

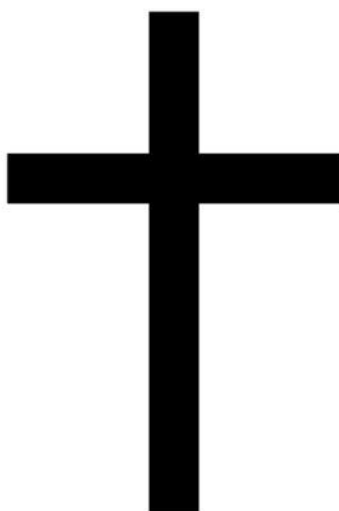
SAINT PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2026 | 10:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist: Rite II



Welcome to St. Peter's!

Our Mission: One body of transformation
embracing all people through Christ's love.

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us! All baptized Christians (any church) are invited to receive Holy Communion. We offer two options for receiving consecrated wine, the first is to dip the edge of the consecrated wafer you have received into the chalice; the second is to consume your wafer and then take a small sip from the chalice. Please choose the option you prefer. If you would simply prefer a blessing from a priest, indicate by crossing your arms across your chest. Gluten free wafers are available; indicate your need to the priest.

In general we stand to sing, sit to listen, and kneel or stand to pray (though there are exceptions). Some people choose to bow at the cross as a sign of reverence for the grace it represents. Others make the sign of the cross on themselves as a way of uniting themselves to the words being said. The traditional times for making the sign of the cross are marked in the bulletin with a small cross (†). None of the externals are required and you will notice that some parishioners use them and others do not.

PRELUDE

Please listen quietly as we prepare our hearts and minds for worship. At the sound of the bell, please stand.

HYMN 450—*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Presider says

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.**

1. Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

2. We praise thee, we bless thee, we wor-ship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks

to thee for thy great glo - ry, 3. O Lord God, heaven - ly King,

God the Father Al-might - y. 4. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther,



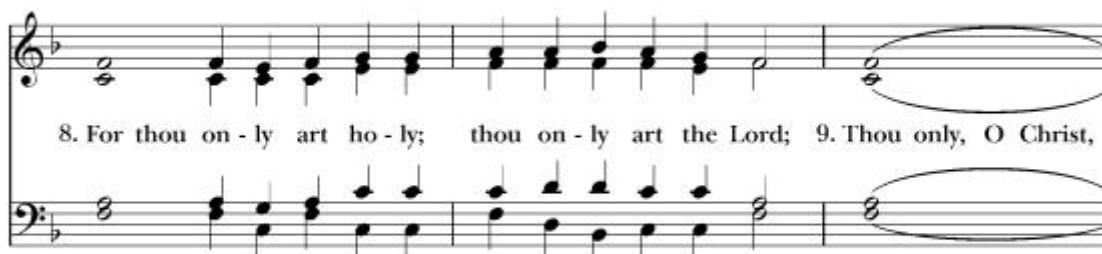
5. that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy up - on us.



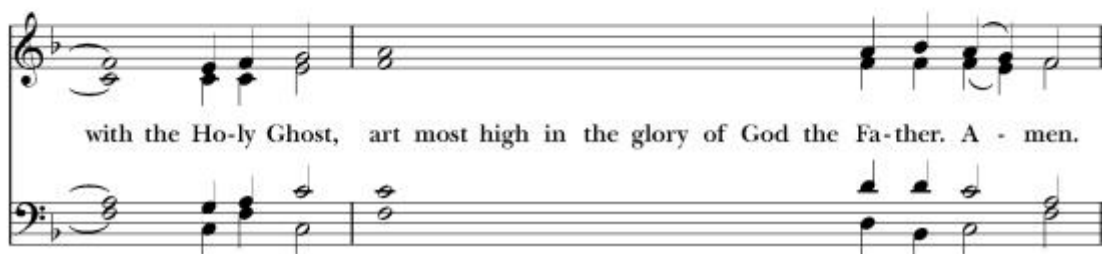
6. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



7. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Fa-ther, have mercy up - on us.



8. For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord; 9. Thou only, O Christ,



with the Ho-ly Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

The people sit.

The First Reading

Acts 1:6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36



- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be | scattered; *
let those who hate him flee be- | fore him.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it a- | way; *
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of | God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before | God; ***
let them also be merry and | joyful.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;**
exalt him who rides upon the | heavens; *
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice be- | fore him!
- 5 Father of orphans, defender of | widows, *
God in his holy habi- | tation!
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into | freedom; *
but the rebels shall live in dry | places.

