



ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2025 – 10:30 A.M.

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:
CHRIST THE KING
HOLY BAPTISM AND HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

PRELUDE Symphony No. 3 in F-sharp minor, Opus 28
IV. Adagio

Louis Vierne (1870–1937)

THE WORD OF GOD

INTROIT *Dignus est Agnus*

Anglican Chant: J. Foster

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor; to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Give the King your justice, O God: and your righteousness to the King's Son.

– Revelation 5:12, 1:6; Psalm 72

The People stand and sing the hymn.

HYMN 495: "Hail, thou once despised Jesus"

In Babilone

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

People **And blessed be his 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, 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 People sit.

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 46 *Deus noster refugium*

- 1 **God is our refuge and strength, ***
a very present help in trouble.
- 2 **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, ***
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;
- 3 **Though its waters rage and foam, ***
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
- 4 **The Lord of hosts is with us; ***
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 5 **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, ***
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- 6 **God is in the midst of her**
she shall not be overthrown; *
God shall help her at the break of day.
- 7 **The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; ***
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
- 8 **The Lord of hosts is with us; ***
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 9 **Come now and look upon the works of the Lord, ***
what awesome things he has done on earth.
- 10 **It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; ***
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.
- 11 **"Be still, then, and know that I am God; ***
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth."
- 12 **The Lord of hosts is with us; ***
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers - all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand.

HYMN 483: "The head that once was crowned with thorns"

St. Magnus

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 23:33-43

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

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

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

Mary Foster Parmer

HOLY BAPTISM

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

- Priest* The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.
- Parents and Godparents* I present Nora Estelle Feldhaus to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.
I present Quinn Kathleen Feldhaus to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.
I present Josephine Jean Auble to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.
I present Theodore Tillman Auble 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 their life in Christ?
- All* **We will.**
- Priest* Let us join with Nora, Quinn, Teddy, and Josie, who are committing themselves 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 CANDIDATES

Priest Let us now pray for Nora, Quinn, Teddy, and Josie, who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector Bring them 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 Nora / Quinn / Teddy / Josie, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Nora / Quinn / Teddy / Josie, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Nora / Quinn / Teddy / Josie, 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 these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them each 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

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

Exsultate Deo, adjutori nostro:
jubilate Deo Jacob.
Sumite psalmum et date tympanum,
psalterium jucundum cum cithara.
Buccinate in neomenia tuba,
insigni die solemnitatis vestrae.

*Triumph in God, our helper:
praise the God of Jacob.
Take up a song and bring the drum,
the pleasing harp and the lute.
Sound the trumpet at the new moon,
on your special feast day.*

– Psalm 81: 1-3

The People stand and sing.

THE PRESENTATION (*Hymn 380, st. 3*)

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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 *Sedebit Dominus*

Plainsong, Mode 6

The Lord sits enthroned as King for ever; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

– Psalm 29

HYMN 324: “Let all mortal flesh keep silence”

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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 : "Christ triumphant, ever reigning"



1 Christ tri - um - phant, ev - er reign - ing, Sav - ior, Mas - ter King!
2 Word in - car - nate, truth re - veal - ing, Son of Man on earth!
3 Suffer - ing ser - vant, scorned, ill - treat - ed, vic - tim cru - ci - fied!
4 Priest - ly king, en - throned for - ev - er high in heaven, a - bove!
5 So, our hearts and voi - ces rais - ing through the a - ges long,



Lord of heaven, our lives sus - tain - ing, hear us as we sing:
power and maj - es - ty con - ceal - ing by your hum - ble birth:
death is through the cross de - feat - ed, sin - ners jus - ti - fied:
sin and death and hell shall nev - er sti - fle hymns of love:
cease - less - ly up - on you gaz - ing, this shall be our song:



Yours the glo - ry and the crown, the high re - nown, the e - ter - nal name.

Words: Michael Seward (1932-2015)
Music: Guiting Power, John Barnard (b. 1948)

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY Symphony No. 3 in F-sharp minor, Opus 28
V. Final

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

ALTAR FLOWERS

Given by their family to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the baptism of
Nora Estelle Feldhaus, Quinn Kathleen Feldhaus,
Josephine Jean Auble, Theodore Tillman Auble,
by their grandparents.

Given to the glory of God in loving memory of Philip George,
by his family.

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MUSIC NOTES On this Last Sunday after Pentecost, much of the music is concerned with themes of triumph and kingship. In the sequence hymn, "The head that once was crowned with thorns" (483) Thomas Kelly draws our attention to how Jesus' refusal to claim any kind of earthly power is diametrically opposed to his heavenly Kingship. In the opening hymn, too, the text by John Bakewell and Martin Madan speak of the King of kings who was "once despised." The final hymn, a modern text by Michael Saward, is full of rapturous praises for "Christ triumphant." This hymn was well-received here on Ascension Day, and it is sung this morning by popular demand.

