# St. Peter's Episcopal Church and School

Our Mission: We welcome all to join us in knowing Christ and making him known to others.

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#### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Wednesday, September 11
5:00 pm - The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Sunday, September 15

8:00 am – The Holy Eucharist: Rite One 9:15 am – The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two 11:15 am – The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

11:15 am - The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two (also streamed)

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 18

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

September 8, 2024 10:00 AM

#### The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 18

Welcome to St. Peter's Episcopal Church. The Gospel reading today contains two healing stories among non-Jews. In the first Jesus astounds the disciples by healing the daughter of a Gentile woman, an act unheard of in his day. Then he heals a man who is deaf and mute. In Mark's Gospel these healings, like the others he describes, are a sign that Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus' attempt to prevent the healing being made known, and the crowd's amazement at this event, is a characteristic of Mark's Gospel. Also characteristic of Mark is that the people healed are in every case people who were rejected by traditional religious leaders.

The Old Testament reading is chosen because in it Isaiah foresees the coming of the Messiah characterized by healing and new life.

Today we continue reading the Epistle of James. This brief letter, ascribed to Jesus' brother, is strikingly similar in tone and content to the Sermon on the Mount. James is particularly concerned that belief in God be accompanied by conduct congruent with that faith. Above all, James is concerned lest we settle for faith which does not produce good works for others, especially the poor and helpless. Faith without good works is an empty faith.

The People of God gather, week by week, to meet Christ, dying and rising in our midst. His presence is revealed in our liturgical gatherings in Word and Sacrament, and in us, as members of his Body, by our daily lives of ministry to others in concrete acts of love and caring.

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The red *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP) is our source of Liturgy and is indicated by BCP page numbers. Our hymns are found in the blue *Hymnal 1982* as printed selections from it and other supplemental hymnals, including, but not limited to, *Lift Every Voice and Sing (LEVAS)*, *Voices Found (VF)*, *Wonder, Love, Praise (WLP)*, My Heart Sings Out (MHSO) and Enriching Our Music (EOM)

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Improvisation

**Gathering Music** Come, now is the time to worship = 98 D Dsus D is the time\_ ship. \_ to Come, D G Em A to give\_ your\_\_ heart. Come, Come, now is the time\_\_\_ D Dsus ship. Come, to WOL just you are\_ Last time to Coda G Em your\_\_\_ God. Come. just as you are\_\_\_\_\_ be - fore\_ G You are God.\_\_\_\_ will con - fess\_ One day tongue G D G Still, the great - est treas - ure re - mains\_\_\_ One day ev - 'ry knee\_\_\_ will bow.\_ G Bm D.C. al Coda who glad ly\_\_\_ choose\_ You now.\_ for\_\_\_ those\_





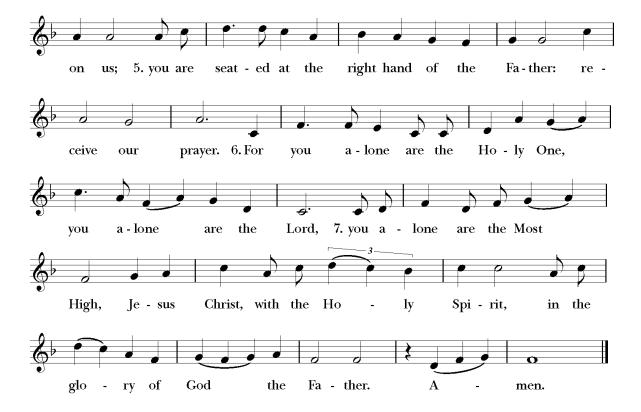
Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit..

#### People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Celebrant says the Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.





#### The Collect of the Day

**BCP 233** 

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

The people sit.

#### The First Reading

Isaiah 35:4-7a

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,

with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;

the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water;

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 146

The antiphon is sung by all. The Psalm is then said responsively by whole verse.



