



ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026 – 8:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

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## THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

*This service booklet is for 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 Healey Willan (1880-1968).*

PRELUDE Nun lob, mein Seel, den Herren, BuxWV 213  
(My Soul, now praise thy Maker)

Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Versus 1

Versus 2

Versus 3

## THE WORD OF GOD

INTROIT *Da pacem*

E.J. Hopkins

Give peace, O Lord, to them that wait for thee, and let thy Prophets be found faithful: regard the prayers of thy servant and of thy people Israel. I was glad when they said unto me: We will go into the house of the Lord.

– Wisdom 36:18; Psalm 122:1

- 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 390: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

*Lobe den Herren*

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

*People* **And blessed be his 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*

*Celebrant* Glory to God in the highest,

*All* **and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

- 10:30 *The Gloria is sung* (Hymnal S 202)

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

*All* Glory be to God on high,  
and on earth, peace good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee,  
we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;  
thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ,  
with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 LESSON

Genesis 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

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

PSALM 103:8-13 *Benedic, anima mea*

- 8    **The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, \*  
      slow to anger and of great kindness.**
- 9    **He will not always accuse us, \*  
      nor will he keep his anger for ever.**
- 10   **He has not dealt with us according to our sins, \*  
      nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.**
- 11   **For as the heavens are high above the earth, \*  
      so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.**
- 12   **As far as the east is from the west, \*  
      so far has he removed our sins from us.**
- 13   **As a father cares for his children, \*  
      so does the Lord care for those who fear him.**

*The People stand.*

HYMN 593: "Lord, make us servants of your peace "

*Dickinson College*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

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

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

*Priest*    The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. David Hodges

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

## THE NICENE CREED

*Celebrant* 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* As a father cares for his children, so does the Lord care for those who fear him. Let us bring our cares and needs to the one whom we belong and who hears our prayers, saying, "The Lord is full of compassion; / May the Lord have mercy upon us."

*The People kneel, as able.*

We pray for the Church, remembering Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, Presiding Bishop; Deon, our Bishop; and the clergy and ministry leaders of St. Peter's.

In our diocesan cycle we pray for Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Webster Groves, and in the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand, and Polynesia. May everything be done in honor of the Lord, in thanksgiving to God. The Lord is full of compassion;

*People* **May the Lord have mercy upon us.**

*Lector* We pray for nations and their leaders, remembering Donald, our President, and Mike, our Governor. We pray for God's creation, that we would be ethical in the use of what we have been given; and we pray for peace and an end to all war, for everyone will be accountable to God. On this twenty-fifth anniversary of the attack on September 11, we continue to commend to God the souls of the departed, and for all survivors to know peace and solace in the knowledge of the love of the Lord. The Lord is full of compassion;

*People* **May the Lord have mercy upon us.**

*Lector* We pray for those with any need in our parish and community, especially Beatriz Calvin, Krista Freeman, [\_\_\_\_\_,] and Judd Presley. May we serve those in need, that through our care they would know the mercy of the Lord. The Lord is full of compassion;

*People* **May the Lord have mercy upon us.**

*Lector* We pray for the departed, especially Don Franz [and \_\_\_\_\_]. With hope in the resurrection, may we know that whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's, and that for this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord of both the living and the dead. The Lord is full of compassion;

*People* **May the Lord have mercy upon us.**

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

*Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **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

## 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

Leo Nestor (1948-2016)

My life flows on in endless song,  
above earth's lamentation.  
I hear the real though far-off hymn  
that hails a new creation.  
*No storm can shake my inmost calm  
while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since love is Lord of heav'n and earth,  
how can I keep from singing?*

Through all the tumult and the strife,  
I hear that music ringing.  
It finds an echo in my soul.  
How can I keep from singing?  
*No storm can shake my inmost calm  
while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since love is Lord of heav'n and earth,  
how can I keep from singing?*

What though my joys and comforts die?  
I know my Savior liveth.  
What though the darkness gather round?  
Songs in the night he giveth.  
*No storm can shake my inmost calm  
while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since love is Lord of heav'n and earth,  
how can I keep from singing?*

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,  
a fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am his!  
How can I keep from singing?  
*No storm can shake my inmost calm  
while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since love is Lord of heav'n and earth,  
how can I keep from singing?*

- Robert Lowry

*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.

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 (Hymnal S 114)*

Healey Willan (1880–1968)

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*The People sit.*

*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.*

*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 *Tollite hostias*

Plainsong, Mode 4

Bring offerings and enter into his courts; come and worship the Lord in his holy temple. Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.

