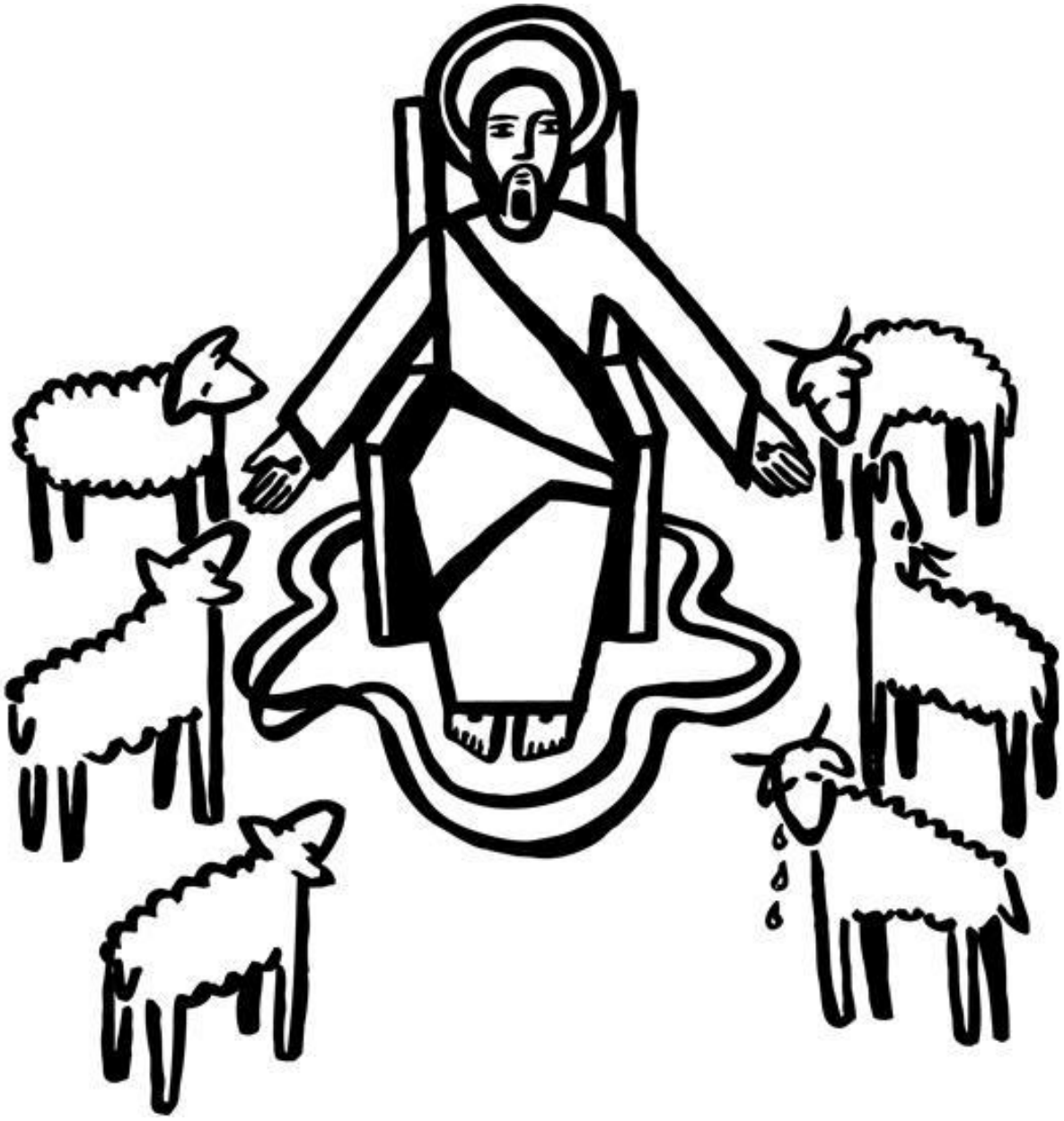
The Last Sunday after Pentecost
November 22, 2026
CHRIST THE KING



8:00 a.m.

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 Now thank we all our God J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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

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.

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 and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; 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 Ezekiel**

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken. (Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24)

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

The People say the Psalm.

Psalm 95:1-7a

1 Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
3 For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.

5 The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.
6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

A Reading from Ephesians

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. *(Ephesians 1:15-23)*

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

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 said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger

and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." *(Matthew 25:31-46)*

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: Gracious God, amidst the distractions of the mundane but frantic matters of daily living, give us a quiet center where our souls may find rest, repose, and the support of your everlasting presence.
In this season of harvest and thanksgiving, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all in need.

People: Hear our prayer, O God, and ground us in your love.

Intercessor: We give you thanks, O loving Creator, for the bounty of this world, for the blessings we enjoy, for the friendships we have found, and for the opportunities to serve that surround us. Help us to accept the challenges that come, that we may turn our talents to the benefit of others.
In this season of harvest and thanksgiving, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all in need.