7 O God, when you went forth before your | people, *
 when you marched through the | wilderness,
 8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
 at the presence of God, the God of | Sinai, *
 at the presence of God, the God of | Israel.
 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your in- | heritance; *
 you refreshed the land when it was | weary.
 10 Your people found their | home in it; *
 in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the | poor.
**33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the | earth; *
 sing praises to the | Lord.**
**34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient | heavens; *
 he sends forth his voice, his mighty | voice.**
 35 Ascribe power to | God; *
 his majesty is over Israel;
 his strength is in the | skies.
 36 How wonderful is God in his holy | places! *
 the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!
 Blessed be | God!

The Second Reading

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. **Amen.**

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 307—*Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor*

The Gospel

John 17:1-11

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the

glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Sarah Carver

(A brief period of silence follows the Sermon)

THE NICENE CREED

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, FORM IV

Book of Common Prayer, p. 388

The Congregation concludes,

Almighty God, when you speak there is light and life, when you act there is justice and love; strengthen this community for the work you have entrusted to us and sustain all who bear responsibilities of leadership and care. Bless our mission and ministry in the world; renew our courage, deepen our unity, and guide us as we walk through this season, trusting the future you are preparing for us, that our life together may reflect your redeeming love. Amen.

THE PEACE

Presider The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARIES

OFFERTORY

If you'd like to make your offering online, please use this QR code:



As the Offering is presented, the People stand and sing

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise him all creatures here below.

Praise him above ye heavenly hosts.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST Prayer B

The people remain standing.

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Presider proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The Presider continues with a proper preface

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:

Presider and People

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Presider continues,

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Presider continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

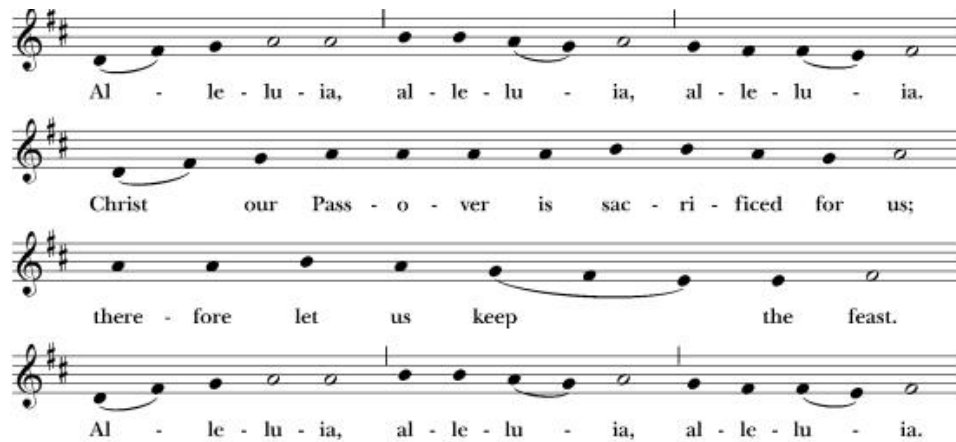
We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 364

THE FRACTION ANTHEM



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

HYMN 315—*Thou, Who at Thy First Eucharist Didst Pray*

The People kneel or stand.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

Presider and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE EASTER BLESSING

