

The Celebrant continues

Celebrant

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
People**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues

The Great Amen

The Lord’s Prayer

The Fraction

BCP 364

Celebrant

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Agnus Dei

BCP 407

All Christians baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and of a clean conscience are welcome to receive communion. All others are invited to come forward to receive a blessing, or remain in their seats in prayer. If you are interested in baptism, please contact the office.

Anthem

O Thou, before the World Began
(Richard Shephard)

Hymnal 304

I come with joy to meet my Lord

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

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.

Blessing

Hymnal 518

Christ is made the sure foundation

Dismissal

BCP 366

The Deacon dismisses the congregation

People

Thanks be to God!

Voluntary

Extemporization on the Hymn-tune “St. Anne”
(Gordon Young)

PARISH Calendar

Monday - Thursday
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Church Office Open 9:30am - 2:00 pm
School Office Open 9:00am - 1:30pm

Sunday, August 23
7:00amChoir Rehearsal
8:30amWorship Service with Holy Eucharist
11:00amWorship Service with Holy Eucharist, Kids’ Church & Nursery

Monday, August 24
9:30amMorning Prayer on St. Peter’s website
5:00pmFinance Meeting

Tuesday, August 25
6:30pmMen’s and Women’s Bible Study in the Family Life Center

Wednesday, August 26
1:30pmHandwork Group in the Family Life Center
5:45pmEvening Prayer

Thursday, August 27
6:00pmPrayer for the Vesty
6:00pmVestry Meeting
7:00pmBand Practice in the Church

Saturday, August 29
7:30amGrace & Grits @ First United Methodist in Sanford

Sunday, August 30
7:00amChoir Rehearsal
8:30amWorship Service with Holy Eucharist
11:00amWorship Service with Holy Eucharist, Kids’ Church & Nursery

Plate & Pledge	MTD July 2026	YTD July 2026
Actual	\$33,648.00	\$302,615.68
Budget	\$43,750.00	\$306,250.00

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The Rt. Rev. Dr. Justin S. Holcomb, Bishop
The Rev. Dr. Jeremy W. Bergstrom, Rector
The Rev. Nina C. Bolton, Deacon
Randall Krum, Organist-Choirmaster
John R. Walker, Director of Contemporary Worship
Charles Turner, Sr. Warden – Kelly Harle, Jr. Warden
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St. Peter’s Episcopal Church is a parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Central Florida, and a member of the worldwide Anglican Communion.

The text of the service contained in this program is taken from The Book of Common Prayer 1979. The Book of Common Prayer is the authority for worship of the Episcopal Church. This order of service has been provided for your convenience. All Scriptures are taken from The English Standard Version. The Psalms are from the BCP .



Please be in a spirit of quiet prayer as we prepare for worship. We invite you to come to the altar rail and offer a prayer that the Holy Spirit will renew our minds with truth and pour the love of God into our hearts as we hear the Word of God read and the Gospel proclaimed.



The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2026 ✚ 8:30 am

The Holy Eucharist

Voluntary

Choral prelude on “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word”
(Johann Gottfried Walther)

Hymnal 523

Glorious things of thee are spoken

Celebrant

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People**And blessed be his kingdom now and forever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

BCP 355

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

BCP 356

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant

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

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. ⁹And he said to his people, “Behold, the people of Israel are too many and too mighty for us. ¹⁰ Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and, if war breaks out, they join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.” ¹¹ Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with heavy burdens. They built for Pharaoh store cities, Pithom and Raamses. ¹² But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and the more they spread abroad. And the Egyptians were in dread of the people of Israel. ¹³ So they ruthlessly made the people of Israel work as slaves ¹⁴ and made their lives bitter with

hard service, in mortar and brick, and in all kinds of work in the field. In all their work they ruthlessly made them work as slaves. ¹⁵Then the king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, ¹⁶ “When you serve as midwife to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, you shall kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live.” ¹⁷ But the midwives feared God and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but let the male children live. ¹⁸ So the king of Egypt called the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done this, and let the male children live?” ¹⁹ The midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.” ²⁰ So God dealt well with the midwives. And the people multiplied and grew very strong. ²¹ And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. ²²Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, “Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall cast into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter live.”