The "effusive and ebullient" motet "Exsultate Deo" likewise relishes in triumph. It calls us, in one translation, to "triumph in God," and to do so in with a myriad of musical instruments. The music, by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c. 1525-1594) nearly bubbles over with praise. The initial rising scale figure is nearly identical to that used in a setting by French composer Francis Poulenc, writing some 400 years later.

THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. David Hodges
<i>Preacher</i>	Mary Foster Parmer
<i>Assisting Clergy</i>	The Rev. Dr. Nathan Haydon, The Rev. Zack Rugenstone
<i>Musicians</i>	The St. Peter's Choir David Sinden, Organist and Choirmaster
<i>Acolyte Masters</i>	Allan Ivie, Julie Ferrie
<i>Acolytes</i>	Sloane Stockwell, Charlotte Craig, Johanna Sanchez, Emma Fouke, Elliot Reed, Charlie Miller
<i>Lectors</i>	Mark Pye, Katie Knapp
<i>Ushers</i>	Mike Newport, Josh Schafer, Luke Fouke, Chuck Jones
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Nancy Grimes
<i>Monday Counters</i>	Lisa Acker, Ann Randazzo

PRAYER LIST

For Family and Friends: Garth Fort, Holly Parks, Howard Price

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING

The Church office will be closed Wednesday, November 26, through Friday, November 28, in observance of Thanksgiving Day. We wish you a safe and joyful Thanksgiving holiday.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

A Service of Lessons and Carols for Advent will be held on Sunday, December 14, at 5:00 p.m. This popular service reflects the Advent season's growing anticipation. The St. Peter's Choir sing music by G.P. da Palestrina, Aaron Copland, Judith Weir, Francis Pott, James MacMillan, Matthew Martin, Jessica Nelson, and Kerensa Briggs. A recital of Advent music, played by organists Joseph Arndt and David Sinden, begins a few minutes after 4:30 p.m. A festive reception will follow the service.

DONATE TO CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

The flowers and greens used to beautify the sanctuary for the Christmas Season are an annual cost that is graciously offset by the generosity of our parishioners. We hope that you will contribute \$50.00 or more to the general cost, in loving memory or in honor/thanksgiving of loved ones. You may make your donation and acknowledgment by scanning the QR code, or complete a "Christmas Flowers" form found in the narthex and undercroft. All donations and acknowledgments must be placed by Monday, December 15.



BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

For many, Christmas can be an occasion to seek solace rather than celebration. Remembering that God shares in our sorrows as well as our joys, all are welcome to attend a "Blue Christmas" service on Wednesday, December 17, at 5:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST. PETER'S

St. Peter's will offer three services for Christmas Eve and one on Christmas Day:

Christmas Eve - December 24

- 4:00 p.m. Christmas Pageant and Holy Eucharist: Family friendly and led by the children of St. Peter's
- 6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist: A merry, traditional service with the full choir
- 9:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist: An intimate and festive gathering of celebration with carols

Christmas Day - December 25

- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist: A joyful and quiet celebration of the birth of our Savior

CONCERT: EARLY MUSIC MISSOURI

Sunday, December 7, at 3:00 p.m. Gloria in Excelsis Deo! featuring masterpieces by G. F. Handel, Antonio Vivaldi, and Arcangelo Corelli. The program includes Corelli's beloved *Christmas Concerto*, Handel's radiant *Gloria* for solo soprano, and Vivaldi's joyful *Gloria* for choir, soloists, strings, Baroque oboe, and trumpet. Come enjoy an afternoon of exceptional Baroque music in the beautiful acoustic of St. Peter's. \$20 suggested donation at the door with discounts for students.

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY

FAMILY CHRISTMAS COOKIE DECORATING PARTY

Save the date, December 6 at 1:00 p.m., for a festive afternoon in the Undercroft! Families are invited for a joyful Christmas Cookie Decorating Party, complete with cookies, sprinkles, icing, and plenty of holiday cheer. Come share in the fun as we decorate cookies, sip something warm, and celebrate the anticipation of Christmas with family, friends, and community.

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. This week, we are going to have some fun with pizza and Game Night! For more information, contact the Rev. Zack Rugenstone at zackr@specstl.org. NOTE: No Youth Group on Sunday, November 30.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

We would love to have your child involved in this year's Christmas Pageant. Children, age 4 to Grade 5, will have costumed parts, and students in Grade 6 and above will be the readers. It is a remarkable experience for a child to help recreate the story of the Nativity during the service of Holy Eucharist on Christmas Eve, December 24, at 4:00 p.m. There will be one mandatory rehearsal on Saturday, December 20, at 10:00 a.m. More information will be coming to families soon. Please contact Didi Noelker if you have questions at dnoelker@gmail.com.