– Psalm 96

#### ANTHEM

Harold Friedell (1905-1958)

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| Draw us in the Spirit's tether;<br>for when humbly in thy name,<br>two or three are met together,<br>Thou art in the midst of them:<br>Alleluya! Alleluya!<br>Touch we now thy garment's hem. | As the brethren used to gather<br>in the name of Christ to sup,<br>then with thanks to God the Father<br>break the bread and bless the cup,<br>Alleluya! Alleluya!<br>So knit thou our friendship up. |
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All our meals and all our living  
 make as sacraments of thee,  
 that by caring, helping, giving,  
 we may true disciples be.  
 Alleluya! Alleluya!  
 We will serve thee faithfully.

– Percy Dearmer

## 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

*The People stand.*

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

*St. Denio*

## THE DISMISSAL

*Priest* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY Partita (1955)  
I. Intrada

Josef Friedrich Doppelbauer (1918-1989)

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MUSIC NOTES The organ prelude is one of four settings that North German composer Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707) wrote based on the chorale "Nun lob, mein Seel, den Herren." The chorale is a metrical paraphrase of Psalm 103 by Johann Gramann. Today's psalm is also referenced in the opening hymn (390), "Praise to the Lord, the almighty."

American composer Leo Nestor (1948-2019) held the position of director of music at the Basilica of the National Shrine in Washington, D.C., for many years. Following this, he held several teaching positions at the Catholic University of America. Throughout his career, Nestor was an influential figure in the music of the Roman Catholic church in the United States. He was commissioned four separate times to write music for U.S. papal visits and was honored by Pope Francis for his service to the church. Nestor's works for choir and congregation are widely published. His anthem "How can I keep from singing," the second work in *An American Triptych*, is one of his most popular pieces.

Harold Friedell (1905-1958) was Organist and Master of the Choir at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, New York City. His lyrical anthem "Draw us in the Spirit's tether" has enjoyed great popularity since its composition.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God by St. Peter's Parishioners.

## THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

8:00 A.M.

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| <i>Celebrant</i>   | The Rev. Dr. Nathan Haydon |
| <i>Preacher</i>    | The Rev. David Hodges      |
| <i>Organ</i>       | David Sinden               |
| <i>Lectors</i>     | Bob Cocking, Jane Gilbert  |
| <i>Ushers</i>      | Rich Huck, Tony Randazzo   |
| <i>Altar Guild</i> | Didi Noelker               |

10:30 A.M.

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| <i>Celebrant</i>        | The Rev. Zack Rugenstone                                                      |
| <i>Preacher</i>         | The Rev. David Hodges                                                         |
| <i>Assisting Clergy</i> | The Rev. Dr. Nathan Haydon                                                    |
| <i>Musicians</i>        | The St. Peter's Choir<br>David Sinden, Organist and Choirmaster               |
| <i>Acolyte Masters</i>  | Allan Ivie, Jim Gilbert                                                       |
| <i>Acolytes</i>         | Michael Souza, Edward Maher, Magnolia Deschenes<br>Amie Reboulet, Janie Weiss |
| <i>Lectors</i>          | Karen Winn, Jim Wilson                                                        |
| <i>Ushers</i>           | Kurt Hibler, Randy Parham, Bud Wilson, Jack Gillis                            |
| <i>Altar Guild</i>      | Jan Craig                                                                     |
| <i>Monday Counters</i>  | Bob Messey, Bud Wilson                                                        |

## PRAYER LIST

**For Family and Friends:** Beatriz Calvin, Krista Freeman, Judd Presley

**For the Faithful Departed:** Don Franz

**For the Men and Women of the Armed Forces:** Murali Krishna Badanapuram, Alexandra Maranto

**For Those Committed to Our Ongoing Prayers:** Jan Anter, Lee Arten, Kit Baker, Victor Belyan, Bev Bouchard, Desiree Brattin, Virginie Brightman, Craig Campbell, Elizabeth Cottle, Wendell Covington, Ralph Dacey, Joan Hager Davis, Greg Dugard, Bonnie Essick, Prissy Evans, Nolan Fagan, Carolyn Farrell, Teenie Followell, Jerry Freeland, Anthony Frigard, Maria Greider, John Hartman, Emily Hintz, Jeff Hirsch, Jack Howard, Verna Johnson, Mary Korte, Russ Lake, Pat Lambrix, John Marshall, Cheryl Meyer, Randy Meyer, Liza Nash, Chris O'Connor, Maddie O'Keefe, David Orlowski, Holly Parks, Kimberly Penning, Kristi and Bill Peterson, Steve Randall, Chi Chi Rassieur, Sara Rigel, Sally Russell, Susan Russo, Shirley Smith, Jill Smock, Dewayne Stapes, Sarah Striler, Scheryl and Michael Sylvia, Abbot Thomas, Mia Tiefenbrunn, Molly Webster, David Westfall, Anne Wetzel, Rolla Wetzel, Goldie Wirth, and Grant Williams.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WORSHIP & MUSIC

### **CHORAL EVENSONG AT OUR CATHEDRAL NEXT SUNDAY**

Next Sunday, September 20, at Christ Church Cathedral (1210 Locust St.) the St. Peter's Singers will join with the Schola of Christ Church to sing a service of Choral Evensong. This service, conducted by Dr. Connor Scott, will include music of David Briggs and Alexander L'Estrange. Evensong is a traditional service of scripture, prayer, and music in the evening.