¹ Now a man from the house of Levi went and took as his wife a Levite woman. ² The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him three months. ³ When she could hide him no longer, she took for him a basket made of bulrushes and daubed it with bitumen and pitch. She put the child in it and placed it among the reeds by the river bank. ⁴ And his sister stood at a distance to know what would be done to him. ⁵ Now the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her young women walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her servant woman, and she took it. ⁶ When she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the baby was crying. She took pity on him and said, “This is one of the Hebrews’ children.” ⁷ Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, “Shall I go and call you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?” ⁸ And Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Go.” So the girl went and called the child’s mother. ⁹ And Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this child away and nurse him for me, and I will give you your wages.” So the woman took the child and nursed him. ¹⁰ When the child grew older, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, “Because,” she said, “I drew him out of the water.”

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

Psalm 124:1-8

Oxford Chant

- 1 If the LORD had not | **been on** our | side, *
let | Is-ra-| el now | say;
- 2 If the LORD had not | **been on** our | side, *
when enemies | **rose** | up a-| **gainst us**;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us | up a-| live *
in their | **fierce** | **anger** to-| **ward us**;
- 4 Then would the waters have | o-ver-| **whelmed us** *
and the | **torrent** gone | o-ver | us;
- 5 Then would the | ra-ging | **waters** *
have | gone right | o-ver | us.
- 6 Bless-ed | be the | LORD! *
he has not given us over to be a | **prey** | for their | teeth.
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the | **snare of the** | **fowler**; *
the snare is broken, and | **we** | have es-| caped.
- 8 Our help is in the | **Name of the** | LORD, *
the | **maker** of | **heaven** and | earth.

The Epistle

Romans 12:1-8
I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶ Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷ if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸ the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.”

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

Hymnal 489

The great Creator of the worlds

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ acc. to Matthew
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

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

The Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Justin S. Holcomb, Bishop

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People

With all our heart and all our mind let us bring our prayers to our Heavenly Father.

Good Lord, we ask that you rule and govern your holy Church, your will being done on earth as it is in heaven;
Lead us, good Lord.

That every member of your church, and especially this congregation, would have a heart to love and fear you, and diligently live according to your commandments, so we can be one as you and your Son are one;
Unite us, good Lord.

That you would bless your Church with the joy of repentance, and make us holy;
Purify us, good Lord.

That your Holy Spirit would enflame all bishops, priests, and deacons with a love of you and your truth, for the proclamation of the Gospel, and for the salvation of souls;
Enlighten them, good Lord.

That you would impart to all of us a zeal for your glory, a hunger for your Word, and a heart for those who do not know you,
Give us your Spirit, good Lord.

That you would guide the leaders of our nation, state, and community in sound judgment and true justice, and that they would work for the common good;
Give them a servant’s heart, good Lord.

That you would give to every nation unity, peace, and concord;
Have mercy, good Lord.

That you would bless our homes, our labor, our community, and our schools;
May we abide in you, good Lord.

That you would have mercy on all those who are suffering, are alone, are hungry, are in danger, are homeless, are incarcerated, or in some other trouble;
Comfort and help them, good Lord.

That you would receive all who have died in the communion of your Church and those whose faith is known to you alone, (especially____), that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal.
Unite us with them in your Kingdom, good Lord.

Additional prayers, suitable to the occasion, may be said.

We then welcome your prayers and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

The Celebrant prays a concluding collect

Confession and Absolution

BCP 360

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

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 priest pronounces the absolution.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Rector’s Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Anthem *You are the Christ, O Lord*
(William Walsham How & Richard Wayne Dirksen)

Doxology Praise God from whom all Blessings Flow

The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A)

BCP 361

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 continues