

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 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

Canon in D

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Entrance Hymn 410

Praise my soul, the King of Heaven

Lauda anima

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 the 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.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

A Reading from the First Book of Kings

At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He

answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

(1 Kings 19:9-18)

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Congregation says the Psalm at both services.

Psalm 85:8-13

8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

Lector **A Reading from Romans**

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

(Romans 10:5-15)

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand.

Sequence Hymn 414 God my King, thy might confessing *Stuttgart*

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 made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately reached out his

hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.” (*Matthew 14:13-21*)

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: Lord of welcome and love, when we feel surrounded by scarcity or tossed by life's storms, you call us to take heart and trust you. You draw near to every persistent

cry for help and invite us to build our lives on your love. Receive now the prayers of your people as we bring our hunger, our fears, and our hopes to your heart.

Bind us in unity and love, O God

People: By the power of the Spirit.

Intercessor: We pray for the Church and its leaders: for the Archbishop of Canterbury, Sarah; for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Anne, our own bishop; Mike, John and Nancy our Priests; our Vestry, Staff and all who lead us. We pray for Anglicans here and abroad as we strive to live into our diversity in Christ. Help us apply your teachings to our hearts, and to love one another as Christ loves us.

Bind us in unity and love, O God

People: By the power of the Spirit.

Intercessor: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in this country. Grant them wisdom to find ways of compassion, see all of humanity as your creation and steward the environment with care for the generations to come.

Bind us in unity and love, O God

People: By the power of the Spirit.

Intercessor: Bless the ministry offered by Breakthrough T1D, our Community Partner this month. Bless the missionaries from Montana and St. Peter's as they minister this week.

Bind us in unity and love, O God

People: By the power of the Spirit

Intercessor: Give to the sick and the suffering your saving help, and sustain them with your bountiful Spirit. In your great compassion act through caregivers, and through us, to sooth the afflictions of those suffer from any kind of trouble. Today we pray for parishioners on our prayer list, especially Sara, Matt, Hilary, Dave, Brad, Marci, Michael, John, Joe, Moira, Lois, Paul, Bob, J, Ernie & Cindy, Ray, Pat, Jim & Linda, Clinton & Marcie [You are invited, either silently or aloud, to offer your prayers].

Bind us in unity and love, O God

People: By the power of the Spirit

Intercessor: Grant your peace to the departed, and healing to those who love them and grieve their absence. Remind the living that he who raised Christ from the dead grants eternal life to all through his Spirit, which dwells in each of us.

[You are invited, either silently or aloud, to offer your prayers].

Bind us in unity and love, O God

People: By the power of the Spirit

The priest will now offer a concluding prayer,

O God, you have formed us as the body of Christ. You have blessed us with astonishing diversity and many strengths. Help us in our broad perspectives to find communion with one another. Equip us to do your work in the world: to love unconditionally, to act in compassion without reservation, and to bear one another's burdens, all for Christ's sake.

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.

At The Offertory

Vacances

Jean-Michel Damase (1928-2013)

Brad Vandasik, Tenor Saxophone

(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 C

(BCP)

The Salutation

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Sanctus S129

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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. At 8:00 the Celebrant and people say

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

At 10:00 the people sing

Hymn 325 (verse 1) Let us break bread together *Let us break bread together*

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.

Communion Music

Two settings of *Our Father, who art in heaven*

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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.

The Missioners from Montanna and St Peter's are called forward for the Commissioning.

The presence of Christ is known to us in keeping the feast of this Holy Eucharist. We all are called to go into the world to make His presence known. Today we pause to commission the Montana and St. Peter's Missioners. They will join with us in our lives and works of ministry in the greater Cleveland area. They begin this week of ministry supported by our prayers, contributions, and love.

Let us pray.

Loving God, you have given the gift of salvation to all peoples, and have given us a vision of a great multitude around your throne, from all nations and tribes and languages: Help us as these Missioners grow to find life in service as we all grow into the diversity of God's creation. Keep them safe, teach them important lessons, help them make new friends, and at the conclusion of each day may they be tired and fulfilled, as only your work can make us. **AMEN**

The Missioners are commissioned with this blessing

Beloved of God, we send you forth with our prayers. We ask your prayers for us as you go. God the Creator bless you, God the Son keep you safe, and God the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen you. **AMEN**

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 398

I sing the almighty power of God

Forest Green

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 C Major

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

The altar flowers today were donated in memory of

Dennis Stempel

by his wife Ginny and his sister Debbie Larsen

SERVING TODAY

9 August 2026

The 11th Sunday after Pentecost Proper 14

Sunday

8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

Lector 1 / Psalm	Jan Babbit	Hilary Bickerton
Lector 2	Jan Babbit	Jim Cofer
Intercessor	TrenCheshier	Liz Crosby
Acolyte/Crucifer	Dan Hout-Reilly	Colin McConnell
Usher	Jan McDonough	Dan Lammers TEAM LEADER
Usher		Holly St. Clair
Usher		Kevin St. Clair
Chalicer	Jan Babbit	Linda Purdy
Chalicer		Martha Taylor
Bell Ringer	Dick Jacquemotte	Kathy Woolner
Verger		LIZ CROSBY
	Videographer	Jim Cofer
	LEV	Tucker Handley / Lois Smith
	Infant/Toddler	Linda Lange / Annika Mintzlaff
	EVEREST One Room	Larry Keith / Michelle Killin-Keith
Team Leader	Linda Lange	Sara Ferry
Chancel Guild	Linda Purdy	Debra Redesill & Madison
Team 3	Martha Taylor	Geoff Rudesill
Leader Emeritas	Lois Smith	

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY

16 August 2026

The 12th Sunday after Pentecost Proper 15

Sunday

8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

Lector 1 / Psalm	Sara Ferry	Deb Vandasik
Lector 2	Sara Ferry	Tucker Handley
Intercessor	Dan Hout-Reilly	Monica Jochum
Acolyte/Crucifer	Alison LaRosa	Jim Cofer
Usher	Robin McNutt	Dan Lammers TEAM LEADER
Usher		Amanda Chambers
Usher		Heidi Demaline
Chalicer	Gina Massetti	Kathy Woolner
Chalicer		Isaac Gardner
Bell Ringer	Dan Hout-Reilly	Ally Demaline
Verger		CATHE STEP
	Videographer	Dan Gourash
	LEV	Tom Andrews / Al Oldenburg
	Infant/Toddler	Linda Lange / Annika Mintzlaff
	EVEREST One Room	Larry Keith / Michelle Killin-Keith
Chancel Guild	Kristen Gardner	Liz Crosby
Team 1	Lorna Jordan	Beth O'Rourke
KRISTEN	Penny Mead	Carol Francescani

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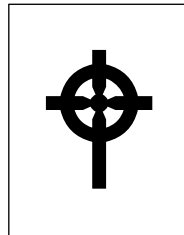
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