



The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 2026

9:30 a.m.

** Please Stand (as you are able) at the parts of the liturgy marked with an asterisk **
Bold type means congregational participation.

Gather

Silence is awkward for some because it's a space where you are being asked to do NOTHING, firing yourself from being the one to make things happen, letting God assume that role.

WELCOME

SILENCE

PREPARATION PRAYER

What We Need is Here



By Rev. Amy McCreath
From "Singing in Community"

Sin is that which gets us stuck in ways that we cannot get unstuck. Give it to God and receive a new beginning.

* CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C **Amen.**

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C **Amen.**

*** GATHERING HYMN**

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Hymn #533



- 1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
- 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;
- 3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant-ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;
- 4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick-en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;
- 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.
where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
let my soul, where it is plant-ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,
how - so-e'er temp - ta - tions thick-en, may thy word still o'er me shine
may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless-ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!
To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!
so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.
as my guid-ing star through life, as my com-fort in all strife.
Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672–1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.

Music: UNSER HERRSCHER, Joachim Neander, 1650–1680

We are a community that gives God's gifts to one another.

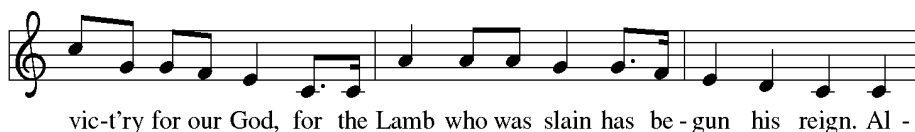
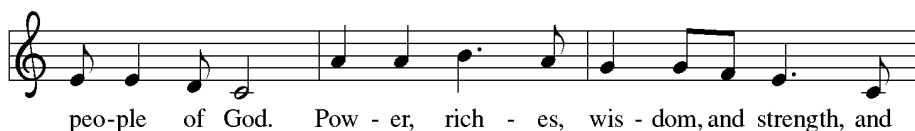
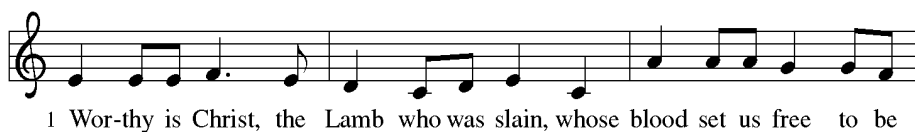
We are people who circle around the slain and outcast lambs of the world.

* GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you**

* CANTICLE OF PRAISE



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the

Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

CHILDREN'S STORY

**Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.
Every age and every race, all are covered by God's
Grace. Jesus loves the little children of the world.**

After the story, children ages 3yr-5th grade are invited to go to Sunday School. They will return in time for the Lord's Prayer.

This prayer
collects up
the themes
from today's
scriptures.

Word

Think of the readings as listening in to an age-old, holy conversation.

The first reading echoes the themes of today's gospel.

The Psalm echoes the first reading.

FIRST READING

L A reading from 1 Samuel.

^{3:1} Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

² At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³ the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴ Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵ and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶ The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸ The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹ Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

L Let us pray Psalm 143 responsively.

¹ Hear my prayer, O LORD;

give ear to my supplications in your faithfulness;
answer me in your righteousness.

² **Do not enter into judgment with your servant,
for no one living is righteous before you.**

³ For the enemy has pursued me,
crushing my life to the ground,
making me sit in darkness like those long dead.

⁴ **Therefore my spirit faints within me;
my heart within me is appalled.**

⁵ I remember the days of old;
I think about all your deeds;
I meditate on the works of your hands.

⁶ **I stretch out my hands to you;
my soul thirsts for you like a parched land. *Selah***

⁷ Answer me quickly, O LORD; my spirit fails.
Do not hide your face from me,
or I shall be like those who go down to the Pit.

⁸ **Let me hear of your steadfast love in the morning,
for in you I put my trust.
Teach me the way I should go,
for to you I lift up my soul.**

⁹ Save me, O LORD, from my enemies;
I have fled to you for refuge.

¹⁰ **Teach me to do your will,
for you are my God.
Let your good spirit lead me on a level path.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

SECOND READING

L A reading from Philippians.

