



ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025 – 10:30 A.M.

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY BAPTISM AND HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

ORGAN PRELUDE

THE WORD OF GOD

INTROIT *In voluntate tua*

Anglican Chant: J. Riding

O Lord Almighty, everything is in subjection unto thee; and there is no man that is able to resist thy power: for thou hast created everything; heaven and earth, and all the wonders which under heaven's vault are contained; thou art the Lord and King of all things. Blessed are those that are undefiled in the way: and walk in the law of the Lord.

– Esther 13: 9-11; Psalm 119

The People stand and sing the hymn.

HYMN 11: "Awake, my soul, and with the sun"

Morning Hymn

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and Father of all.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The People sit.

THE FIRST LESSON

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrong-doing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous-- therefore judgment comes forth perverted. I will

stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 37:1-10 *Noli aemulari*

- 1 **Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; *
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.**
- 2 **For they shall soon wither like the grass, *
and like the green grass fade away.**
- 3 **Put your trust in the Lord and do good; *
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.**
- 4 **Take delight in the Lord, *
and he shall give you your heart's desire.**
- 5 **Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, *
and he will bring it to pass.**
- 6 **He will make your righteousness as clear as the light *
and your just dealing as the noonday.**
- 7 **Be still before the Lord *
and wait patiently for him.**
- 8 **Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, *
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.**
- 9 **Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; *
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.**
- 10 **For evildoers shall be cut off, *
but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.**

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God-- whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did-- when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed

through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand.

HYMN 655: "O Jesus, I have promised"

Nyland

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 17:5-10

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

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

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'be uprooted and planted in the sea' and it would obey you."

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. David Hodges

HOLY BAPTISM

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

Priest The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents I present Charlotte Alexandra Madras to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Priest Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Priest Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

Priest Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support in his life in Christ?

All **We will.**

Priest Let us join with Charlotte who is committing herself to Christ, and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

The People stand.

Priest Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Priest Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Priest Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Priest Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

Priest Let us now pray for Charlotte, who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Lector Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector Send her into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Priest Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People sit.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Priest We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

Priest Charlotte, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Charlotte, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.
Amen.

Charlotte, receive the light of Christ, that you may shine brightly with Christ's love in the world. **Amen.**

Priest Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Priest Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

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

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 A Meditation

Francis Pott (b. 1957)

An empty book is like an Infant's Soul,
in which anything may be written.

Do you not feel yourself drawn by the
expectation
and desire of some Great Thing?

Things strange yet common, incredible, yet
known; most high,
yet plain; Infinitely profitable, but not
esteemed.

Is it not a great thing that you should be
Heir of the World?

To conceive aright and enjoy the world
is to conceive the Holy Ghost, And to see
His Love:

Love that is deeper than at first it can be
thought.

Love never ceaseth But in endless things.

To cease is to draw upon ourselves infinite
darkness:

Which now I unlearn, and become... a little
child again,

That I may enter into the Kingdom of God.

-Thomas Traherne

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

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.

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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

David Sinden (b. 1982)

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.*

COMMUNIO *In salutari tuo*

Plainsong, Mode 1

My soul has longed for your salvation; I have put my hope in your word; when will you give judgement against those who persecute me? Help me, O Lord, my God.

– Psalm 119

MOTET

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

Super flumina Babylonis,
illic sedimus et flevimus
dum recordaremur tui, Sion:
in salicibus in medio eius,
suspendimus organa nostra.

*By the rivers of Babylon,
there we sat down and wept
when we remembered you, Zion:
in the willows, in the midst of it,
we hung up our harps.*

– Psalm 137: 1-2

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 541: "Come, labor on"

Ora Labora

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY Postlude in D minor, Opus 105, No. 6

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

MUSIC NOTES The Offertory Anthem, *A Meditation*, by English composer Francis John Dolben Pott (b. 1957), received its first hearing at St. Peter's on the First Sunday in Lent, 2016, in the presence of the composer. Pott traces "an awakening of creativity" to his experience as a chorister at New College, Oxford. His "dramatic and emotionally challenging music unites a distinctive personal voice with a highly disciplined but versatile technique rooted in a keen awareness of the past." About *A Meditation*, Pott writes: "The music seeks to respond to the touching felicities of [Thomas] Traherne's prose (from his *Centuries of Meditations*) with a simple candour of its own, and needs no further introduction."

In conjunction with the 500th anniversary of his birth, we continue our exploration of the music of Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c. 1525-1594) with his motet "Super flumina Babylonis."

ALTAR FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the baptism of Charlotte Alexandra Madras,
by her parents.

Given to the glory of God in loving memory of Ronald K. Lohr, by Dana Lasley Lohr.