### **ORGAN RECITAL: JAMES O'DONNELL**

To celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Peter's Mander organ, internationally acclaimed organist James O'Donnell, former Organist and Master of the Choristers at Westminster Abbey and current Professor of Organ at Yale University, will return to St. Peter's to present an organ recital Friday, October 2, at 7:00 p.m. Widely praised for his "exceptional command of light and shade" and "impressive virtuosity," O'Donnell is recognized as one of the leading organists of our time. The recital will be followed by a gala reception. Mark your calendar, you won't want to miss this!

### **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 ([dsinden@specstl.org](mailto:dsinden@specstl.org)) is always delighted to meet potential singers and their families.

### **DO YOU WANT TO SING WITH THE PARISH CHOIR?**

The St. Peter's Parish Choir sing every Sunday at the 10:30 a.m. service from September through Trinity Sunday. Their wide-ranging repertoire is thoroughly steeped in the Anglican choral tradition and ranges from plainchant to Tudor polyphony to newly composed anthems and motets. Additionally, St. Peter's Choir sing several special services throughout the year. This 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](mailto:dsinden@specstl.org)

# FORMATION

## **FAMILY FORUM**

Each Sunday from 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m., the new Family Forum will meet in the Elliot Room for parents to gather, learn, and encourage one another as they seek to raise faithful children in today's world. To kick off the new forum, the group will work through Jonathan Haidt's bestselling book *The Anxious Generation*, exploring how to intersect with our faith and our calling as parents. Breakfast and childcare will be available. For more information, contact The Rev. Zack Rugenstone (zackr@specstl.org). Use the QR code to purchase a copy of the book. We hope you will join us!



## **RECTOR'S FORUM AND BREAKFAST**

The Rector's Forum returns today as we welcome guest speakers from across our parish and the wider St. Louis community. Come enjoy a hearty breakfast (beginning at 8:45 a.m.) and conversation/speakers (beginning at 9:15).

### **Upcoming Rector's Forums:**

- **September 13: St. Peter's Youth** – The St. Peter's high school youth invite you to hear about their summer mission trip to the mountains of Virginia, where they spent a week serving others, growing in fellowship, and living out their faith.
- **September 20: Rene Knott, Lift for Life Gym** – Join Rene Knott as he talks about Lift for Life Gym, which offers a positive, nurturing after-school environment for St. Louis youth to grow—physically, mentally, socially and even spiritually.

## **CENTERING PRAYER**

Centering Prayer is a contemplative form of Christian prayer that gently prepares us to receive the gift of God's presence. Rooted in ancient practices of silent prayer, it invites us to let go of thoughts and distractions, resting quietly in God's love. Using a simple sacred word or intention, we return again and again to stillness, opening ourselves to God's work within us. This practice is not about emptying the mind, but about consenting to God's presence and action in our lives. Over time, it can deepen our awareness of God's grace, both in silence and in daily living. All are welcome to join us each Thursday at 10:00 a.m. in Grace Chapel.

## **RECTOR'S BIBLE STUDY**

Join us on Wednesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. in the Elliot Room. Begin your day with Scripture, engaging discussion, and fellowship in a welcoming and relaxed setting. Whether you're a longtime participant or curious to join for the first time, all are welcome. We look forward to seeing you there!

## **LECTIO DIVINA: NEW DAY AND TIME**

You are invited to spend time with biblical readings for each upcoming Sunday. This hour is set aside for the meditative, prayerful reading of scripture, an ancient practice also known as "Lectio Divina" (divine reading). Anyone is welcome at any session; regular attendance is not required. Lectio Divina meets on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. in Grace Chapel. For more information, please contact the Rev. Susie Skinner (susiecskinner@gmail.com) or David Sinden (dsinden@specstl.com).

# STEWARDSHIP & PARISH LIFE

## **IN NEED OF A MEAL OR PRAYER?**

St. Peter's Cares is a ministry by parishioners for parishioners. This anonymous service provides meals for those experiencing difficult times and prayers for those in need. To request prayers or meals or to volunteer to serve, please email [shepherd@specstl.org](mailto:shepherd@specstl.org) or leave a message at (314) 993-2306 ext. 125.

