



ST. PETER'S

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Holy Eucharist Rite II

10:30 am | September 6, 2026

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to St. Peter's! From the moment you walk through these doors, you are part of our 137-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.



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

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.

HYMNS can be found in the blue Hymnal 1982

Hymn: Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service (H1982 #610)

Sung to tune Ode to Joy

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 *(H1982 S-280)*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: Ezekiel 33:7-11 *(Please be seated)*

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalter: Psalm 119:33-40 (*people respond singing bold text*)

- 33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it *to the end*.
- 34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with *all my heart*.
- 35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is *my desire*.
- 36 Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.
- 37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life *in your ways*.
- 38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to *those who fear you*.
- 39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.
- 40 Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.

The Second Lesson: Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works

of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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 18:15-20 *(Please stand)*

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

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

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord

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

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

A moment of quiet reflection will follow the homily.

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.**

Celebrant 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.**

Special Prayers for Families and Individuals

Families and individuals are invited to come forward for special prayers and blessings for various occasions, including birthdays, anniversaries, milestones, travel, births, pregnancies, surgeries, etc.

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 Peace *(Please stand)*

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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.

Today, and every first Sunday of the month, any loose cash in the offering plate is designated to our discretionary fund, which the clergy of our parish use to offer financial assistance to those in need in our community.

Offertory Sentence: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalms 50:14*

Offertory Hymn: I Love to Tell the Story

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory, Of Jesus and His love.
I love to tell the story, Because I know it's true;
It satisfies my longings As nothing else would do.

Refrain: I love to tell the story; 'Twill be my theme in glory.
To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and His love.

I love to tell the story, For those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting To hear it, like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'Twill be the old, old story That I have loved so long. **Refrain**

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, through Jesus Christ our Lord; 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-125**)

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

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest. 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 S-154 *All singing together*

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: Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace (H1982 #593)

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.

Invitation to Mission

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.

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: All Creatures of Our God and King (H1982 #400) vv. 1, 4, 5, 7

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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Ministers Serving Today:

Celebrant: The Rev. Derek Larson

Organist: Helen Jones

Altar Guild

Lectors: Mike Booher, Patty Linder

Intercessor: Sue Perica

Eucharistic Ministers: Karen Price

Ushers: Sally Fuhrman, Diana Weeks

By the Numbers:

Attendance Last Week: 128 (including 14 online)

Average Sunday Attendance: 114

Readings for next Sunday, September 6:

Genesis 50:15-21, Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13, Romans 14:1-12, Matthew 18:21-35

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!
- Pathfinder's Series for our Adults: "Prayer for Commoners," will be presented through September 20. One of the great hallmarks of the Anglican tradition is making prayer available to ordinary people in everyday life. As people of "Common Prayer," we are invited to bring prayer into our common life. Join us as we learn to pray as commoners.
- Bible Study with the Rector Wednesday at 10:30 in the Guild Room.
- Register for our inaugural St. Peter's Topgolf Fundraiser on September 12, 2025 from 2:00pm-5:00pm.
- Be sure to see the TW@SP weekly email for our many Outreach opportunities.

Please Pray For:

- Alyssa, Amanda, Anthony, Ashley, Bernice, Bernie, Beth & Tim, Betty, Brian, Bruce, Bud, Carol, Carolyn, Chad, Charley, Chris, Daryll, David, Don, Dorothy, Drex, Eddie, Ellie, Evelyn, Evon & Jason, Frank, Fred, Glenn, Glenn, Gregg, Jack, Erika & Nate; Jackie, James, Janet, Janice, Jeff, Jenna, John & Dianne, John & Jane, Jonathan & Leslie, Julynn, June & Don, Katherine, Linda, Luke, Marcie, Marilyn & Jim, Mary, Mary, Mary, Nora, Odin and the Sepe Family, Paulette, Priscilla & Robert, Richard, Rosemary, Sally, Sandra, Sarah, Sarah, Shirley, Stephanie, Steve & Jennifer, Su, Sue, Susan, Susan, Terry, Thomas, Tim, Tim, Tracey
- Our Neighbors at Laundry Love and Friends in the Park
- For wisdom and discernment as we seek to expand our campus with the purchase of 1205 W Baker Street.
- The victims of violence and injustice in our own country and around the world.
- People of the Middle East
- Those celebrating birthdays: C. J Thomas 09/06, Bruce Nichols 09/09, Maddie Docobo 09/09, Fred Speaks 09/10, Ashley Stevens 09/11.
- The recently born: Jean Luke Hicks, 08-28-26 (Billie Evans' great grandson)
- Those expecting a child and their families: MaryMargaret Nolin (09/26), Isis Jones (12/26), Miranda Wilson (01/27)
- 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, Brantley, Brendan, Conor, Forrest, Matt, Sarah, Trace

Parish Administration:

Rector: The Rev. Derek Larson, TSSF

Deacon: The Rev. Denise Healy

Parish Administrator: Sarah Dean

Treasurer: Trey Stevens

Director of Music Ministries: Helen Jones

**Vestry: Sandy Black, Mark Conner, Ron Everett (Junior Warden),
Lindsay Hunt, Diana Johnson, Christy Lyle (Senior Warden),
Brian Reid, Eda Snyder, Chris Thomas**



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Sundays: Spoken Mass at 8:00am and Choral Mass at 10:30am

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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.