#### 1 Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul! \*
I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

- 2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, \* for there is no help in them.
- 3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, \* and in that day their thoughts perish.
- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! \* whose hope is in the LORD their God;

- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; \* who keeps his promise for ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \* and food to those who hunger.
- 7 The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; \* the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
- 8 The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger; \* he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- 9 The LORD shall reign for ever, \* your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!



#### The Second Reading

James 2:1-10, 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the

law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

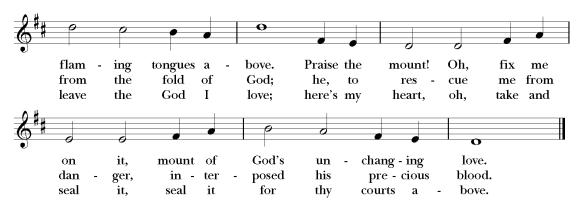
What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand. The children are invited to process to Children's Chapel during the Sequence Hymn.





The Holy Gospel Mark 7:24-37

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The People stand with the Celebrant and say together

The Nicene Creed BCP 358

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 Pila

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 people remain standing or kneel.

#### Prayers of the People, Form III

**BCP 387** 

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

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

The People may add their own petitions.

We give thanks for St. Matthew's, Kenedy; and St. Stephen's, Goliad.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin BCP 359

The Deacon or Celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Celebrant stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

All stand.

The Peace BCP 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

#### Announcements

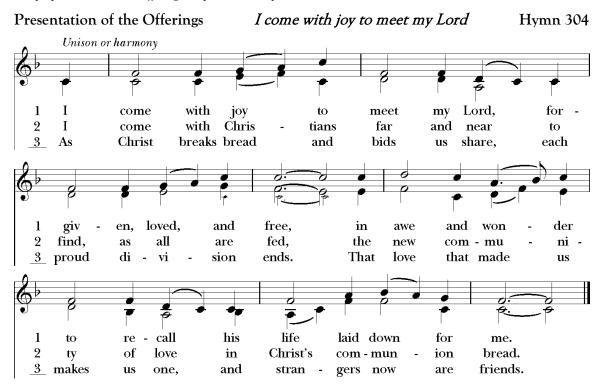
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#### The Holy Communion





The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the altar.



The people remain standing.

**Eucharistic Prayer B** 

#### The Great Thanksgiving

#### The Oreat Thanksgivin

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.

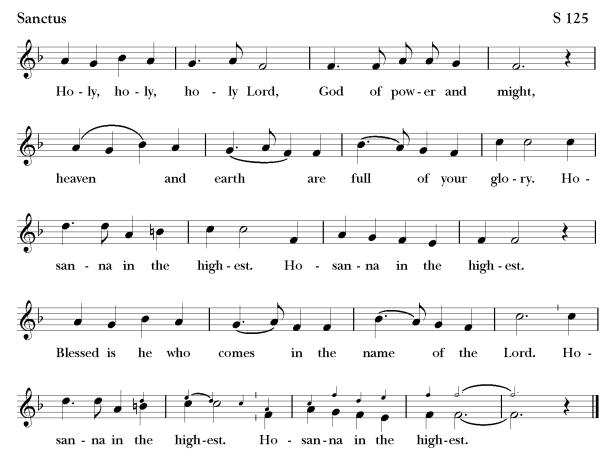
The Celebrant proceeds

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

**BCP 367** 

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:



The people kneel or stand.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you

sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you.

In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with blessed Peter, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 for ever. **AMEN.** 

The Celebrant then continues

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

#### People and Celebrant

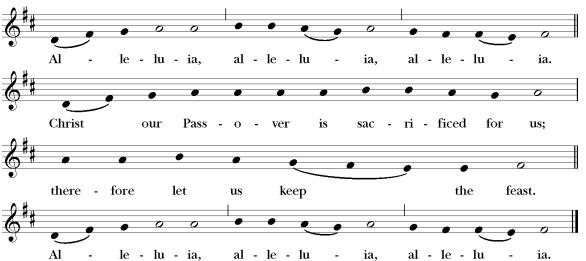
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

#### The Breaking of the Bread

**BCP 364** 

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.



#### The Celebrant says

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.

