes. People who want to be rich fall into all sorts of temptations and traps. They are caught by foolish and harmful desires that drag them down and destroy them. The love of money causes all kinds of trouble. Some people want money so much they have given up their faith and caused themselves a lot of pain.

Timothy, you belong to God, so keep away from all these evil things. Try your best to please God and to be like him. Be faithful, loving, dependable, and gentle. Fight a good fight for the faith and claim eternal life. God offered it to you when you clearly told about your faith, while so many people listened. Now I ask you to make a promise. Make it in the presence of God, who gives life to all, and in the presence of Christ Jesus, who openly told Pontius Pilate about his faith. Promise to obey completely and fully all that you have been told until our Lord Jesus Christ returns.

The glorious God is the only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords. At the time that God has already decided, he will send Jesus Christ back again. Only God lives forever! And he lives in light that no one can come near. No human has ever seen God Or ever can see him. God will be honored, and his power will last forever. Amen.

Warn the rich people of this world not to be proud or to trust in wealth that is easily lost. Tell them to have faith in God, who is rich and blesses us with everything we need to enjoy life. Instruct them to do as many good deeds as they can and to help everyone. Remind the rich to be generous and share what they have. This will lay a solid foundation for the future, so they will know what true life is like.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn: I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord (H1982 #524)

I love thy kingdom, Lord, the house of thine abode,
the Church our blest Redeemer saved with his own precious blood.
For her my tears shall fall; for her my prayers ascend;
to her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.
Beyond my highest joy I prize her heavenly ways,
her sweet communion, solemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.
Jesus, thou friend divine, our Savior and our King,
thy hand from every snare and foe shall great deliverance bring.
Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zion shall be given
the brightest glories earth can yield, and brighter bliss of heaven.

The Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

There was once a rich man who wore expensive clothes and every day ate the best food. But a poor beggar named Lazarus was brought to the gate of the rich man's house. He was happy just to eat the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. His body was covered with sores, and dogs kept coming up to lick them. The poor man died, and angels took him to the place of honor next to Abraham.

The rich man also died and was buried. He went to Hades and was suffering terribly. When he looked up and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side, he said to Abraham, "Have pity on me! Send Lazarus to dip his finger in water and touch my tongue. I'm suffering terribly in this fire."

Abraham answered, "My friend, remember that while you lived, you had everything good, and Lazarus had everything bad. Now he is happy, and you are in pain. And besides, there is a deep ditch between us, and no one from either side can cross over."

But the rich man said, "Abraham, then please send Lazarus to my father's home. Let him warn my five brothers, so they won't come to this horrible place."

Abraham answered, "Your brothers can read what Moses and the prophets wrote. They should pay attention to that."

Then the rich man said, “No, that's not enough! If only someone from the dead would go to them, they would listen and turn to God.”

So Abraham said, “If they won't pay attention to Moses and the prophets, they won't listen even to someone who comes back from the dead.”

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.*

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 Arthur Tidwell,
and Carole and Mac McBee.

*[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.**

*“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.*

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.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord is always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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.

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.

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*

Offertory Hymn: God of Grace and God of Glory (H1982 #594)

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient Church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:
grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

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 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. 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: Hymn: On Eagle's Wings

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord
Who abide in His shadow for life
Say to the Lord, "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain: And He will raise you up on eagles' wings
Bear you on the breath of dawn
Make you to shine like the sun
And hold you in the palm of His hand

The snare of the fowler will never capture you
And famine will bring you no fear
Under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield. **Refrain**

You need not fear the terror of the night
Nor the arrow that flies by day
Though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come. **Refrain**

For to His angels He's given a command
To guard you in all of your ways
Upon their hands they will bear you up
Lest you dash your foot against a stone. **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.**

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: I've Got Peace Like a River

I've got **peace** like a river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in my soul;

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in my soul.

I've got **joy** like a river...

I've got **hope** like a river...

I've got **love** like a river...

THE DISMISSAL – SENDING US INTO THE WORLD

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Communion Wine is given in Thanksgiving for my Sister, Joan Wasinger, by Darlene Nelson.

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Ministers serving today:

Celebrant: The Rev. Derek Larson Deacon: The Rev. Denise Healy

Organist: Helen Jones St. Peter's Choir Altar Guild

Readers: Piper Stevens, Dylan Hunt Charlotte Weronik

Acolytes: Trey Stevens, Evie Johnson, Elizabeth Lyle

Eucharistic Ministers: Jim Jeffries, Neal Ward

Ushers: Maureen & Bruce Nichols

By the Numbers:

Last Sunday's Attendance (including 22 online): 183

Average Sunday Attendance in 2025: 112

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

Finances Week of September 14, 2025: Income: \$4,003.60.

Readings for next Sunday, October 5:

Lamentations 1:1-6, Psalm 137, 2 Timothy 1:1-14, Luke 17:5-10

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:

- Join us in Bender Hall for Family Sunday: 9:00am – Intergenerational Sunday School; 10:30 am – Family Mass.
- New Pathfinder's Series, "Our Shared Prayer" begins on October 5, 2025 and goes through November 2, 2025. What does prayer and spiritual practice look like in the Anglican tradition? How does the prayer book work? How can I deepen my prayer life? Join us to find out!
- Join us the evening of **Friday, October 3rd** at 6:00pm for a special Eucharist with short dramatic plays featuring our own parishioners commemorating the life and death of **St. Francis!** A love offering will be taken up for the mission and ministry of St. Peter's.
- Our annual Blessing of the Animals is on Sunday, October 5, 2025 at 4:00pm. Bring your leashed or crated animals and pets for a simple outdoor liturgy that honors our animal friends.
- Wednesdays at 10:30am – Lectionary Bible Study with the Rector.
- Engage Café Wednesday, 5:30pm. RSVP by noon Monday. Compline in the church at 6:50.
- Join us on October 8th at Engage Café for good Oktoberfest food and a hymn sing! Please RSVP.
- Vestry nominations for 2026 begin October 19. If you are interested, see Fr. Derek or a vestry member.

Please Pray For:

- Amanda, Bernie, Bill, Bill, Billie, Bernice, Betty, Bud, Carol, Carolyn, Casey, Charley, Chris, Dale, Darlene, Daryll, David, 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, Mary Katherine, Nora, Priscilla & Robert, Richard, 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: Carole and Mac McBee
- Those celebrating birthdays: Pam Miller 09/28, Brian Alderman 09/28, Allison Schmidt 09/29, Josh Brown 09/30, Gemma Sicignano 10/03, Miles Tombrink 10/04, LauraAnn Larson 10/04, Stephanie Holmquist 10/04
- St. Peter's Vestry: Christy, Cindy, Eda, Mark, Neal, Patti, Patty, 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

**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),
Youth 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.**