^{4:4} Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

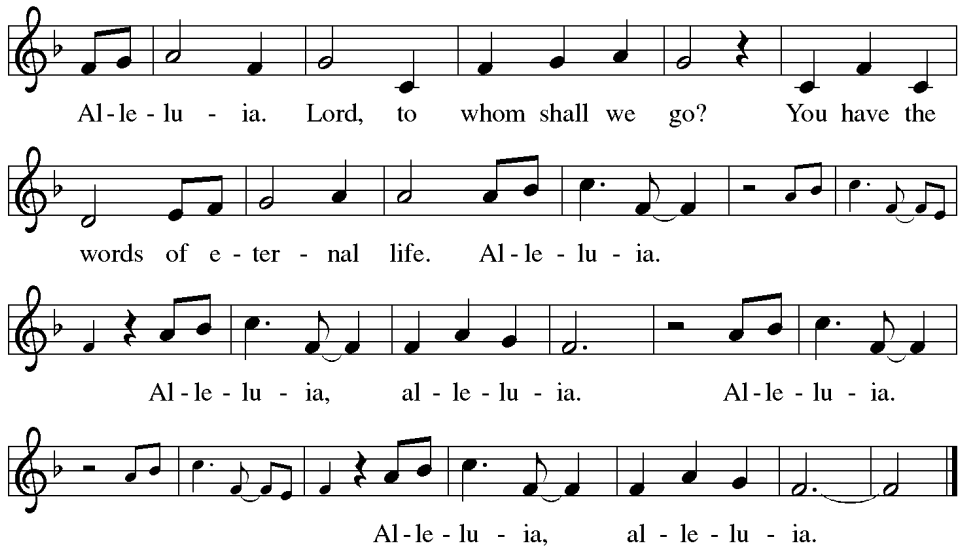
During Pentecost season, the lectionary chooses an Epistle and reads through it. Sometimes it connects to the other readings, sometimes less so.

We stand to
welcome
Christ;
present in
this Word

The Gospel
text is the
heart of our
worship
together
each week.

What part of
you does this
sermon
touch or stir?

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

* GOSPEL READING

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

^{6:7} "When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. ⁸Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

⁹ "Pray, then, in this way: Our Father in heaven, may your name be revered as holy. ¹⁰ May your kingdom come. May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹ Give us today our daily bread. ¹² And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³ And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Rev. Karen LaFollette Marohn

* HYMN OF THE DAY

Here I Am, Lord
Hymn #574



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The assembly
becomes the
preacher;
God's word
is proclaimed
in our song.

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte

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The creed
isn't a litmus
test for your
individual
faith, it's a
collection of
the great
mysteries of
our
collective
faith.

Community
thickens as
your prayer
becomes *our*
prayer.

Reach
across the
aisle and
share
peace.

* APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge
the living and the dead.

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. Amen.

* PRAYERS

After each petition,

D ... Merciful God,
C receive our prayer.

D Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray
trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

* PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERTORY

Thine the Amen

* OFFERING PRAYER

D Let us pray. God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

* GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

* THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Meal

God gathers
our gifts to
be
scattered.
Your gifts
become the
ministries of
our church.



"Lift up your
heart"; leave
it vulnerable
and exposed
to a loving
God.

Meals are
best
accompanied
by family
stories. This
prayer tells
our story.

Christ's
prayer
becomes our
prayer.

In this meal
we become
Christ's
body,
poured out
and broken
for the life of
the whole
world. All are
welcome.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection,
and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C Amen.

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

C 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, forever and ever. Amen.