#### Communion

#### Communion Hymn

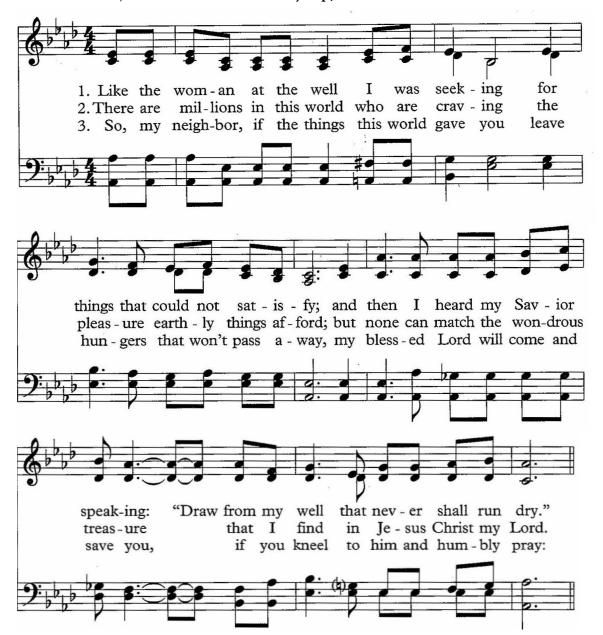
#### Breathe





#### Communion Hymn

#### Fill my cup, Lord





When Eucharistic Visitors are sent, the Deacon says

In the name of St. Peter's Congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

Go in peace.

#### Postcommunion Prayer

The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Celebrant and people

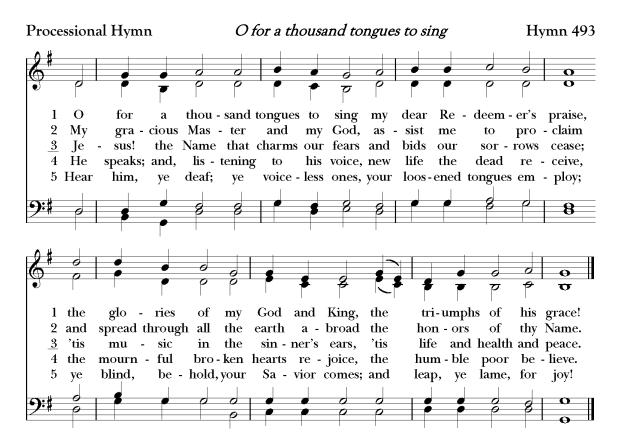
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the people, concluding

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. **Amen.** 

All stand.



6 Glory to God and praise and love be now and ever given by saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heayen.

Dismissal BCP 340

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Voluntary Improvisation

Flowers on our altar too in o	day are given to celebration of A	the Glory of G manda Taylor's	od by Craig and birthday.	Sharon Evans
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#### SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday back to regular schedule on 9/15/24

8:00 am - The Holy Eucharist: Rite One

10:00 am - The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two - also streamed online

#### Wednesday

5:00 pm - The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Ministries-Sept. 8	8:00 am	10:00 am
Eucharistic Ministers	Deidra Harmer	Heather Stebbins Fred Henneke
Vestry Rep.	Grant Baehre	John Murray
Ushers	Hank Grant Bill Vaughan	Doug Holmes Mark Haufler John Murray

Altar Guild - Rolinda Schmidt, Deborah Rommel, Ellen Schoenfeld, Robin Wheeler, Nancy Brown, and Andrea O'Neal.

Ministries-Sept. 15	8:00 am	9:15 am	11:15 am
Eucharistic	Dave Weekley	Imelda Horne	Herb Williamson
Ministers		Rita Self	Kay Hayes
Vestry Rep.	Hiram Wilson	Hiram Wilson	John Murray
Ushers	Hank Grant Bill Vaughan	Libby English Dan English Barbara Jansen	Doug Holmes Mark Haufler John Murray

Altar Guild - Rolinda Schmidt, Deborah Rommel, Ellen Schoenfeld, Robin Wheeler, Nancy Brown, and Andrea O'Neal.

