



ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025 – 8:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

*This service booklet is used at both the 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. services.
The hymns, choral, and organ music listed are for the 10:30 service only.*

The sung setting of the Eucharist is by David Sinden (b. 1982).

PRELUDE Psalm-Prelude Set 2, No. 2

Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

*"Yea the darkness is no darkness with thee"
– Ps 139:11*

THE WORD OF GOD

INTROIT *Justus es, Domine*

Anglican Chant: Wm. Felton

Righteous art thou, O Lord, and true is thy judgement: deal with thy servant according unto thy merciful kindness. Blessed are those that are undefiled in the way: and walk in the law of the Lord.

– Psalm 119

- 8:00 *The People stand as the procession enters. The service begins with the Opening Acclamation.*
- 10:30 *The People stand and sing the hymn.*

HYMN 525: "The Church's one foundation"

Aurelia

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

- 8:00 *The Gloria is said by all*

All **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;**

**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.**

Organ



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on

earth. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



 wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Organ

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

have mer - cy on us; You are seat-ed at the right hand of the

Musical score for the hymn "Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer." The score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence. The word "Organ" is written above the staff at the end of the phrase.

For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, You a -

lone_ are the most_____ high_____ Je - sus Christ, with the



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant 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 People sit.

THE FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses said to all Israel the words which the Lord commanded him, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

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

PSALM 1 *Beatus vir qui non abiit*

- 1 **Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!**
- 2 **Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.**
- 3 **They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.**
- 4 **It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

- 5 **Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.**
- 6 **For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother - especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand.

HYMN 675: "Take up your cross, the Savior said"

Bourbon

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 14:25-33

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the

other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

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

THE SERMON

A period of silence is kept. Then the People stand.

THE NICENE CREED

Officiant Let us affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

All **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

Lector The paths of life and prosperity, of death and adversity, have been set before us this day. May our hearts never turn away from God by observing God's ways and loving the Lord our God, praying for the needs of the world, saying, "Our delight is in the law of the Lord; / May we walk in the way of the righteous."

The People kneel, as able.

We bring to God in prayer the Church, remembering especially Sean, Presiding Bishop; Deon, our Bishop; and for the clergy and ministry leaders of St. Peter's. May we choose life and refrain from the way of death, so that we and our descendants may live, loving the Lord our God, obeying and holding fast to him.

In our diocesan cycle we pray for Trinity Episcopal Church, and the Episcopal Church of All Saints and Ascension, our Companion Community. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Anglican Church of Southern Africa. Our delight is in the law of the Lord;

People **May we walk in the way of the righteous.**

Lector We bring to God in prayer the nations of the world and their governments, remembering Donald, our President, and Mike, our Governor. We pray for those everywhere oppressed by the counsel of the wicked, the way of sinners, and those who sit in seats of scorn for others. May those who walk in the way of the wicked and choose death through war, violence, greed, and any evil be witnessed against by heaven and earth, and know the way of the wicked is doomed. Our delight is in the law of the Lord;

People **May we walk in the way of the righteous.**

Lector We bring to God in prayer those with any need in this parish and community, remembering Cynthia Calvin Baumgartner, Margaret Ruth Dewein, Maria Greider, Bob Messey, Chris O'Connor, [_____,] and Martha Shaffer. We pray for those whose spirits are burdened with struggles in their mental and physical health, relationships, poverty, and any fear or anxiety. May the hearts of those in need be refreshed, receiving joy and encouragement from our love. Our delight is in the law of the Lord;

People **May we walk in the way of the righteous.**

Lector We bring to God in prayer our commemoration of the departed, remembering Margaret Acker Blardo, [_____,] and David Boumgarden. May those who carried the cross and followed Christ, and anyone whom we love yet see no longer, enter into eternal life with God, standing upright when the Lord comes again in judgment. Our delight is in the law of the Lord;

People **May we walk in the way of the righteous.**

Lector Let us pray for our own needs, and for those of others.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant Lord God, may we hear what your holy Gospel calls us to, and through your Word, behold your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior, as we seek to be guided and governed by your Holy Spirit. As we endeavor to follow your will in life and in our prayer, may we remain steadfast to you, as we know you will never forsake us; through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant Most merciful God,
All **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.**

Celebrant 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 People stand.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

After the Peace, the People sit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMISSIONING OF TEACHERS (see page 12)

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES (see page 12)

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

Everyone participating in worship is invited to make an offering in gratitude for God's generosity. If you would like to make an offering, you may scan the code to the right and follow the prompts.



ANTHEM

Melissa Dunphy (b. 1980)

If thou wilt be perfect, go sell what thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come follow me.

Amen, I say to you, that a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven. And again I say to you: It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of heaven.