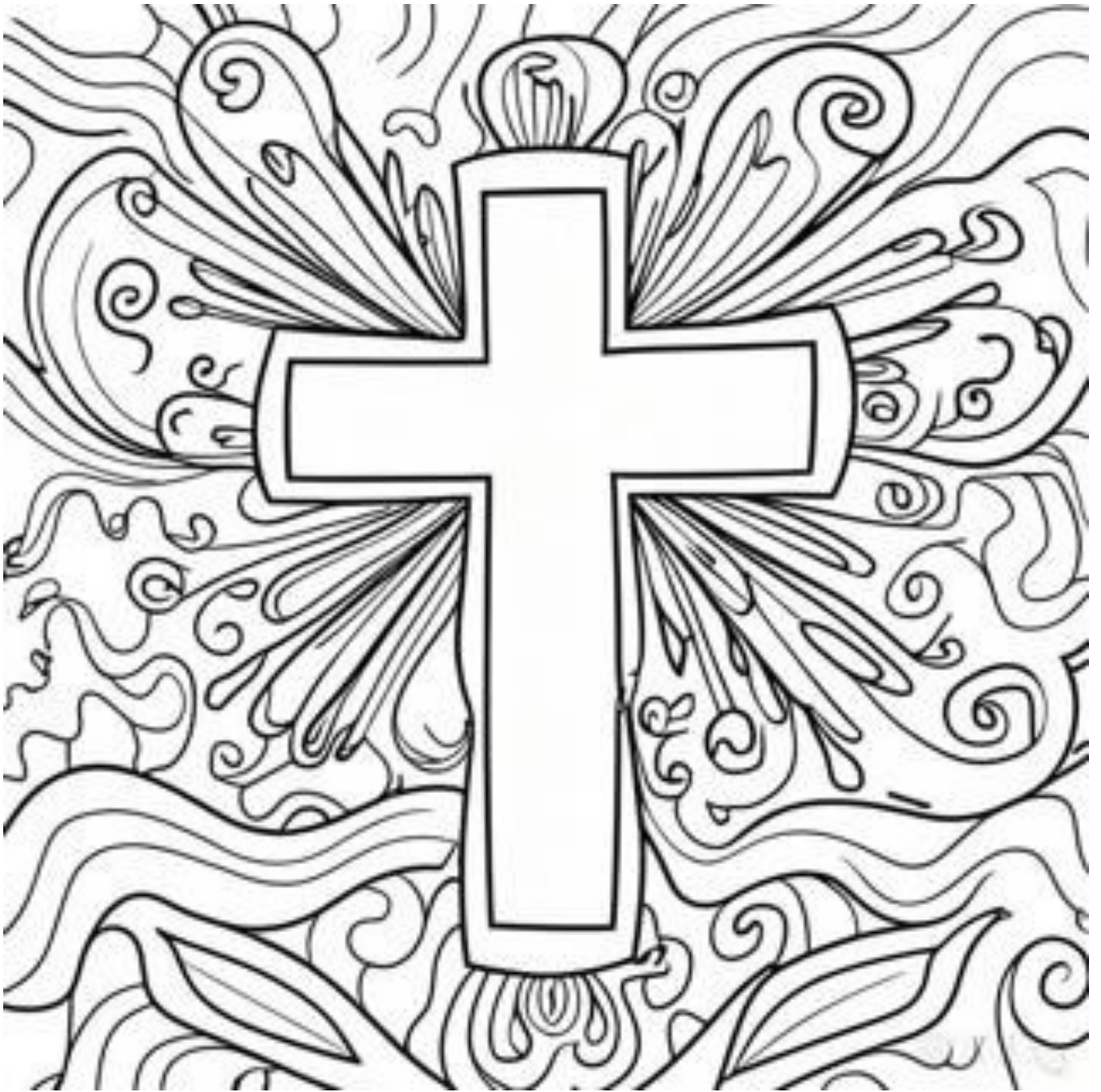
The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

HYMN 494—*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

THE DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

POSTLUDE



Those Who Serve Today

Ushers:	Ken Shabel, Al Mina, Brad Kluttz
Lector:	Brock Vaughn & Shawn Dunham
Chalice Bearer	Patti Navilliat & Dot Closs
Crucifer/Server:	Henry Purvis & Aria Pelino
Torchbearers:	Henry Hawkins & Colin Hitner
VPOD:	Gina Pelino
Organist:	Carla Padgett
Celebrant:	The Rev. Sarah Carver
Preacher:	The Rev. Sarah Carver
Opener:	Tim Masters
Closer:	Thom Long
Altar Guild:	Shannon Lawton, Margaret Boineau, Beck Sullivan, Marty Masters
Technology Guild:	Elora Carver

Vestry: Tom Priddy—Sr. Warden, Shannon Sports—Jr. Warden,
Debbie Cannada, Todd La France, Shannon Sports, Gayle McKee – '26 Nick Morse, Tom Priddy,
Tim Wilkerson, Mary Wright – '27 Frank Boineau, Gina Pelino, Ken Shabel - '28
Harrison Hitner—Youth Rep., Gil Harper—Treasurer, Holly Kraus—Clerk

Meta Armstrong	Charlie Faust	Katherine Lumpkin-Leech	John Perrow
Teresa Burns	Franca George	Melinda Long	Heather Saccamano
Debbie Cannada	Josie Harper	Gayle Meacham	Finn Smith
Connie Clark	Jim Huber	Chuck Messer	Pam Smith
Terry Davidson	Sherry Hunt	Bev Meyer	Ginny Tate
Don Ellis	Lauren Juarez	Bev Myatt	Olga Torres
Jody Fails	Sharon Kruse	Elizabeth Norris	Shirley Twiss
Wain Fallow		George Paszkiewicz	John Wagoner
			Louisa Wagoner

The Altar Flowers are given today by Shawn Dunham and Brock Vaughn to the
Glory of God and in memory of Mike Vaughn, brother of Brock Vaughn.