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Long Term Prayer List: Brandon, Ray, Josephin, Tom, Penny, Viola, Nolan, Valerie, Damianus, Jimmy, Cindy, Eric, Harper, Jim, Karen, Randy, Sean, Meryl, Rajesh, George Carr, Kathleen, Nancy, Margaret, Willie, Sarah, Wyatt, Olivia, Abel, Mark, Lisa, Sage.

Short Term Prayer List: Phil DeMasco, Becky

<u>Military and Diplomatic Service Prayer List</u>: Kareen Hart, George Hart, Justin Augustine, Elison Crum, Ross Davis, Kevin DeVore, Jr., Jason Horne and family, Emily Matz Corbin, Joshua Bosworth, Nate Munton, Eric Wood, John Christy, Brittany Vinson, Ian Nix, and all who serve our country.

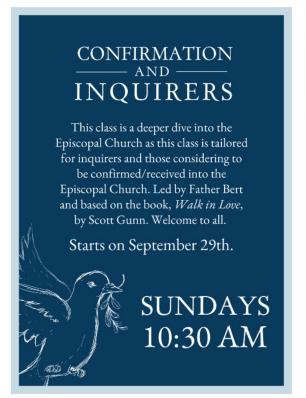
Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Matthew's, Kenedy; and St. Stephen's, Goliad.

#### Worship Attendance:

Sunday 9/1/24 - 8AM: 30, 10:00AM: 140

Wednesday 9/4/24 - 5PM: 12

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Join is for our highly popular Sunday Morning Formation Class! In this class, participants delve into the captivating world of Jesus Christ through the lens of the remarkable TV series, "The Chosen." This groundbreaking show has captivated millions, presenting biblical stories in a whole new light. Each Sunday class will focus on one episode.

SUNDAYS 10:30 AM

#### THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

#### SUNDAY, September 8

8:00 am The Holy Eucharist: Rite One Traditional Service – no music

9:45 am Nursery opens – Rm. 95 by the chapel

10:00 am The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two Combined Service

11:00 am IT'S RALLY DAY! Join everyone in Tucker Hall for Hamburgers (and

so much more) prepared by our Hamburger Ministry. Also browse the

ministries around the room and pick up your St. Peter's T-Shirt!

Special fun in the courtyard for kids of all ages!!

#### MONDAY, September 9

8:00 am - 3:00 pm Cottage Shop Volunteer workday & receiving donations. Call 830-

257-0290 to make an appointment for consignments, accepted on

Mondays only from 8AM - 11 AM.

#### TUESDAY, September 10

9:00 am - 4:30 pm Cottage Shop Open - Donations gratefully received without an

appointment. We welcome all who would be interested in volunteering to serve in our Cottage Shop. To volunteer, please

contact Marsha Hofland or Margaret Galloway at 830-257-0290.

12:00 pm Prayers, Fellowship & Football -Tucker Hall P.F.F. is a men's

lunch group with no agenda. It's purely social and men of all ages are welcome. Join us for a delicious \$8.00 lunch and lively conversation! If you need more information, please feel free to call Jon Wilems at

(281) 723-9671 or John Elliott at (830) 238-4958. An RSVP is

appreciated, but not necessary.

2:00 pm Contemplative Prayer - Parlor- Everyone is welcome. Our goal is to

support one another in private contemplative prayer and meditation and share our faith journeys. For more information, please contact

Susan Parker at 830-285-3874.

#### WEDNESDAY, September 11

10:00 am St. Peter's Church Staff Meeting - AV Room.

10:30 am The Path of Life - Multi-Purpose Room. Path of Life (POL) is

currently studying a Max Lucado Bible Study. All women are welcome to join this learning, caring, and fun group. Books will be

available at the meeting.

