

# **The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

## **July 19, 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 Holy Eucharist**

## **Preparation for Worship**

*The Church bell will peal 10 minutes before the Liturgy begins.*

**Prelude**                      Sonata IV (Adante Religiouso)    Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1849)

**Entrance Hymn 423**              Immortal, invisible, God only wise                      *St. Denio*

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People*              And blessed be his 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.**

*The Congregation says Gloria at 8:00; and the Congregation sings the Gloria at 10:00.*

**Gloria S280**

Robert Powell

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*    The Lord be with you.

*People*              And also with you.

*Celebrant*    Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

### **A Reading from Wisdom of Solomon**

There is no god besides you, whose care is for all people,

to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly;  
for your strength is the source of righteousness,  
and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all.  
For you show your strength when people doubt the completeness of your power, and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it.  
Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge with mildness,  
and with great forbearance you govern us;  
for you have power to act whenever you choose.  
Through such works you have taught your people  
that the righteous must be kind,  
and you have filled your children with good hope,  
because you give repentance for sins.  
(*Wisdom of Solomon 12:13,16-19*)

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

*The Congregation says the Psalm at both services.*

### **Psalm 86:11-17**

- 11 Teach me your way, O LORD,  
    and I will walk in your truth; \*  
    knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name.
- 12 I will thank you, O LORD my God, with all my heart, \*  
    and glorify your Name for evermore.
- 13 For great is your love toward me; \*  
    you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.
- 14 The arrogant rise up against me, O God,  
    and a band of violent men seeks my life; \*  
    they have not set you before their eyes.
- 15 But you, O LORD, are gracious and full of compassion, \*  
    slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.
- 16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; \*  
    give your strength to your servant;  
    and save the child of your handmaid.
- 17 Show me a sign of your favor,  
    so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; \*  
    because you, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

### *Lector*          **A Reading from Romans**

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh--  
for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death

the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

*(Romans 8:12-25)*

The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*All stand.*

**Sequence Hymn 424**

For the fruit of all creation

*East Acklam*

*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 put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers

are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

*(Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43)*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Sermon** The Rev. Peter Faass

*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 redemptive 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 Matt, 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, especially Jane Nash and Tom Bradley. *[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:** Ryan Vogelgesang

## **The Liturgy of the Table**

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

### **Offertory Music**

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
To God the creator triumphantly raise.  
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.  
His banners are o'er us, His light goes before us,  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night.  
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished  
As forward we travel from light into light.

His law he enforces, the stars in their courses  
And sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.  
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;  
With glad adoration a song let us raise

Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:  
"To God in the highest, Hosanna and praise!"  
Words: Katherine K. Davis (1982-1980)  
Music: Traditional Welsh  
Soloist: Deb Ciskos-Vandrasik

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

## **The Liturgy of the Table**

|                                                   |                               |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>The Presentation Hymn 380 (verse 3)</b>        | <i>Doxology Old Hundredth</i> |
| <b>The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharist Prayer B</b> | <b>(BCP)</b>                  |
| <b>The Salutation</b>                             | <b>367</b>                    |
| <b>Sanctus S129</b>                               | <i>Powell</i>                 |
| <b>The Lord's Prayer</b>                          | <b>364</b>                    |
| <b>The Breaking of the Bread</b>                  | <b>364</b>                    |

*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.*

*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 665**

All my hope on God is founded

*Michael*

*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**

Sonata IV (Allegro)

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1849)

*The flowers today were given in thanksgiving for the marriage of  
Matthew Bickerton and Allison Cartellone*

*By  
The Bickerton Family*

## SERVING TODAY

**19 July 2026**

**The 8th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Proper 11**

Sunday

8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

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

## SERVING NEXT SUNDAY

**26 July 2026**

**The 9th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Proper 12**

Sunday

8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

|                         |                         |                                     |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Lector 1 / Psalm</b> | Gina Massetti           | Chas Geiger                         |
| <b>Lector 2</b>         | Gina Massetti           | Deb Vandasik                        |
| <b>Intercessor</b>      | Jan McDonough           | Virginia Bartos                     |
| <b>Acolyte/Crucifer</b> | Tren Cheshier           | George Filko                        |
| <b>Usher</b>            | Dan Hout-Reilly         | Chas Geiger TEAM LEADER             |
| <b>Usher</b>            |                         | Linda Purdy                         |
| <b>Usher</b>            |                         | John Rich                           |
| <b>Chalicer</b>         | Gina Massetti           | Jim Cofer                           |
| <b>Chalicer</b>         |                         | Liz Crosby                          |
| <b>Bell Ringer</b>      | Dick Jacquemotte        | Cathe Step                          |
| <b>Verger</b>           |                         | <b>LIZ CROSBY</b>                   |
|                         | <b>Videographer</b>     | Riley Crosby                        |
|                         | <b>LEV</b>              | Tucker Handley / Karen Bradley      |
|                         | <b>Infant/Toddler</b>   | Penny Mead / Annika Mintzlaff       |
|                         | <b>EVEREST One Room</b> | Larry Keith / Michelle Killin-Keith |
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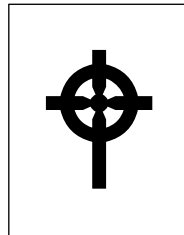
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**Sunday Services: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.**



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