

Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:30 am | September 7, 2025 Thirteenth 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 worshiping with us online.

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

The Rev. Derek Larson, TSSF

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

Hymn: O Jesus, I Have Promised (H1982 #655)

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end: be thou for ever near me, my Master and my friend; I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side, nor wander from the pathway, if thou wilt be my guide. O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still, above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will; O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control; O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul. O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee, that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be; and, Jesus I have promised to serve thee to the end; O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.

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.**

ΑII

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: Jeremiah 18:1-11 (Please be seated)

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

PeopleThanks be to God.

The Psalter: Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17 (people respond singing bold text)

- 1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; * you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from <u>afar</u>.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places * and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, * but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before * and *lay* your hand *up*on me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; * it is so *high* that I cannot *at*tain to it.
- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; * you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; * your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
- 14 My body was not hidden from you, * while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.
- 15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; *
 they were fashioned day by day,
 when as yet there was none of them.
- 16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! * how *great* is the sum *of* them!
- 17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; * to count them *all*, my life span would need to be *like* yours.

The Second Lesson: Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother-- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

PeopleThanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: Day by Day (H1982 #654)

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray: To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, Follow thee more nearly, day by day. *Repeat*

The Gospel: Luke 14:25-33 (Please stand)

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

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

Deacon'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. Mary's in Bonita Springs; St. Mark's in Marco Island; St. John's, St. Monica's, St. Paul's, and Trinity-by-the-Cove in Naples.

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.**

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. Silence may be kept. The congregation may kneel.

ΑII

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.

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. Please give generously.

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

Offertory Anthem: The Gift of Love – *Hopson*

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 (Eucharistic Prayer C, Diologic – standing)

CelebrantPeopleCelebrantAnd also with you.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 our thanks and praise.

God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the capacity for memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of your creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your eternal Word, born of your servant Mary, to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

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.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate Christ's death and resurrection as we await the day of his coming.

Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior. Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only and not for strength; for pardon only and not for renewal.

Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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.

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: God is Love, and Where True Love Is (H1982 #577)

Refrain: God is love, and where true love is God himself is there.

Here in Christ we gather, love of Christ our calling. Christ, our love, is with us, gladness be his greeting. Let us fear and love him, holy God eternal. Loving him, let each love Christ in one another. *Refrain*

When we Christians gather, members of one Body, let there be in us no discord but one spirit.

Banished now be anger, strife and every quarrel.

Christ, our God, be always present here among us. *Refrain*

Grant us love's fulfillment, joy with all the blessed, when we see your face, O Savior, in its glory.

Shine on us, O purest Light of all creation, be our bliss while endless ages sing your praises. *Refrain*

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: Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said (H1982 #675)

Take up your cross, the Savior said, if you would my disciple be; take up your cross with willing heart, and humbly follow after me.

Take up your cross, let not its weight fill your weak sprit with alarm; his strength shall bear your spirit up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.

Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and let your foolish heart be still; the Lord for you accepted death upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.

Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and calmly every danger brave: it guides you to abundant life and leads to victory o'er the grave.

Take up your cross, and follow Christ, nor think till death to lay it down; for only those who bear the cross may hope to wear the glorious crown.

Dismissal

Deacon 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 Deacon: The Rev. Denise Healy

Organist: Helen Jones St. Peter's Choir

Readers: Intercessor: Anthony Miller

Eucharistic Ministers:

Ushers: Maureen & Bruce Nichols Altar Guild

By the Numbers:

Last Sunday's Attendance (including 13 online): 95

Average Sunday Attendance in 2025: 109

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

Finances Week of August 24, 2025: Income: \$4,103.00.

Readings for next Sunday, September 14:

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28, Psalm 14, 1 Timothy 1:12-17, Luke 15:1-10

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:

- Today at 9:15am Youth and Children's Sunday School with classes for toddlers, elementary schoolers, and teenagers!
- Today thru September 21 at 9:15am--PATHFINDERS Series: Our Shared Faitha 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.
- Join us for Bishop Scharf's joyful visitation to St. Peter's with confirmations and a reception following the service.
- WEDNESDAYS at 10:30am Lectionary Bible Study with the Rector.
- Engage Café Wednesday, September 10, 5:30pm. RSVP by noon Monday.
- 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 jpjeffries02@gmail.com.

Please Pray For:

- Ashley, Bernie, Bill, Bill, Billie, Bernice, Betty, Bud, Carol, Carolyn,
 Casey, Charley, Chris, Dale, 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, 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
- Those celebrating birthdays: Bruce Nichols 09/09, Maddie Docobo 09/09,
 Fred Speaks 09/10, Ashley Stevens 09/11, Meredith Prokuski 09/13
- 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.