11:00 am	St. Peter's Church Finance Commission - AV Room.	
5:00 pm	The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two - Sanctuary. This special service will	
	be a tribute, remembering 9/11/01.	
5:30 pm	Wednesday Family Dinner - Tucker Hall	
6:00 pm	Children's Programming - Shelton Hall. Children from Pre-K to	
	5 <sup>th</sup> grade will gather after supper to walk as a group to Shelton Hall	
	for an exciting Bible Study based on The Lion, the Witch and the	
	Wardrobe.	
6:00 pm	Nursery is open for those 3 and under - Shelton Hall	
6:15 pm	Newcomer's Class - Tucker Hall. Are you curious about St. Peter's?	
	This class is for those new to Kerrville, new to our church, or those	
	who just want to learn more about our parish.	
6:15 pm	Come and See: Encountering Christ in His Church - Multi-	
	Purpose Room (MPR). Fr. Mike begins an ongoing series of adult	
	classes aimed to "put people in communication with Jesus Christ."	
	This series will be a full course that will reveal the joy and demands	
	of the way of Christ.	
6:15 pm	Youth and Young Adults - Parlor. Youth and Young(ish) adults are	
	welcome to join this engaging and fun Bible Study based on The	
	Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe. This study will align with the	
	children's study to encourage family discussions at home.	
6:15 pm	Thinking about Prayer, Forgiveness, Meditation, War, and Other	
	Important Topics Through the Insights and Passion of CS Lewis.	
	- AV Room. Karen Kilgore and Betty Mosty will lead this engaging	
	study. All are welcome to join!	
6:15 pm	St. Peter's Men's Group - Our Men's Group is joining Fr. Mike's	
	class in the MPR this Fall. See you there!	
THURSDAY, September 12		
9:00 am - 4:30 pm	Cottage Shop Open - Donations gratefully received without an	
	appointment. We welcome all who would be interested in	
	volunteering to serve in our Cottage Shop. To volunteer, please	
	contact Marsha Hofland or Margaret Galloway at 830-257-0290.	
1:00 pm	St. Peter's Church Building and Grounds Commission - AV	
	Room.	
5:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room.	
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#### FRIDAY, September 13

9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Cottage Shop Open – Donations gratefully received without an appointment. We welcome all who would be interested in volunteering to serve in our Cottage Shop. To volunteer, please contact Marsha Hofland or Margaret Galloway at 830-257-0290.

11:00 am

Book Study – The Friday Book Study group meets in the AV room on the second floor of the church office, and also via Zoom. Ours is an ecumenical group; all are welcome. Contact Susan Parker, <a href="mailto:parkers710@gmail.com">parkers710@gmail.com</a> or 830-285-3874 for more information.



# **SEPTEMBER 8TH** 11AM-1PM

# Lift High the Cross

# **RALLY DAY 2024**

Celebrating 150 years, Bishop Read Encourages a return to roots by embracing missional spirit. "Lift High the Cross"..challenging clergy and congregations to embrace new ways of addressing and solving challenges. Thinking outside the box/church!

Dear Church Parishioners,

Please join us on Rally Day for an event full of wonderful fellowship in learning about our various ministries, delicious food and great fun for the youth. We will be serving amazing hamburgers cooked by the Hamburger Ministry. Also, beef and polish hotdogs, pulled pork sliders, pasta salad, coleslaw and cookies will be served.

Please contact Sarah Hilburn if you have not already at 936-537-0737, <a href="mailto:shilburn3@yahoo.com">shilburn3@yahoo.com</a> to reserve a table for your ministry by August 31st.

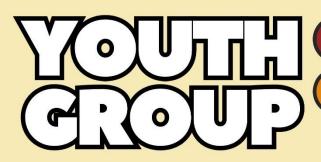
Also please contact Sarah Hilburn if you would like to help set-up from 9:00-11:00 or clean-up from 1:00-2:00 on September 8, 2024.

#### **WELCOME TO NARNIA:**

Enjoy Snow at Rally Day!

We will be kicking off our Bible study based on *The Lion*, *The Witch*, *and The Wardrobe*, with a "snow" storm - thanks to a foam cannon! Step into the wintery world of Narnia and learn more about our exciting Children's Programming this fall.