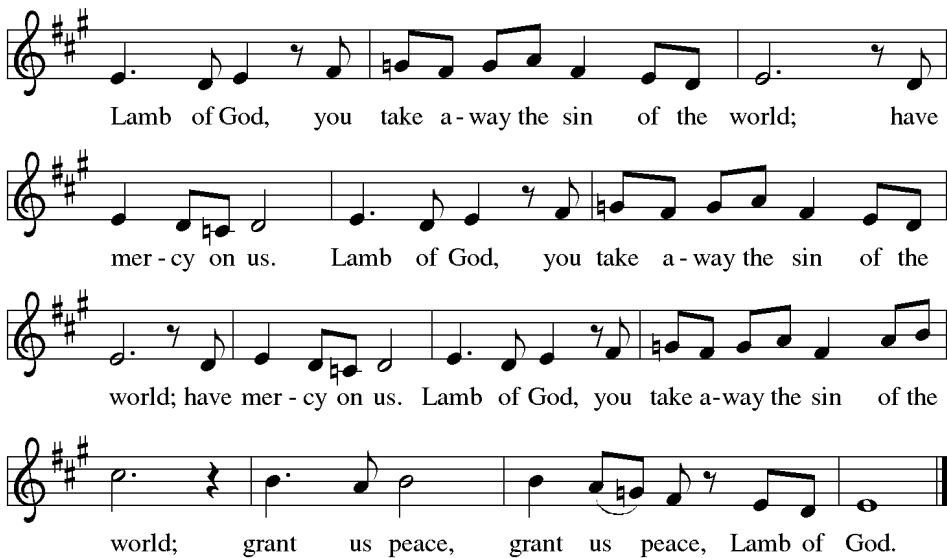
P The gifts of God, for the people of God.

C Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION Christ bids you welcome to this Holy meal!

This is Christ's table, it is not our own. All are welcome. The usher will direct you to enter by the center aisle. Receive the bread from the pastor, ask for Gluten Free if needed. Receive wine (red) or grape juice (white) from the communion assistants. If you prefer to receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Christ takes away sin by refusing to perpetuate the cycle of violence and vengeance.

COMMUNION HYMNS

#491 Come, Let Us Eat

#752 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

* BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

* BLESSING

P Boundless God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, deepen your faith and bless you with a wide welcome which you then cast out to others. Amen.

C Amen.

Sending

Our community spans beyond those here gathered.

* SENDING HYMN

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Hymn #742



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - row share?
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820–1886

Music: CONVERSE, Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* DISMISSAL

D Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Worship
points us out
towards the
world around
us.

Family
Friendly

You're invited

HALLOWEEN

Trunk or Treat



OCT
31
4:30-6:30PM

Come join us in the St. Peter's parking lot in your
favorite costume and enjoy lots of candy and prizes!
All are welcome and we hope to see you there!

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SCRIPTURES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Reflections for Sunday, 10-11-2026, The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

- **Daily:** [Psalm 34](#)
- **Monday:** [Exodus 19:7-20](#); [Jude 1:17-25](#)
- **Tuesday:** [Amos 9:5-15](#); [Philippians 3:13-4:1](#)
- **Wednesday:** [Song of Solomon 7:10-8:4](#); [John 6:25-35](#)

Preparation for Sunday, 10-18-2026, The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

- **Daily:** [Psalm 96:1-13](#)
- **Thursday:** [Judges 17:1-6](#); [3 John 9-12](#)
- **Friday:** [Deuteronomy 17:14-20](#); [1 Peter 5:1-5](#)
- **Saturday:** [Isaiah 14:3-11](#); [Matthew 14:1-12](#)

Scripture for Sunday, 10-18-2026, The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

- **The First Reading:** [Isaiah 45:1-7](#)
- **The Psalm:** [Psalm 96:1-13](#)
- **The Second Reading:** [1 Thessalonians 1:1-10](#)
- **The Holy Gospel:** [Matthew 22:15-22](#)

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IN OUR PRAYERS

We keep the following members of St. Peter's in our prayers:

Jo, Darlene Th., Elaine

Our homebound members and those in care facilities:

Keith, Carolyn, Diane B., Carmell, Dante, Diane S.

Our members with on-going concerns:

Ann Z., Babette, Carlos, Lora, Lily, Patty L.

Our military, police, fire fighters, first responders, healthcare providers, and all who work for peace.

WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S BY THE SEA

We are glad that you have come to worship with us today! Please sign a WELCOME card found in the pew rack, and give it to an usher or drop it in the offering plate. Large-print bulletins and children's bulletins are available from an usher. You will find hand sanitizer in the pew rack for your use during the service.