And every one that hath left riches for my name's sake, shall receive a hundred times as much, and life everlasting. Many that are first, shall be last: and the last shall be first.

- Adapted from Matthew 19: 21-30

The People stand and sing.

THE PRESENTATION (Hymn 380, st. 3)

Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

- Thomas Ken

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS ET BENEDICTUS

• 8:00 *Said by all*

**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.

• 10:30 *Sung by all*

Organ:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The People kneel, as able.

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

Celebrant And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All **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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

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.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion
by coming to the altar rail where you may kneel or stand.*

Please tell the clergy if you require gluten-free Bread.

*Crossing your arms over your chest will let the clergy know
you would like to receive a blessing but not the Bread and/or Wine.*

Make a vow to the Lord, your God, and keep it; Let all around him bring gifts to him, for he is worthy to be feared who breaks the spirit of princes and strikes terror in the kings of the earth.

– Psalm 76

MOTET

G. P. da Palestrina (c. 1525-1594)

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum:
ita desiderat anima mea ad te Deus.

*As the stag yearns for springs of water:
so yearns my soul for you God.*

Sitivit anima mea ad Deum fortem vivum:
quando veniam et apparebo ante faciem Dei?
Fuerunt mihi lacrimae meae panes die ac nocte,
dum dicitur mihi quotidie: Ubi est Deus tuus?

*My soul thirsts for God, mighty and living:
when shall I come and appear before the face of God?
My tears have been my bread day and night,
while it is said to me daily: Where is your God?*

– Psalm 42: 1-3

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

The People kneel, as able.

All **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

HYMN 423: "Immortal, invisible, God only wise"

St. Denio

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY Six Hymn Preludes
4. St. Denio

Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)

MUSIC NOTES The Gloria in excelsis sung in this service is a new composition by David Sinden (b. 1982) and is being sung for the first time today. It was written to compliment his setting of the Sanctus, which was written in 2019.

The Offertory Anthem was commissioned by St. Peter's and premiered at our 150th Anniversary Festival Eucharist, held on October 14, 2018. The music was written by Melissa Dunphy (b. 1980), an Australian-born composer who lives in Philadelphia. Dunphy, a former composer-in-residence of the St. Louis Chamber Chorus, was drawn to a passage from the Gospel of Matthew which is read every three years in the lectionary cycle. In fact, the lectionary is arranged so that we hear Jesus' teaching on wealth at least once every fall. In today's Gospel, from Luke, Jesus' gives a simple prohibition on having possessions.

The Italian composer Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina was born 500 years ago this year in 1525. As we celebrate this significant anniversary, the Choir will sing many pieces from Palestrina from our choral library in addition to some works that they are singing for the first time. The motet "Sicut cervus" is one of Palestrina's most widely-sung compositions, and it is piece that is beloved by our Choir.

PRAYER LIST

For Family and Friends: Cynthia Calvin Baumgartner, Margaret Ruth Dewein, Maria Greider, Bob Messey, Chris O'Connor, Martha Shaffer

For the Faithful Departed: Margaret Acker Blardo, David Boumgarden

For the Men and Women of the Armed Forces: Alexandra Maranto

For Those Committed to Our Ongoing Prayers: Doug Adderton, Lee Arten, Victor Belyan, Bev Bouchard, Virginie Brightman, Wendell Covington, Ralph Dacey, Kathryn Dewein, Prissy Evans, Donald Frank Sr., Don Franz, Margie Franz, Christy Garesche, Annette Goldman, John Hartman, Emily Hintz, Jeff Hirsch, Jack Howard, Ian, Tyson Knapp, Mike Kolman, Kary Matthews, Sharon Trainer Mauney, Cheryl Meyer, Randy Meyer, Liza Nash, Maddie O'Keefe, David Orlowski, Holly Parks, Kimberly Penning, Chi Chi Rassieur, Sara Rigel, Hudson Rosencrans, Sally Russell, June Sellenriek, Jill Smock, Dewayne Stapes, Abbot Thomas, Mia Tiefenbrunn, Don Wallace, Anne Wetzel, and Rolla Wetzel

ALTAR FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God in gratitude for St. Peter's parishioners and staff.

THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

8:00 A.M.

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. David Hodges
<i>Preacher</i>	The Rev. Dr. Nathan Haydon
<i>Organ</i>	David Sinden
<i>Lectors</i>	Bud Wilson, Ann Babington
<i>Ushers</i>	Tim and Didi Noelker
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Claudia McMillin

10:30 A.M.