## **ST. PETER'S IS HERE FOR YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS**

If you are hospitalized, homebound, or unable to come to church for any reason, the clergy of St. Peter's can bring church to you. Our clergy are always happy to visit with parishioners to offer pastoral care, bring Holy Communion, or to come by and say hello. If you would like a visit, please reach out to the office at [office@specstl.org](mailto:office@specstl.org) or by calling (314) 993-2306.

# CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY

## **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ON SUNDAYS**

Children are a valued and important part of life at St. Peter's. We invite families to take advantage of these opportunities for worship, learning, and care each Sunday:

- NEW! Child Care is available for kids K-7 in the classrooms from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- Nursery is offered in the lower level of the Little Building from 9:00 a.m. until noon.
- Children's Chapel is offered in Grace Chapel from 10:15 to 10:25 a.m.
- Sunday School classes begin at 10:30 a.m.

## **SPY RETURNS TODAY!**

St. Peter's Youth (SPY) is having their big Kickoff Night today at 5:00 p.m. with another match up against the Middle School and High School students competing for the Kickoff Cup! SPY will continue to meet every Sunday evening at 5:00 and wrap up at 6:00. All kids from grades 6-12 are welcome!

# SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

## **COOKIES & COMMUNITY – HELP US KEEP FELLOWSHIP SWEET**

We are looking for parishioners to bring sweet treats for Coffee Hour after the 10:30 a.m. service. A sign-up sheet is on the coffee hour table each Sunday with all available dates. There are two host spots available each week, so please check your calendar to see if you can help!

September 20 - available

September 27 - available

We are also looking for one organized superstar to serve as our Coffee Hour Coordinator. If you are interested in leading the coffee hour efforts, please contact Janet Rouse at [janetr@specstl.org](mailto:janetr@specstl.org).

## **SUNDAY BREAKFAST CREW**

We need two more people to join a Sunday Breakfast team this Fall. Whether you enjoy cooking, serving, or simply spending time with fellow parishioners, there's a place for you. Serve as your schedule allows, and if you'd like to learn more, join us for a Sunday morning and experience it firsthand. Contact Matt Bouchard at [mattbouchard2@gmail.com](mailto:mattbouchard2@gmail.com) for more information.

## **JOIN THE ST. PETER'S FLOWER TEAM**

Each week, Sunday altar flowers are repurposed into small bouquets to bring joy and comfort to fellow parishioners at home! Flower arrangements are made on Monday morning anytime between 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Please join the team as an arranger and/or deliverer! Schedules will be made based on your availability. Questions? Contact Dudley Grove at (314) 550-4500 or [dudleyg@mail.com](mailto:dudleyg@mail.com) for more information and to sign up!

# THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

|                  |               |                                               |                        |
|------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>Sep 13</b> | <b>The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>   |                        |
|                  |               | 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist                      |                        |
|                  |               | 8:45 a.m. Parish Breakfast                    | <i>Undercroft</i>      |
|                  |               | 9:00 a.m. Child Care/ Nursery Opens           | <i>Little Building</i> |
|                  |               | 9:15 a.m. Rector's Forum                      | <i>Undercroft</i>      |
|                  |               | Family Forum                                  | <i>Eliot Room</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. Kickoff Celebration                |                        |
|                  |               | 5:00 p.m. St. Peter's Youth Group             | <i>SPY HQ</i>          |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>Sep 15</b> | 8:30 a.m. Zoom Bible Study                    | <i>Online</i>          |
|                  |               | 10:30 a.m. St Peter's Guild                   | <i>Undercroft</i>      |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>Sep 16</b> | 7:30 a.m. Rector's Bible Study                | <i>Eliot Room</i>      |
|                  |               | 11:00 a.m. Lectio Divina                      | <i>Grace Chapel</i>    |
|                  |               | 5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist                      | <i>Grace Chapel</i>    |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>Sep 17</b> | 10:00 a.m. Centering Prayer                   | <i>Eliot Room</i>      |
|                  |               | 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>      |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>Sep 18</b> | 8:00 a.m. A.A.                                | <i>Classroom</i>       |
|                  |               | 10:30 a.m. Prayer Group                       | <i>Eliot Room</i>      |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>Sep 20</b> | <b>The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> |                        |
|                  |               | 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist                      |                        |
|                  |               | 8:45 a.m. Parish Breakfast                    | <i>Undercroft</i>      |
|                  |               | 9:00 a.m. Child Care/ Nursery Opens           | <i>Little Building</i> |
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|                  |               | Sunday School                                 | <i>Classrooms</i>      |
|                  |               | 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour                        |                        |
|                  |               | 5:00 p.m. St. Peter's Youth Group             | <i>SPY HQ</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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