ALTAR FLOWERS & SUNDAY HOSPITALITY: Today, the flowers at the altar are given by Darlene and Mark Truver in honor of Marlene Morrow's birthday. We thank the Coffee Angels for the coffee fellowship after the service.

THANK YOU to Pastor Karen Marohn for presiding while Pastor Bekki attends her grandmother's memorial service.

HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES: Ask an usher if you'd like to use a device during the worship service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL meets during the worship service, with the exception of the last Sunday of the month. If you're interested in serving as a Sunday School teacher, we'd love to have you. Speak with Jennifer Smart or [Pastor Bekki](#).

CHRIST IN OUR HOME: Daily Devotion booklets are available in the Narthex or from the church office. There are large print editions available.

2026 ALTAR FLOWER sponsor calendar is posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. There is a suggested donation of \$45 to sponsor altar flowers and you may take the flowers home with you after the worship service.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR: Sponsors are needed for coffee hour; speak with Betty Wells for information on "how to" or options to assist.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE: As you know, St. Peters is currently beginning our Deeper and Wider Capital Campaign to afford our congregation the opportunity to participate in funding the rebuilding of our sanctuary. This will take place over the next three months. For this reason, we will temporarily postpone our annual Stewardship campaign, which usually takes place in October. This campaign provides an opportunity for our members to pledge their support for St. Peters for the coming year. We will revisit the timing for our Stewardship program in the New Year. Please let Pastor Bekki know of any questions you might have.

TRUNK-OR-TREAT: Bring your family and tell your neighbors! St. Peter's annual Trunk-or-Treat is Saturday, October 31st from 4:30-6:30 p.m. If you'd like to be one of the "trunks" or donate candy, sign-up on the bulletin board or contact Ellen Schmeding or Darlene Truver.

The Week Beginning October 11, 2026

Sunday, October 11	<i>The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost</i>
8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
9:30 a.m.	Worship Service, live-streamed; Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Fellowship
10:45 a.m.	Christian Service Team
1:00 p.m.	SofYE Parking Lot Sale (Warren Walker)
7:00 p.m.	Al-Anon – <i>Sunday Night Courage to Change</i>
Monday, October 12	
9:00 a.m.	Preschool Pumpkin Patch Fieldtrip
Tuesday, October 13	
9:30 a.m.	Church Mice
11:30 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
12:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting
4:00 p.m.	AA Meeting – <i>Sobriety Seekers</i>
Wednesday, October 14	
1:15 p.m.	Preschool Committee
5:00 p.m.	Deacons' Study
Thursday, October 15	
5:30 p.m.	NA Meeting – <i>Eleven-11</i>
7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
Friday, October 16	
11:30 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
Saturday, October 17	
Sunday, October 18	<i>The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost</i>
	<i>Celebration Sunday</i>
8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
9:30 a.m.	Worship Service, live-streamed; Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Fellowship
10:45 a.m.	Confirmation Walk-Through
7:00 p.m.	Al-Anon – <i>Sunday Night Courage to Change</i>

Worship Leadership

Pastor:	Rev. Rebekkah D. Lohrmann
Guest Presider:	Pastor Emerita Karen L. Marohn
Music Minister:	Joe DeMers
Altar Care:	Jim Grutkowski
Worship Assistant:	Congregation Deacon Jennifer Smart
Lector:	Richard Doering
Ushers:	Jacquelyn and Fernando Romero
Greeter:	Liz Medina
Acolyte:	
Sunday School:	John Smart and Hannah Zimmermann
Digital Production Team:	Lyle Boelter, Charles Lauger, John Smart

2026 Congregation Council

Greg Lommen, President; Jennifer Smart, Vice-President; Allison Crews, Secretary; Ellen Schmeding, Treasurer; Gabi Hughes, Chance McGinley-Kase, Fletcher Miller, and Steve Silva.

Celebration Sunday

Be sure to join us next Sunday, October 18th!

We will have a special announcement in worship, followed by a delicious brunch buffet during fellowship hour, catered by Jensen's.

We would love for you to attend!

St. Peter's by the Sea Lutheran Church

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Rev. Bekki Lohrmann

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