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. David Hodges
<i>Preacher</i>	The Rev. Dr. Nathan Haydon
<i>Musicians</i>	The St. Peter's Choir David Sinden, Organist and Choirmaster
<i>Acolyte Masters</i>	Katelyn Wilson, Allan Ivie
<i>Acolytes</i>	Edward Maher, Everett Greider, Michael Souza
<i>Lectors</i>	Andrea Osman, Kathryn Haydon
<i>Ushers</i>	Kurt Hibler, Toby Martin, Jimmy Howe
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Jan Craig

THE COMMISSIONING OF TEACHERS
AND
THE PRESENTATION OF FOURTH GRADE BIBLES
AT THE 10:30 A.M. SERVICE

The Teachers to be commissioned come to the front of the church.

Presenter We present to you these persons to be admitted to the ministry of Teacher in this congregation.

Celebrant You have been called to a ministry of teaching and formation. Will you carry out this ministry to the best of your ability?

Teachers **We will.**

Celebrant Will you support these persons in their ministry?

People **We will.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, we commission those gathered as Teachers of this parish. Bless them in their instruction; may your Word be a light to their paths, and inscribed in their hearts, as they recount to other generations your saving deeds; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Teachers return to their places.

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son taught the disciples all things concerning himself from the sacred Scriptures: Bless and accept these Bibles which we dedicate here today, and grant that these children may so diligently search your holy Word that they may find in it the wisdom that leads to salvation; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

WELCOME BACK TO THE ST. PETER'S CHOIR

Today marks the return of the full St. Peter's Choir to our worship. The Choir met for their yearly start of term gathering and a brief rehearsal on Thursday, August 21. We are grateful to members of the choir for continuing to lead our worship throughout the summer. The St. Peter's Choir is open to those with some music reading ability and choral experience. Interested singers should contact David Sinden, the Director of Music, for an informal meeting and audition: dsinden@specstl.org

JOIN US FOR MORNING PRAYER

You are invited to Grace Chapel on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 7:30 a.m. for Morning Prayer. Morning Prayer is a peaceful service of scripture readings and prayer from the Book of Common Prayer and lasts around 20 minutes. Please contact the Rev. Dr. Nathan Haydon at nhaydon@specstl.org with any questions.

DO YOU KNOW A CHILD WHO LIKES TO SING?

The St. Peter's Choristers, our choir for young people ages 8 and up, is welcoming new and returning members for the fall. No prior experience necessary! David Sinden, the Director of Music is always delighted to meet potential singers and their families. For more information, Contact David at dsinden@specstl.org

ORGAN VESPERS FOR HOLY CROSS DAY

A service of Organ Vespers will be held on Sunday, September 14, at 5:00 p.m. in celebration of Holy Cross Day. This evening service gives praise to God through candlelight, chant, and sacred organ music. The music for the service, played by David Sinden, will include works by Alexandre Guilmant and Edward Bairstow.

PRAYER VIGIL FOR AN END TO GUN VIOLENCE

A service of lament, hope, and resolve will be held on Saturday, September 21, at 4:00 p.m. at St. Timothy's Church, 808 N. Mason Rd., Creve Coeur, MO 63141, honoring survivors, remembering victims, and calling for action to save lives. All are welcome.

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY

WELCOME BACK TO CHILDREN'S CHAPEL AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Children's Chapel is offered in Grace Chapel from 10:15 to 10:25 a.m. All children and parents are invited. The chapel service ends at 10:25 and children are escorted down to their Sunday school classes after.
- Sunday School classes begin at 10:30 a.m.
- Nursery is offered in the lower level of the Little Building from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Please contact Didi Noelker, Director of Children & Family Ministries, at dnoelker@specstl.org with any questions.

HELP WANTED: SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Looking for a highly fulfilling journey with our Sunday School children? We need you! Please prayerfully consider God's calling to serve. We provide the teaching materials – you just need to commit to a little prep time, one Sunday a month for kids K/1st grade, 2nd/3rd grade, and 5th/6th grade.

YOUTH GROUP KICKOFF: TONIGHT

Tonight at 5:00 p.m. St. Peter's Youth Group will kick off their year and meet downstairs in the confirmation classroom! All youth, grades 6 through 12, are welcome to join this group on Sunday evenings from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. for discussions about faith, life, and the way the two intersect, with some fun along the way. Email Father Zack at zackr@specstl.org for more information!

FORMATION

RECTOR'S FORUM AND BREAKFAST RETURN TODAY

Come enjoy a hearty breakfast and be part of an engaging discussion, no mat Breakfast begins at 8:45 a.m. The cost of breakfast is \$9, kids under 5 eat free! This week, the Rev. David Hodges will offer a special preview of the new format and structure for the Rector's Forums and sharing the vision for these gatherings.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR BIBLE STUDY

St. Peter's has two offerings for Bible study, both of which have returned from summer break.

- Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m. on Zoom - Parishioners can join the Rev. Dr. Nathan Haydon for an online Bible study, the link for which can be found in *News from the Rock*.
- Wednesdays at 7:30 a.m. in the Elliot Room - The Rev. David Hodges leads the "Living the Faith" Bible study.

INQUIRER'S CLASS BEGINS MONDAY, OCTOBER 6

This class is open to any adults who want to learn more about Episcopal Church faith, practices, and traditions. This course is required before becoming a full member of the Episcopal Church. Meetings will be on Mondays, beginning October 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the Elliot Room. The book used for the class is *"Your Faith, Your Life: An Invitation to the Episcopal Church"* by Jenifer Gamber and Bill Lewellis. Contact the Rev. Dr. Nathan Haydon with any questions at nhaydon@specstl.org and to RSVP for the course.

STEWARDSHIP & PARISH LIFE

FIRST RESPONDERS' BREAKFAST: THIS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

The Second Tuesday Morning Breakfast returns with the Annual First Responders' Breakfast on Tuesday, September 9, at 7:15 a.m. Come meet and talk with your local police and firefighters and enjoy a hearty breakfast in celebration of their service to our community! If you plan on attending or wish to help, please contact John Walker at jlwalkerstl@outlook.com or call (314) 991-0606. Second Tuesday Morning Breakfast is held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:15 a.m. in the Undercroft. Mark your calendars now for October 14 and November 11. We hope to see you there!

THE GALLERY AT ST. PETER'S EXHIBIT & ARTIST RECEPTION

The artwork of Julie Wiegand is now on display in St. Peter's Gallery (in the Undercroft) through October 10. We are hosting a special Meet the Artist Reception on Friday, September 12, from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. Julie will share the stories behind her pieces, reflecting on how nature and personal experience shape her artistic vision.

ST. PETER'S DAY CELEBRATION: SEPTEMBER 14

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 14, for St. Peter's Day! Plan to stick around after the 10:30 service for a festive BBQ picnic with live music, games, sweet treats, and more. We could use your help! We are asking parishioners to bring a side dish to share or make a small donation to help offset the costs. To help with set-up, serving, or clean-up, please contact Jane Gilbert at jane_gilbert@email.com. See you there!

ANNUAL GIVING

Thank you to all our families who have pledged in support of St. Peter's and its ministries this year. It's not too late to participate! Visit www.specstl.org/give to make a one-time gift or set up recurring donations.

DONATE ALTAR FLOWERS IN HONOR, MEMORY, OR CELEBRATION

Donating altar flowers for Sunday worship is a great way to honor family members, celebrate milestones, and remember loved ones, all while beautifying the church to the glory of God. An acknowledgement is printed in that morning's service bulletins. To donate, please call the Church Office at (314) 993-2306.

OUTREACH

TRINITY HOT LUNCH

St. Peter's parishioners will be preparing and serving today's Hot Lunch at Trinity Episcopal Church in the Central West End. The meal is cooked here in the kitchen and then transported to Trinity, where it is served to guests from 1:15 to 3:00 p.m. Please contact Sandy Knight at knightsj21@gmail.com if you would like to join!

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

SUNDAY	9/7	The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost		
		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	
		8:45 a.m.	Breakfast	Undercroft
		9:15 a.m.	Rector's Forum	Undercroft
		10:15 a.m.	Children's Chapel	Grace Chapel
		10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	
			Sunday School	
		11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	
		5:00 p.m.	SPY (St. Peter's Youth) Hangout	
TUESDAY	9/9	7:15 a.m.	First Responders' Breakfast	Undercroft
		7:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Grace Chapel
		8:30 a.m.	Zoom Bible Study	
WEDNESDAY	9/10	7:30 a.m.	Bible Study	Elliot Room
		5:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist	Grace Chapel
THURSDAY	9/11	7:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Grace Chapel
		9:00 a.m.	Yoga	Undercroft
		10:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer	Grace Chapel
		6:00 p.m.	Choristers Rehearsal	
		7:15 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	
FRIDAY	9/12	8:00 a.m.	A.A.	Classroom
		5:00 p.m.	Artist Reception	Undercroft
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		10:15 a.m.	Children's Chapel	Grace Chapel
		10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	
			Sunday School	
		11:30 a.m.	Parish Picnic	
		5:00 p.m.	Organ Vespers	
			SPY (St. Peter's Youth) Hangout	

WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S

If you are visiting St. Peter's, we would love to share more information with you about our shared life and ministry! Please take a red welcome bag on your way out the door. In it you'll find information about our worship, formation, and fellowship opportunities as well as information for families. You can also scan the QR codes below to get connected with us and learn more.



New Visitor Form



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