Given to the glory of God in loving memory of Kent Kirby Reynolds,
by Lisa, Kirby, and George Reynolds.

THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

10:30 A.M.

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. Dr. Nathan Haydon
<i>Preacher</i>	The Rev. David Hodges
<i>Musicians</i>	The St. Peter's Choir
	David Sinden, Organist and Choirmaster
<i>Acolyte Masters</i>	Andrea Osman, Sandy Peters
<i>Acolytes</i>	Michael Souza, Everett Greider, Edward Maher
<i>Lectors</i>	Bonnie Freeland, Andrea Osman
<i>Ushers</i>	Hal Burroughs, Matt Sokolich, Lisa Hodges
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Wendy Olk
<i>Counters</i>	June Sellenriek, Annette Goldman

PRAYER LIST

For Family and Friends: Sandra Clay, Krista Freeman, Cheryl Meyer

For the Faithful Departed: John Tadlock, Donald Frank Sr.

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

For Those Committed to Our Ongoing Prayers: Lee Arten, Cynthia Calvin Baumgartner, Victor Belyan, Bev Bouchard, Virginie Brightman, Wendell Covington, Ralph Dacey, Kathryn Dewein, Margaret Ruth Dewein, Prissy Evans, Don Franz, Margie Franz, Christy Garesche, Annette Goldman, Maria Greider, John Hartman, Emily Hintz, Jeff Hirsch, Jack Howard, Ian, Tyson Knapp, Mike Kolman, Kary Matthews, Sharon Trainer Mauney, Bob Messey, Randy Meyer, Liza Nash, Chris O'Connor, Maddie O'Keefe, David Orłowski, Holly Parks, Kimberly Penning, Chi Chi Rassieur, Sara Rigel, Hudson Rosencrans, Sally Russell, June Sellenriek, Martha Shaffer, Jill Smock, Dewayne Stapes, Abbot Thomas, Mia Tiefenbrunn, Don Wallace, Anne Wetzel, and Rolla Wetzel

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BEWARE OF SCAM MESSAGES

Please be alert to scam emails or texts that appear to come from St. Peter's clergy or staff. These "spoofed" messages often ask for urgent help, money or gift cards. If you receive a suspicious message: Check the sender's address/number - it will often look unusual. We will never ask you for gift cards, money, or sensitive information by email or text. Any online or electronic giving to St. Peter's Church should be made on the giving page on our website at specstl.org/give

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

CONCERT TODAY

Early Music Missouri presents "Six Centuries of Music for Recorders" today at 3:00 p.m. The concert, held here at St. Peter's, is performed by Lisette Kielson and Rachel Siegel, recorders; Stephanie Hunt, Baroque cello and viola da gamba; and Jeffrey Noonan, lute, theorbo & guitars. A \$20 admission is suggested.

MORNING PRAYER RETURNS

Morning Prayer returns this Tuesday, October 7. Morning Prayer, held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:30 a.m. in Grace Chapel, 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.

EVENSONG NEXT SUNDAY

Choral Evensong will be held next Sunday, October 12, at 5:00 p.m. Evensong is a traditional service of scripture, prayer, and music in the evening. It has been sung regularly at St. Peter's for more than 35 years. This year, St. Peter's especially invites parishioners and others who have not attended Evensong before to come experience this special form of worship. Evensong or a similar choral service will be sung on the second Sunday of the month at 5:00 p.m. through April.

ORGAN SPOOKTACULAR RECITAL

Children of all ages are invited to hear the sounds of the season played on St. Peter's Mander Organ. Come in costume on Sunday, October 26, at 4:00 p.m. All are welcome. A Fall Family Bonfire with seasonal refreshments follows.

STEWARDSHIP & PARISH LIFE

FALL CALENDAR UPDATE

The new upcoming Wednesday evening series (as outlined on our recent fall flyer), titled "St. Peter's Gatherings," are being rescheduled to November 5, 12, and 19. More information to follow!

TUESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST

The October Tuesday Morning Breakfast will be Tuesday, October 14 at 7:30 a.m. in the Undercroft. Gather for good food and fellowship!

THE GALLERY AT ST. PETER'S EXHIBIT CLOSING FRIDAY

The artwork of Julie Wiegand remains on display in St. Peter's Gallery in the Undercroft through Friday, October 10. Parishioners and visitors are encouraged to view the exhibit during regular church office hours before it concludes.

ANNUAL GIVING

It's not too late to participate and help us meet our annual giving goal of \$1,150,000. We are \$45,000 short of our goal. If you have not yet pledged, please join the 232 families that have committed their support to the campaign. Visit specstl.org/give to make a one-time gift or set up recurring donations. Thank you!

