The 24th Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2026

Proper 27



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 God's time is best J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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

Entrance Hymn 68 Rejoice, rejoice believers *Llangloffan*

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 8:00 and Choir 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, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power

and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

The Lessons *The people sit*

Lector **A Reading from the Wisdom of Solomon**

Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those who love her,
and is found by those who seek her.
She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.
One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,
for she will be found sitting at the gate.
To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,
and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,
because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them in their paths,
and meets them in every thought.
(The Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16)

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

The People say the Psalm at 8:00, the Choir sings the Psalm at 10:00

Psalm 70

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; *
O LORD, make haste to help me.
2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed
and altogether dismayed; *
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and be disgraced.
3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, *
because they are ashamed.
4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; *
let those who love your salvation say for ever,
"Great is the LORD!"
5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; *
come to me speedily, O God.
6 You are my helper and my deliverer; *
O LORD, do not tarry.

A Reading from First Thessalonians

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words. *(1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)*

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

All stand.

Sequence Hymn
Hymn 61 Sleepers, awake!" A voice is calling *Wachet auf*

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, “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”
(Matthew 25:1-13)

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 Announcements – Colin McConnell

The Liturgy of the Table

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

At The Offertory

Jesu, joy of man's desiring,
holy wisdom, love most bright,
Drawn by thee, our souls aspiring,
soar to uncreated light.

Word of God, our flesh that fashioned,
with the fire of life impassioned,
striving still to truth unknown,
soaring, dying round thy throne.

Words: Robert Bridges (1844-1930) Music: J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

All stand as they are able.

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 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:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one 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,

Celebrant and People:
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.

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.

Communion Music

Hymn 324 Let all mortal flesh keep silence *Picardy*

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 436 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates *Truro*

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 "Sleepers awake!" A voice is calling Ludwig Krebs (1713-1780)

The altar flowers today were given in loving memory of my parents Ralph and Jane Roach by Carolyn Beredo



What's Happening at St. Peter's:
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Parishioners in need of Prayer:
Sylvia A., Al O., Hilary B., Marci R., Charles E., Dave M., Sara F., Bill C., Michael M., Joe J., Moira M., Paul B., Lois S., Bob B., J, Brad B., Pat W., Ernie & Cindy L., Jim & Linda G., Clinton & Marcie H., Ray C., Penny M., M.C.J., Alison L., and Dick F.

Homebound Parishioners: Doug B.

Parishioners' Friends and Family:
Danny (Liz Crosby); Ronald (Tucker Handley); Pat (Gary Van Beneden); Mike R. (Michelle Killin-Keith); Tyler (Penny & Sumner Mead); Maria (Peter Fahrenkopf); Sally, Michael, Don (Father John Keller); Jon, Mike, John, Gail (Tom & Sue Andrews); Laurel (Sarah & Rory Taylor); Robert (Cherie Bauer); K.William (Dave Hulligan); Maryellen (Bob Brown); Karen, Gordon, Graham (Ann Bish); Vitalia, Valentine (Cipriano & Carolyn Beredo); Laura (Dennis McCready); John (David Nash); John (Sara Ferry); Samantha (Sam Morgan); Brynn, Ellie (Linda Purdy); Christian (Ann Wright); Grace (Cheshier Family); Tristan (Jessica Philpott, Luke & Mark Sferra); Bonnie, Gary (Emily Malquest); David (Beth O'Rourke); Dan (Cindy Lemmerman); Weston (John Neumann); Elaine (Patti Dobro); Michael (Amanda Chambers); the Capece family (Kristen Gardner); Elizabeth (Jan McDonough); Lori (Kathy Woolner); Diane, Terri, Don, Geralyn (Marci Rich); Chloe (John Rich); Sharon (Jan Babbit); Linda (Lorna Jordon); Luke, Louis, Gordon (Peggy & John Zimmer); Sarah, Dan (Janine Finucane)

GENEROSITY TEAM
Bowling

ST. PETER'S BOWLING

JOIN US AT 6:30 p.m. at FAIRVIEW LANES

Monday, November 9 **Monday, November 23**

Monday, December 14 **Monday, December 28**

Contact Tucker Handley –(985) 228 – 3198 thandley01@yahoo.com

FALL CLEANUP DAY

Saturday, November 14th

It's fast approaching time to rake some leaves. Please plan to come and help out. There will be coffee, donuts, and bagels. Please bring rakes and gloves, (a cordless blower, if you have one), the church will provide bags and various other tools as needed. We hope to see you there. Saturday – November 14th – 9:00 a.m. to Noon.

Harvesting God's Blessings

So far the pledge campaign progress is:
86 pledges received for a total of
$453,071.00

Harvesting God's Blessings

HELP WANTED

The Youth need your help with the
Homeless Awareness Sleep-Out
on November 14th & 15th
☞ **Please see the sign-up sheet** ☜
in the back of the church.

We need help with the following:

Shift Chaperon/Security
Fire Wood
Breakfast Food/Hot Cocoa
Morning Clean-Up

SERVING TODAY

8 November 2026 **The 24th Sunday after Pentecost** **Proper 27**

Sunday	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Lector 1	Evan McParlan	Liz Crosby
Lector 2	Evan McParland	Dennis Driscoll
Intercessor	Gina Massetti	Tucker Handley
Acolyte/Crucifer	Matthew Hout-Reilly	Amelinda Norton
Usher	Robin McNutt	**Dan Lammers Team Leader**
Usher	xxx	Heidi Demaline
Usher	xxx	George Filko
Chalicer	Jan Babbit	Hilary Bickerton
Chalicer	xxx	Liz Crosby
Bell Ringer	Robin McNutt	Martha Taylor
Verger	xxx	**Liz Crosby**
	Videographer	Riley Crosby
	LEV	Tom Newman / Bob Brown
	Infant/Toddler	Annika Mintzlaff / Amanda Chambers
	Elementary	Michelle KK / Sara Marscher
	MS | HS	Angie Whidden / Larry Keith
Team Leader	**Kristen Gardner**	Liz Crosby
Chancel Guild - Team 1	Lorna Jordan	Beth O'Rourke
	Penny Mead	Carol Francescani

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY

15 November 2026 **The 25th Sunday after Pentecost** **Proper 28**

Sunday	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Lector 1	Jan McDonough	Victoria DehMala
Lector 2	Jan McDonough	Monica Jochum
Intercessor	Robin McNutt	Julie Steigerwald
Acolyte/Crucifer	Tren Cheshier	Colin McConnell
Usher	Jan McDonough	**Sara Taylor Team Leader**
Usher	xxx	Tucker Handley
Usher	xxx	Linda Purdy
Chalicer	Gina Massetti	Jim Cofer
Chalicer	xxx	Beth O'Rourke
Bell Ringer	Jan McDonough	Ally Demaline
Verger		**SARAH TAYLOR**
	Videographer	Steve Bickerton
	LEV	Tucker Handley / Jim & Linda Good
	Infant/Toddler	Annika Mintzlaff / Amanda Chambers
	Elementary	Michelle KK / Sara Marscher
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