

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2026



*St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Lakewood, Ohio*

WELCOME TO SAINT PETER'S CHURCH!

St. Peter's aspires to be a welcoming, nurturing, and joyful Episcopal Church—open to all without exception, growing together in faith as we follow the way of Christ, and committed to the Spirit's formation in ourselves, our community, and our world through God's love.

This leaflet contains everything you need for worship this morning.

LIVESTREAM begins at 9:50 a.m., and the service at 10:00 a.m.

The service can be found on the Saint Peter's YouTube page at:

<https://tinyurl.com/StPeterLS>

NAME TAGS can be found at the end of every pew. PLEASE, wear one! Whether you've been attending here 50 years, or 50 minutes, it helps everyone get to know one another!

IF YOU'RE NEW this morning, please take a moment to fill out one of the little cards at the end of the pew rack and place it in the alms basin at the offering. Or, sign our guestbook by the tower door on your way out. We want to welcome you properly.

A WORD ABOUT OFFERINGS: Loose cash and coins put in our offering plates on Sundays are used to fund important ministries in the wider community. If you prefer your cash offerings go to church operations, or if you wish a tax receipt, you must put your offerings in an envelope and supply your name. Envelopes for this purpose can be found at the end of every pew.

A WORD ABOUT COMMUNION: We offer bread and wine during Holy Communion. We believe that we receive the full benefit of the sacrament in one kind. If you wish to take the wine also, you may drink from the large chalice or do this by intinction, by gently touching the wafer to the wine in the small chalice.

RESTROOMS are located between the church and the chapel off the narthex.

CHILDREN: Children are welcome to attend the service; activity sheets are available at the back of the church for your use. Children are also welcome on the carpet in the front of the church to participate in an activity and be part of the service. Please linger after the service. Coffee hour takes place following the 10:00 a.m. service in the Narthex during the regular program year. In the summer lemonade is served on the plaza.

• *Gluten-free wafers are available – please alert the priest* •

The Liturgy of the Word

A Reading from The Book of Isaiah

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.
(*Isaiah 55:10-13*)

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Congregation says the Psalm at both services.

Psalm 65:9-14

- 9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plenteous; *
the river of God is full of water.
- 10 You prepare the grain, *
for so you provide for the earth.
- 11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; *
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
- 12 You crown the year with your goodness, *
and your paths overflow with plenty.

13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, *
and the hills be clothed with joy.

14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; *
let them shout for joy and sing.

Lector **A Reading from Romans**

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

(Romans 8:1-11)

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand.

Sequence Hymn 291

We plow the fields and scatter

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The Celebrant reads the Gospel first saying:

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on

the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!”

“Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.” *(Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23)*

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Rev. Michael Lager

The people stand.

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

Intercessor: O Gracious God, creator of the wondrous world that surrounds us. Help us to embrace the kingdom of heaven on earth so we might find rest for our soul and joy in your creation. We humbly ask you now to hear our petitions and receive our thanksgivings.

For your grace and loving kindness

People: *We praise and thank you, O Lord.*

Intercessor: Bless your Church. Bless Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Anne, our Bishop; Mike, John and Nancy our priests; our vestry, staff, and all who exercise the gifts of leadership in your church. For our Community partner this month, The Bishop's Annual Appeal. Keep your holy church mindful of your presence in our lives, that we may embody your presence in the world.

For your grace and loving kindness

People: *We praise and thank you, O Lord.*

Intercessor: Guide this country as we celebrate 250 years of Independence; for Donald our President; Mike our Governor; members of Congress, and all who exercise the authority of government here, and among the nations of the world. Guide them, and us, to seek the common good, to make peace, and to pursue justice.

For your grace and loving kindness

People: *We praise and thank you, O Lord.*

Intercessor: Be with those who are ill, in body, mind, or spirit. Today we remember Hilary, Dave, Brad, Marci, Michael, John, Joe, Moira, Lois, Paul, Jane, Bob, J, Ernie & Cindy, Ray, Anida, Pat, Jim & Linda, Clinton & Marcie, [*You are invited, either silently or aloud, to offer your prayers*]. Ease their pain and give their caregivers gentle hands, soothing voices and loving patience.

For your grace and loving kindness

People: We praise and thank you, O Lord.

Intercessor: Receive the souls of those we love but see no longer. We remember those who have finished their earthly journey and now rest in your eternal peace.

[You are invited to offer your prayers, either silently or aloud] Comfort any of us who mourn with the promise that their loved ones are safe in your eternal presence.