FRIDAY MORNING PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group is looking for new members. The group meets on Fridays at 10:00 a.m. in the Elliot Room. This group also focuses on the current week's Gospel to prepare for a more meaningful Sunday worship experience. For information, please contact Sally Lemkemeier at lemkemeier@aol.com

OUTREACH

ST. JOHN'S PEACE MEAL

Several times a year, St. Peter's parishioners volunteer to prepare and serve a meal at St. John's, Tower Grove. The next chance to participate is Saturday, October 11. If you would like to volunteer to help for a shift between 2:00 to 6:00 p.m., please contact Jim Gilbert at hockeygolf@live.com

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY

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. Children are then escorted down to their Sunday school classes.
- 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.

YOUTH GROUP

St. Peter's Youth Group meets tonight at 5:00 p.m. in the confirmation classroom downstairs (or, as the St. Peter's youth recently renamed it: "SPY HQ"). All youth, grades 6-12, are invited to be part of this Sunday evening community where we share in discussions about faith, life, and how the two intersect - plus have plenty of fun along the way. For more information, contact the Rev. Zack at zackr@specstl.org

FORMATION

INQUIRERS' CLASS BEGINS THIS 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 begin Monday, 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, and is available from Amazon. Participants should read the Introduction for the first session. Contact the Rev. Dr. Nathan Haydon with any questions at nhaydon@specstl.org and to RSVP for the course.

RECTOR'S FORUM AND BREAKFAST

This year, the Rector's Forum takes on an exciting new shape. We will be welcoming guest speakers from across our parish and the wider St. Louis community. Each week will bring a new voice, a new perspective, and a new opportunity to explore how faith connects with the world around us. Come enjoy a hearty breakfast (beginning at 8:45 a.m.) and conversation/speakers (beginning at 9:15 a.m.). The cost of breakfast is \$9. Kids under 5 eat free!

Last week's presenter was Pam Budke, Executive Director, CHAMP Assistance Dogs. She discussed how service dogs can help people with disabilities live more independently. If you would like to contact her about her presentation or have more questions, she can be reached at pam.budke@champdogs.org



October 5: Reggie Williams, Associate Professor of Black Theology, Saint Louis University, Author

Professor and author, Reggie Williams will join us to discuss the rise of Christian Nationalism, something he calls, "the most pressing crisis today," highlighting its blend of Christian authoritarianism with patriotism, which he argues results in moral justification for mass use of violence.



October 12: Ryan Burge Professor of Practice, Washington University in St. Louis

Ryan Burge is a political scientist, statistician, and former American Baptist pastor. He is recognized as one of the leading analysts of religion and politics in the U.S. He will explore how religion - and the lack of religious affiliation - is shaping American politics today.



October 19: Ralph Zuke District Governor for Rotary District 6060

Ralph Zuke has pedaled thousands of miles towing a homemade rickshaw to raise awareness for Rotary International's mission to end polio. He'll share stories from the road and how a bit of creativity and determination can make a big difference in the world.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

Sunday	Oct. 5	The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost		
		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	
		8:45 a.m.	Parish Breakfast	<i>Undercroft</i>
		9:00 a.m.	Nursery Care Opens	
		9:15 a.m.	Rector's Forum	<i>Undercroft</i>
		10:15 a.m.	Children's Chapel	<i>Grace Chapel</i>
		10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Sunday School	
		3:00 p.m.	Concert: Early Music Missouri	
		5:00 p.m.	St. Peter's Youth Group	
Monday	Oct. 6	6:00 p.m.	Inquirers' Class	Elliot Room
Tuesday	Oct. 7	8:30 a.m.	Zoom Bible Study	Online
Wednesday	Oct. 8	7:30 a.m.	Bible Study	<i>Elliot Room</i>
		5:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist	<i>Grace Chapel</i>
Thursday	Oct. 9	9:00 a.m.	Yoga	<i>Undercroft</i>
		10:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer	<i>Grace Chapel</i>
		5:15 p.m.	Probationers Rehearsal	<i>Choir Room</i>
		6:00 p.m.	Choristers Rehearsal	
		7:15 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	
Friday	Oct. 10	8:00 a.m.	A.A.	<i>Classroom</i>
Sunday	Oct. 12	The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost		
		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	
		8:45 a.m.	Parish Breakfast	<i>Undercroft</i>
		9:00 a.m.	Nursery Care Opens	
		9:15 a.m.	Rector's Forum	<i>Undercroft</i>
		10:15 a.m.	Children's Chapel	<i>Grace Chapel</i>
		10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Sunday School	
		5:00 p.m.	Choral Evensong	
		5:00 p.m.	St. Peter's Youth Group	

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