

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2026

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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

Benedictus

Max Reger (1873-1916)

Entrance Hymn 410

Praise my soul, the King of Heaven

Lauda anima

Commissioning of the Choir for their Ministry as Choristers

Celebrant We are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Today we commission the Choir in the Name of God and of this congregation to their ministry of music.

Celebrant (Addressing the Choir Director) Are these persons you are about to present prepared to offer their best gifts and talents in ministering to the honor of God and the well-being of his Church?

Choir Director I believe they are.

Celebrant (addressing the choir) You have been called to a ministry in this congregation. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with diligence?

Choir I will.

Choir Director I present to you these persons to be admitted to the ministry of Chorister in this congregation.

Celebrant Sing to the Lord and bless God's holy Name; proclaim the good news of salvation from day to day. Let us pray: O God who inspired David the King both to write songs and to appoint singers for your worship: Give grace to the singers in your Church, that with psalms, and hymns, and anthems they may sing and make music to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

Celebrant In the Name of God and of this congregation, I commission you as Choristers in this Parish.

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. 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.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 Genesis

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell

down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them. (*Genesis 50:15-21*)

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Congregation says (8:00) the Psalm; the Choir sings (10:00) the Psalm

Psalm 103:8-13

8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.

10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.

13 As a father cares for his children, *
so does the LORD care for those who fear him.

Lector A Reading from Romans

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God. (*Romans 14:1-12*)

 The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.
All stand.

Sequence Hymn 516

Come down, O love divine

Down Ampney

The Celebrant reads the Gospel first saying:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason, the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So, the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your

fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So, my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”
(*Matthew 18:21-35*)

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

The Sermon The Rev. Michael Lager

The Nicene Creed *The people stand.*

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: We come to you joyously, O Lord, with prayers of praise and thanksgiving. We come to you humbly to offer petitions for this world, for this community of faith, and for ourselves. May the light of your love shine through us as we go about our daily lives.

Fill our heart with love for you.

People: Be with us always.

Intercessor: We pray for our world, may we be faithful caretakers of your creation. Grant us the wisdom and will to be good stewards of its bounty and beauty. We pray especially for the leaders of the world whose decisions affect all peoples, all living things, and even the health of our homes.

Fill our heart with love for you.

People: Be with us always.

Intercessor: We pray for the hungry of the world: for the dispossessed, the abused, and the lonely. We pray for the sick and suffering. Give them the comfort of your presence to ease the pain of their afflictions. Today we pray for parishioners on our prayer list, especially Al, Sara, Matt, Hilary, Dave, Brad, Marci, Michael, John, Joe, Moira, Lois, Paul, Bob, J, Ernie & Cindy, Ray, Pat, Jim & Linda, Clinton & Marcie, and MCJ [*You are invited, either silently or aloud, to offer your prayers*]. Show us ways to offer that comfort, to ease pain and soothe fears.

Fill our heart with love for you.

People: Be with us always.

Intercessor: We pray for your church, that we might find pathways to common mission. We pray for the Archbishop of Canterbury, Sarah; our Presiding Bishop, Sean; for Anne our Bishop; for Mike, John and Nancy, our priests, for the staff, vestry and leaders of the parish, and for all the baptized people of God.

Fill our heart with love for you.

People: Be with us always.

Intercessor: We pray for those who have died. Especially Sue Nickel, dear friend of Amanda Chambers. We know that they are still precious in your sight, but we miss them. We ask comfort for mourners, that they may smile through their tears as they remember other times of laughter and joy. [*You are invited, either silently or aloud, to offer your prayers*].

Fill our heart with love for you.

People: Be with us always.

Intercessor: Let us now offer our own prayers and thanksgivings, in silent communion with God, or aloud to pray with and for one another.

Fill our heart with love for you.

People: Be with us always.

Intercessor: We thank you, Lord, for your love. Especially the gift of the mystery of your life, death, resurrection and ascension. We thank you for the people who have inspired us to do more than we thought ourselves capable. Joyously we thank you for the gift of life, and ask your guidance as we live it.

Fill our heart with love for you.

People: Be with us always.

The priest will now offer a closing collect.

Celebrant: O God, in Christ you have shown us how to offer compassion when others wrong us, generosity in giving us grace, and a model of faithfulness in service. Let your love always be our light and motivation in our life of faith. Be with us all, evermore. **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 our Lord 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 - Jessica Redel

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Mary Foti and Lisa Brown

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Anthem

Eternal God, we give you thanks for music,
Blest gift from heaven to all your servants here on earth:
In time of joy a crown, in sorrow consolation;
Companion through our days of tears and mirth.

We give you thanks for every sound of beauty:
For sweetest harmony that echoes in our hearts.
For melodies that soar on high like birds at morning...
For voice and instrument in all their parts.

As we are blest, so may our gifts bless others:
May hearts be touched and spirits lifted up anew.
Let music draw together those who live as strangers
Bring joy to those we love, in thankfulness true.

And when at last we come into your kingdom,
All discord over and all earthly labour done,
Then sound and silence yield before one equal music,
And with the Giver shall our souls be one.

Words and Music: John Rutter (b. 1945)

All stand.

The Liturgy of the Table

The Presentation Hymn 380 (verse 1)

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 Hymn 593 Lord, make us servants of your peace *Dickinson*

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.

Commissioning of Teachers and Youth Leaders

Celebrant Moses directed the people, “The words which I command you this day shall be upon your hearts; and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your houses, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down and when you rise.” When we baptize, we declare our commitment as a congregation to support “by our prayers and witness help the child to grow into the full stature of Christ.” We are all given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Today we commission the Teachers and Youth and Children Leaders in the Name of God and of this congregation to their specific ministry.

Celebrant addressing the Youth and Children's Minister Are these persons you are about to present prepared to offer their best gifts and talents in ministering to the honor of God and the well-being of this Church?

Youth and Children's Minister I believe they are.

Celebrant addressing the Teachers and Youth and Children Leaders You have been called to a ministry of teaching and mentoring in this congregation. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with diligence?

Teachers and Youth and Children Leaders I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Let us pray. God of all wisdom and knowledge, give your blessing and guidance to all who teach in your Church, that by word and example they may lead those whom they teach to the knowledge and love of you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant In the Name of God and of this congregation, I commission you as Teacher and Mentor for the children and youth of our parish. **Amen.**

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 390 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty *Lobe den Herren*

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, Fugue and Chaconne Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

SERVING TODAY

13 Sept. 2026

The 16th Sunday after Pentecost Proper 19

Sunday

8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

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

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY

20 Sept. 2026

The 17th Sunday after Pentecost

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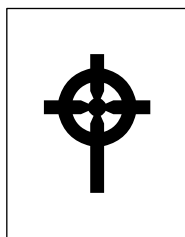
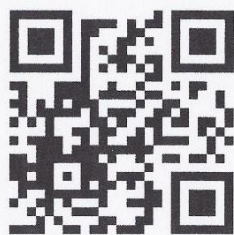
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