For your grace and loving kindness

People: We praise and thank you, O Lord.

Intercessor: We thank you, Lord, for the blessings you have given us: this bountiful earth, the beauty of a night sky, the warmth of the summer days, and for those who create beauty in their words, their music, their art, and their spirituality. I invite your own prayers and thanksgivings, aloud or in quiet communication with God for the beauty that surrounds your life. *[You are invited to offer your thanksgivings, either silently or aloud].*

The Celebrant adds the following Collect

Accept our praises and prayers O God. Open our minds to see and delight in your hand at work in the world about us. Open our hearts, that we may be your hands at work in the world around us. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and People

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.**

Absolution

The Celebrant says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

All now greet one another in the name of the Lord

The Announcements: Tucker Handley

The Liturgy of the Table

The Celebrant bids the offertory with a sentence of scripture. The people sit.

Offertory Music

Voluntary in C

William Boyce (1711-1779)

(Please stand as you are able.)

The Liturgy of the Table

The Presentation Hymn 380 (verse 3)

Doxology Old Hundredth

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharist Prayer B

(BCP)

The Salutation

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Sanctus S129

Powell

The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

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The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer you our praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our soul and body with the earnest knowledge that we are always united to you in our baptism. And since today we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we ask you to join our hearts with all who faithfully receive this day. May we live forever in your love. **Amen.**

The minister receives the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to

the people. The ushers will direct you to the high altar to receive the Holy Eucharist. If you are unable to go to the high altar, please notify an usher and the Eucharist will be brought to you. At the altar you are invited to kneel or stand to receive.

At the Communion

O for a closer walk with God

C. Hylton Stewart (1884-1932)

All stand.

The Sending of the Eucharistic Minister

Celebrant I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those who receive them may share with us in the communion of the Body and Blood of Christ.

People We, who are many, are one body because we share one bread and one cup.

The Eucharistic minister departs.

All stand.

Sending of the Congregation

Celebrant 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 Blessing

The Mission Hymn 569

God the Omnipotent

Russia

The Celebrant dismisses the people with these words

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Fugue in F major

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

SERVING TODAY

12 July 2026

The 7th Sunday after Pentecost Proper 10

Sunday

8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

Lector 1 / Psalm	Tren Cheshier	Julie Steigerwald
Lector 2	xxx	Liz Crosby
Intercessor	Sara Ferry	Ken Taylor
Acolyte/Crucifer	Alison LaRosa	Martha Taylor
Usher	Robin McNutt	Liz Crosby TEAM LEADER
Usher	xxx	Amanda Chambers
Usher	xxx	Heidi Demaline
Chalicer	Sara Ferry	Isaac Gardner
Chalicer	xxx	Ken Taylor
Bell Ringer	Robin McNutt	Ally Demaline
Verger	xxx	LIZ CROSBY
	Videographer	Dave Tabar
	LEV	Tucker Handley / Jim & Linda Good
	Infant/Toddler	Penny Mead / Annika Mintzloff
	EVEREST One Room	Larry Keith / Michelle Killin-Keith
Team Leader	Kristen Gardner	Liz Crosby
Chancel Guild	Lorna Jordan	Beth O'Rourke
Team 1	Penny Mead	Carol Francescani
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SERVING NEXT SUNDAY

19 July 2026

The 8th Sunday after Pentecost Proper 11

Sunday

8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

Lector 1 / Psalm	Jan Babbit	Sarah Taylor
Lector 2	xxx	Brad Vandrasik
Intercessor	Dan Hout-Reilly	Martha Taylor
Acolyte/Crucifer	Sara Ferry	Colin McConnell
Usher	Tren Cheshier	Dennis Driscoll TEAM LEADER
Usher	xxx	George Filko
Usher	xxx	Tucker Handley
Chalicer	Jan Babbit	Chas Geiger
Chalicer	xxx	Hilary Bickerton
Bell Ringer	Dan Hout-Reilly	Sarah Taylor
Verger	xxx	SARAH TAYLOR
	Videographer	Evan Gardner
	LEV	Tom Newman / TBD
	Infant/Toddler	Penny Mead / Annika Mintzloff
	EVEREST One Room	Larry Keith / Michelle Killin-Keith
Team Leader	Cathe Step	Ryan Vogelgesang
Chancel Guild	Sue Andrews	Colin McConnell
Team 2	Jan Babbit	Nancy Wittig
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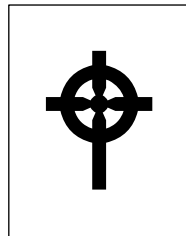
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