People: Hear our prayer, O God, and ground us in your love.

Intercessor: We give thanks for the Church throughout time and space. We ask that you give wisdom to those who lead our Church, especially the Archbishop of Canterbury Sarah; our Presiding Bishop Sean, our Bishop Anne, our priests Mike, John and Nancy, and all the baptized saints of God who comprise your Church. Help us to carry on our mission to walk the paths of righteousness and redemptive justice. Help us gain strength for our journeys from the prayers of that great cloud of witnesses that surround and support us.
In this season of harvest and thanksgiving, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all in need.

People: Hear our prayer, O God, and ground us in your love.

Intercessor: Give wisdom, integrity, and strength to those elected to public office this month. May they always remember their calling to serve the community, nation or world. We pray for Blood Cancer United, our outreach partners this month. May we share your light of hope with the world. In this season of harvest and thanksgiving, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all in need.

People: Hear our prayer, O God, and ground us in your love.

Intercessor: We ask mercy for those who suffer physical, mental, or emotional pain. For those who mourn, for the downtrodden, the destitute, for prisoners everywhere, and for the saintly people who minister among them. Today we remember those on our Parish Prayer List: Penny, Al, Sara, Hilary, Dave, Brad, Marci, Michael, Joe, Moira, Lois, Paul, Bob, J, Ernie & Cindy, Ray, Pat, Jim & Linda, Clinton & Marcie, Alison, Dick, and MCJ …. And any others you now name [*you are invited to offer your prayers either silently or aloud].*
In this season of harvest and thanksgiving, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all in need.

People: Hear our prayer, O God, and ground us in your love.

Intercessor: We invite your mercy to continue to guide those who have died in the faith, that they may come to know the depths of your love for all eternity. We remember those near to us who have died, for we know that their life is embraced by you. [*You are invited to offer your prayers aloud so others might pray with you or to pray in the silence of your own heart.]*

In this season of harvest and thanksgiving, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all in need.

People: Hear our prayer, O God, and ground us in your love.

Intercessor: I now invite you to offer your own prayers, aloud or in silent communion with God.

The priest will now offer the closing collect.

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for the great cloud of witnesses that surrounds us. Accept the prayers of your people this day and grant that, inspired by the faith and labor of all your saints, we may serve you with joyful and resolute hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 Liturgy of the Table

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

All stand as they are able.

The Liturgy of the Table

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

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharist Prayer C – Expansive Language

[The congregation's words are italicized]

May God be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the capacity for memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of your creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your eternal Word, born of your servant Mary, to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

At 8:00 the people say the Sanctus.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate Christ's death and resurrection as we await the day of his coming.

Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior. Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only and not for strength; for pardon only and not for renewal. Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: We pray in the words that our Lord Jesus Christ has taught us,

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The bread is broken

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

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.

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 494 Crown him with many crowns *Diademata*

The Celebrant dismisses the people with these words

Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Now thank we all our God Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

SERVING TODAY

22 November 2026 **The Last Sunday after Pentecost Proper 29 Christ the King**

Sunday	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Lector 1	Penny Mead	Ken Taylor
Lector 2	Penny Mead	Sarah Taylor
Intercessor	Evan McParland	Brad Vandrasik
Acolyte/Crucifer	Mark Lekan	Martha Taylor
Usher	Jan Babbit	**John Yingling Team Leader**
Usher	xxx	John Rich
Usher	xxx	Tim Lange
Chalicer	Jan McDonough	Colin McConnell
Chalicer	xxx	Tucker Handley
Bell Ringer	Jan Babbit	Cathe Step
Verger	xxx	**LIZ CROSBY**
	Videographer	Jim Cofer
	LEV	Tom Newman / Marilyn Schabel
	Infant/Toddler	Annika Mintzlaff / Amanda Chambers
	Elementary	Michelle KK / Sara Marscher
	MS | HS	Angie Whidden / Larry Keith
Team Leader	**Cathe Step**	Ryan Vogelgesang
Chancel Guild - Team 2	Sue Andrews	Colin McConnell
	Jan Babbit	Nancy Wittig

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY

29 November 2026 **The First Sunday of ADVENT**

Sunday	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Lector 1	Jan Babbit	TBD
Lector 2	Jan Babbit	TBD
Intercessor	Tren Cheshier	TBD
Acolyte/Crucifer	Tren Cheshier	TBD
Usher	Robin McNutt	**TBD**
Usher	xxx	TBD
Usher	xxx	TBD
Chalicer	Jan Babbit	TBD
Chalicer	xxx	TBD
Bell Ringer	Robin McNutt	TBD
Verger	xxx	**SARAH TAYLOR**
	Videographer	(Dan Gourash - standby or trainer) YOUTH
	LEV	Jan Babbit / Karen Bradley
	Infant/Toddler	Annika Mintzlaff / Amanda Chambers
	Elementary	Michelle KK / Sara Marscher
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