

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 2026

Proper 23



*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 Rhosymedre Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Please stand while the bell tolls the Angelus. Three sets of three rings then 9 rings.

Entrance Hymn 646 The King of love my shepherd is *Dominus regit me*

The Liturgy of the Word

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; 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 Isaiah

O LORD, you are my God;

I will exalt you, I will praise your name;

for you have done wonderful things,

plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

For you have made the city a heap,

the fortified city a ruin;

the palace of aliens is a city no more,

it will never be rebuilt.

Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;

cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

For you have been a refuge to the poor,

a refuge to the needy in their distress,

a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,

the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,

you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;

the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples

a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,

of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain

the shroud that is cast over all peoples,

the sheet that is spread over all nations;

he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,

and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,

for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited;

let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

(Isaiah 25:1-9)

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 23

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Lector **A Reading from Philippians**

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep

on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me,
and the God of peace will be with you. (*Philippians 4:1-9*)

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand.

Sequence Hymn 321

My God, thy table now is spread

Rockingham

The Celebrant reads the Gospel first saying:

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.” (*Matthew 22:1-14*)

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.

Prayers of the People

Intercessor: Loving God, the generous giver of all blessings. In Christ, the kingdom
of heaven has drawn near to us as we live faithfully, loving our neighbors as ourselves.
In thanksgiving, let us gather our hearts in prayer,
That we may walk with integrity in your sight,

People: Guide our steps in your light, O God.

Intercessor: Empower your Church as a way of blessing our community, our diocese
and our world. Strengthen its ministers Mike, John and Nancy our priests, Anne our
bishop, Sean our Presiding Bishop, Sarah the Archbishop of Canterbury, and all

people and leaders of St. Peters, that we may be ready to harvest your blessings for the benefit of all.

That we may walk with integrity in your sight,

People: Guide our steps in your light, O God.

Intercessor: Help us to exercise wisely and humbly the authority and stewardship you have given us over your creation. As we prepare for our upcoming elections, grant us a collective mind seeking the common good, peace, and justice for all people.

That we may walk with integrity in your sight,

People: Guide our steps in your light, O God.

Intercessor: As we enter this season of stewardship, open our hearts to our call of harvesting your blessings. Remind us that all we have comes from your generous hand. Teach us to share our energy, abilities, and resources in response to your faithful love.

That we may walk with integrity in your sight,

People: Guide our steps in your light, O God.

Intercessor: Give us the gift of compassion, Lord, for people who do not have those things we often take for granted. We pray especially for The Community Meal, our outreach partner for this month. May we treat with reverence the bodies and souls of our brothers and sisters who live near us, whom you have created in love and crowned with glory and honor.

That we may walk with integrity in your sight,

People: Guide our steps in your light, O God.

Intercessor: Bless those who are sick in body, mind, and spirit, as they are tested by the trials of this life. Hold them in your arms of compassion and comfort them. Today we pray for parishioners on our prayer list, especially Penny, Sarah, Al, Sara, Hilary, Dave, Brad, Marci, Michael, 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*]. Help us to minister to them in your name.

That we may walk with integrity in your sight,

People: Guide our steps in your light, O God.

Intercessor: Cherish the souls of those departed this life. Reassure those who have lost a companion in this life, and bring light into the deep darkness of grief. May we be mindful that our Lord Jesus Christ tasted death so that all might have eternal life in him. [*You are invited, either silently or aloud, to offer your prayers*].

That we may walk with integrity in your sight,

People: Guide our steps in your light, O God.

Intercessor: I invite you now to add your own petitions, thanksgivings and prayers - silently or aloud – as we reflect on the blessings of our life.

The Priest will offer the closing Collect

Celebrant: Loving God, accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to live out our call as faithful followers of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

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 – Keith Jochum
Stewardship: Harvesting God’s Blessings
October Community Partner: Community Meal – Jan Babbit

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Anthem

Credo in unum Deum,
Patrem omnipotentem,
factorem caeli et terrae,
visibilium omnium et invisibilium,
Et in unum Dominum Jesum Christum,
Filium Dei unigenitum,
et ex Patre natum, ante omnia saecula,
Deum de Deo, lumen de Lumine,
Deum verum de Deo vero,
genitum, non factum, consubstantialem Patri:
per quem omnia facta sunt.
Qui propter nos homines et propter nostram salutem descendit de caelis.

I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible:
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of Gods, Light of Light,
Very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made:
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven.

Text: Latin Mass

Music (“Lord Nelson” Mass) Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

All stand.

The Liturgy of the Table

The Presentation Hymn 380 (verse 1)

Doxology Old Hundredth

All: All things come of thee O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

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. 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 choir and 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.

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.

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 556

Rejoice, ye poor in heart

Marion

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

Fantasia in G minor

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

*The altar flowers today were given
in Loving Memory of Jack F. Bauer by Cherie Bauer.*

TODAY after the service: Join the **Virtual Coffee Hour** following the Postlude (11:15-ish) at <https://tinyurl.com/virtualcoffeehr> to connect with St. Peter's parishioners. Questions, contact **Kathy Woolner** at (440) 503 – 6111. See you on Zoom!

SERVING TODAY

11 October 2026

The 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 23

Sunday

8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

Lector 1	Jan Babbit	Julie Steigerwald
Lector 2	Jan Babbit	John Rich
Intercessor	Tren Cheshier	Jim Cofer
Acolyte/Crucifer	Tren Cheshier	Amelinda Norton
Usher	Jan Babbit	Dan Lammers - TEAM LEADER
Usher	xxx	John Rich
Usher	xxx	Heidi Demaline
Chalicer	Gina Massetti	Jim Cofer
Chalicer	xxx	Liz Crosby
Bell Ringer	Jan Babbit	Cathe Step
Verger	xxx	LIZ CROSBY
	Videographer	Dennis McCready
	LEV	TBA / Lois Smith
	Infant/Toddler	Annika Mintzlaff / Liz Pendleton
	Elementary	Christine Afungchwi / Kristin Gardner
	MS HS	Jeff Gardner / Michelle KK
Team Leader	Cathe Step	Ryan Vogelgesang
Chancel Guild - Team 2	Sue Andrews	Colin McConnell
	Jan Babbit	Nancy Wittig

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY

18 October 2026

The 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 24

Sunday

8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

Lector 1	Dan Hout-Reilly	Brad Vandasik
Lector 2	Dan Hout-Reilly	Martha Taylor
Intercessor	Jan McDonough	Deb Vandasik
Acolyte/Crucifer	Matthew Hout-Reilly	Martha Taylor
Usher	Dan Hout-Reilly	Sarah Taylor - TEAM LEADER
Usher	xxx	Tim Lange
Usher	xxx	Colin McConnell
Chalicer	Jan McDonough	Tucker Handley
Chalicer	xxx	Beth O'Rourke
Bell Ringer	Dan Hout-Reilly	Colin McConnell
Verger	xxx	SARAH TAYLOR
	Videographer	Dan Gourash
	LEV	Tucker Handley / Al Oldenburg
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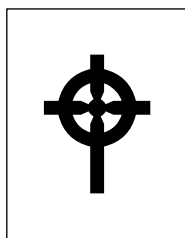
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