FORMATION

RECTOR'S FORUM AND BREAKFAST

This season, we welcome guest speakers from across our parish and the wider St. Louis community to join us for Rector's Forum. 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!



November 23: Chris Krehmeyer, President & CEO of Beyond Housing

Chris shares how one organization is transforming lives and communities across the St. Louis region. From revitalizing neighborhoods to expanding access to housing, health care, and education, Beyond Housing's work offers a powerful example of what can happen when people come together with a shared purpose. Chris will reflect on lessons learned through decades of community partnerships and how faith communities can play a vital role in building stronger, more connected neighborhoods for all.

STEWARDSHIP & PARISH LIFE

ADVENT WREATH "TO GO" WORKSHOP

Next Sunday, November 30, be sure to stop in the Undercroft following both services to pick up your supplies to make your own Advent Wreath. We'll have everything you need including directions and a paper bag if you want to take your supplies and assemble your Advent Wreath at home.

END-OF-YEAR GIVING

We invite you to reflect on the blessings of this past year and consider making an end-of-year gift to support the mission of St. Peter's. Your generosity enables us to provide meaningful ministries, maintain our sacred spaces, and serve as a place of faith and community for all who seek it. Please note that all offerings for 2025 must be postmarked on or before Wednesday, December 31, 2025. There are many ways to give, including one-time gifts, charitable IRA rollovers, stock donations, or by starting or updating your online giving. Visit www.specstl.org/give. Thank you!

FRIDAY MORNING PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group is open to all. 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

CALL FOR ENTRIES: CHILDREN'S ART SHOW

The Gallery of St. Peter's will feature a Children's Art Show this December! We invite you to share framed, two-dimensional artwork by the children you love - no matter their age now or where they live. See www.specstl.org/children for more details. Questions? Contact Nancy Grimes at nlgrimes@aol.com or (314) 603-3582.

CHILDREN'S ART SHOW RECEPTION

After the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, December 7, join us for a joyful celebration of our children's artwork in the Undercroft! Kids can create LEGO-printed Christmas cards while everyone enjoys cookies and hot chocolate while viewing the wonderful pieces from St. Peter's children and youth.

OUTREACH

GIVING TREE DRIVE

A tree in the Narthex is adorned with ornamental tags listing gifts for St. Peter's Blessing Bags and our outreach ministry partners - Welcome Neighbor, Urban League, and GiFT (Giving is a Family Tradition). Tags can be taken from the tree and returned to the church with corresponding unwrapped gifts by Monday, December 8. You may also shop from our Amazon Giving Tree Wishlist. Just scan the QR code and have items sent directly to the church. Thank you!



FOOD BAGS DISTRIBUTED TODAY

Today (and next week, due to Thanksgiving) we are distributing food bags for our December food drive in support of the Trinity Food Ministry. This will be our last food drive of the year and the last opportunity to reach our goal of 1,500 bags donated in 2025. The need has never been greater. Please take a bag home with you today and return it on Sunday, December 7. Thank you for your generosity!

TRINITY HOT LUNCH

Several times a year, St. Peter's parishioners volunteer to prepare and serve a meal at Trinity Episcopal Church in the Central West End. The next opportunity will be Sunday, December 7. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Jim Gilbert at hockeygolf@live.com.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

Sunday	Nov. 23	The Last 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	<i>Little Building</i>
		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	<i>Classrooms</i>
		5:00 p.m. St. Peter's Youth Group	<i>SPY HQ</i>
Tuesday	Nov. 25	5:15 p.m. Probationers Rehearsal	<i>Choir Room</i>
		6:00 p.m. Choristers Rehearsal	<i>Choir Room</i>
		7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	<i>Choir Room</i>
Wednesday	Nov. 26	Office Closed	
		5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist	<i>Grace Chapel</i>
Thursday	Nov. 27	Thanksgiving Day - Office Closed	
Friday	Nov. 28	Office Closed	
		8:00 a.m. A.A.	<i>Classroom</i>
Sunday	Nov. 30	The First Sunday of Advent	
		8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
		8:45 a.m. Parish Breakfast	
		Advent Wreath Workshop	<i>Undercroft</i>
		9:00 a.m. Nursery Care Opens	<i>Little Building</i>
		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	<i>Classrooms</i>
		11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour	
		Advent Wreath Workshop	<i>Undercroft</i>

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.

		
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