2024-2025

**SCHEDULE** 

FOR MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

# **1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**

Holy Households at 10:30 AM in Tucker Hall; no evening programming.

# **2ND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**

Testimonies from the Congregation in the Youth Room from 5:30-7:30 PM.





### **3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**

Prayers and Pickleball (with compline) off campus 5:30-7:30 PM. Locations TBD.

# **4TH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**

Hangout at a Host House from 5:30-7:30.



Each of our seniors will have a dedicated Sunday to celebrate their accomplishments and future endeavors, happening on 9/29, 11/24, 1/26, 3/30, and 5/18.





**MORE INFO:** 

TEXT PEYTON: 830-285-7116

# SENIOR Sungay 9/29

# **MATTHEW KERN**

Matthew Kern has been a part of the St. Peter's family since he was just a toddler. His family joined the church when he was 2, and he was baptized here soon after. He attended St. Peter's Episcopal School for three years, graduating from Mrs. Hayne's Kindergarten class in 2013.

Now a senior at Tivy High, Matthew has been a key part of the Sports Medicine team since his freshman year, serving as an athletic trainer for both football and baseball. His ledership extends to the National Honor Society, Interact Club, and four years of service on the Student Council, where he was elected sophomore class president. Matthew also participates in HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America), PALS (Peer Assistance Leadership Program), and has competed in UIL Congress. He will graduate Tivy as a Medical Assistant.

With the ultimate goal of becoming a physician, Matthew is focused on specializing in trauma or family medicine. After graduation, he will join the Army to pursue a career as a Combat Medic - a decision shaped by his commitment to serving others and his country. His faith will be his compass as he embarks on this next chapter.



Matthew will speak at the 9:15 service on Sunday, September 29th.

Join us in offering prayers and best wishes for Matthew as he completes his final year of high school and pursues his dreams!

# COME AND SEE

Encountering Christ in His Church

This Fall, Fr. Mike will begin an ongoing series of adult classes aimed to "put people in communication with Jesus Christ." The series will be a reasonably full course that will reveal the joy and the demands of the way of Christ. Each class will be experienced as a kind of 'catechesis'--religious instruction designed to offer a broad outline of our faith and with the hopeful effect of deepening our Christian discipleship. The course can be experienced class-by-class or as a whole series, and is intended to be receptive to neophytes all the way to lifelong believers. Curious souls who wish to both listen and participate in their own fashion are welcomed to attend. "Come and see," the Apostle Andrew said to his brother St. Peter, when he wished to introduce him to Jesus. Indeed!

WEDNESDAYS AT 6:15 PM in the MPR Begins on September 11th.





# **NEWCOMERS CLASS**

Are you interested in the Episcopal Church? Are you new(ish) to St. Peter's?

Well, this is a class for you! Please join Fr. Bert for this four-week class on Wednesday evenings, beginning September 11th at 6:15pm. Following the Wednesday dinner, the class will meet in Tucker Hall. If you are interested in this class, please email Fr. Bert directly at bert@stpeterskerrville.com.



Starts September 11th at 6:15 PM in Tucker Hall!



Wednesday Nights this fall our children have the opportunity to participate in an exciting Bible study based on The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe. To encourage family discussions and engagement, there will be an additional class in the parlor on the same book offered for young(ish) and young adults which will include middle school and high school youth! To top it off, another offering, "Thinking about Prayer, Forgiveness, Meditation, War, and Other Important Topics Through the Insights and Passion of CS Lewis," will be meeting in the church office AV room- also on Wednesday nights! This class is open to all.

To culminate these themed bible studies, a family movie night will take place on November 20th, where we will watch the movie! We plan to use the event to support the Pajama Program. Please consider collecting new children's pajamas and books to donate to their cause.

The Pajama Program is a national nonprofit organization that promotes equitable access to healthy sleep so all children can thrive. They provide new pajamas and storybooks, sleep health education, and caring connections to ensure that children facing adversities—including low family income, housing insecurity, and family instability—have the tools they need for better bedtimes. Find out more about their mission at https://pajamaprogram.org/ or email Jenny@stpeterskerrville.com.