

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2026

Proper 18



*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	Orgelsonata (Allegro)	Hugo Distler (1908-1942)
Entrance Hymn 376	Joyful, joyful we adore thee	<i>Hymn to Joy</i>

The Liturgy of the Word

The people standing, the Celebrant says

	Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
<i>People</i>	And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.
<i>Celebrant</i>	There is one Body and one Spirit;
<i>People</i>	There is one hope in God's call to us;
<i>Celebrant</i>	One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
<i>People</i>	One God and Father of all.

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

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.**

Gloria S280

Robert Powell

Collect of the Day

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	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 Lessons *The people sit*

Lector **A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel**

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel? (*Ezekiel 33:7-11*)

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Congregation says the Psalm.

Psalm 119:33-40

33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.

34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.

35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.

36 Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.

37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.

38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.

39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.

40 Behold, I long for your commandments; *

A Reading from Romans

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. *(Romans 13:8-14)*

People The Word of the Lord
 Thanks be to God.

All stand.

Sequence Hymn 674

Forgive our sins as we forgive

Detroit

The Celebrant reads the Gospel first saying:

People The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
 Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for

you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” (*Matthew 18:15-20*)

The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Rev. Canon Rosalind Hughes

HOLY BAPTISM

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

Celebrant The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsor at 8:00 a.m.: I present Olivia Marquess to receive the Sacrament of Baptism

Celebrant Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate I do.

Parents & Sponsors at 10:00 a.m. I present Weston Reed to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant now asks the parents and sponsors

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents & Sponsors I will, with God’s help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents & Sponsors I will, with God’s help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidate at 8:00 a.m., and the parents and sponsors at 10:00 a.m.:

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their lives in Christ?

People We will.

Celebrant Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidate

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

At 8:00 Let us now pray for Olivia who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

At 10:00 Let us now pray for Weston, who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

The candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant who pours water upon them, saying

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon your servant *N.*, the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross with Chrism and says

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.
Amen.

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The newly baptized Christian is presented to the Church.

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

Keith Jochum

The Liturgy of the Table

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

At The Offertory

Orgelsonata (Adagio)

Hugo Distler (1908-1942)

(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 A

(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. 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

Sonata IV (Andante) Felix Mendelssohn

(1809-1847)

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 541

Come labor on

Ora Labora

The Celebrant dismisses the people with these words

People Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Prelude in G major

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

*The altar flowers today were given in memory of
Jack Morris and WES & Virginia Scovill
by Ann Wright*

Serving Today

6 Sept. 2026

The 15th Sunday after Pentecost Proper 18

Sunday

8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

Lector 1	Jan Babbitt	Brad Vandrask
Lector 2	Jan Babbitt	Martha Taylor
Intercessor	Tren Cheshier	Sarah Taylor
Acolyte/Crucifer	Mark Lekan	Colin McConnell
Usher	Jan Babbitt	Sarah Taylor TEAM LEADER
Usher		Kevin St. Clair
Usher		Holly St. Clair
Chalicer	Tren Cheshier	Hilary Bickerton
Chalicer		Jim Cofer
Bell Ringer	Dan Hout Reilly	Amanda Chambers
Verger		SARAH TAYLOR
	Videographer	Dave Tabar
	LEV	Dennis Driscoll / Bob Brown
	Infant/Toddler	Annika Mintzloff / Maddie Crosby
	One Room	John and Betsy Yingling
Chancel Guild	Cathe Step	Ryan Vogelgesang
Team 2	Sue Andrews	Colin McConnell
CATHE	Jan Babbitt	Nancy Wittig

Serving Next Sunday

13 Sept. 2026

The 16th Sunday after Pentecost Proper 19

Sunday

8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

Lector 1	Sara Ferry	Deb Vandrask
Lector 2	Sara Ferry	Virginia Bartos
Intercessor	Dan Hout-Reilly	Heidi Demaline
Acolyte/Crucifer	Dan Hout-Reilly	Amelinda Norton
Usher	Robin McNutt	Dan Lammers TEAM LEADER
Usher		Linda Purdy
Usher		Tim Lange
Chalicer	Jan McDonough	Liz Crosby
Chalicer		Colin McConnell
Bell Ringer	Dick Jacquemotte	Martha Taylor
Verger		LIZ CROSBY
	Videographer	Evan Gardner
	LEV	Tucker Handley / Jim & Linda Good
	Infant/Toddler	Annika Mintzloff / Maddie Crosby
	Elementary	Kim Lager / Michelle Killin-Keith
	MS / HS	Tucker Handley / Larry Keith
Chancel Guild	Linda Lange	Sara Ferry
Team 3	Linda Purdy	Debra Redesill & Madison
LINDA	Martha Taylor	Geoff Rudesill

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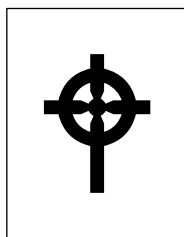
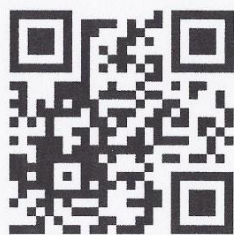
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