

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God by the St. Peter’s Flower Guild.

Scripture Readings for August 23rd

Exodus 1:8-2:10, Psalm 124,
Romans 12:1-8, Matthew 16:13-20

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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Church Office Hours: Monday–Thursday 8am – 1pm
(386) 428-7383

Please Note: The church office will be closed on
Tuesday, August 18, as the church serves as a
polling location for the Primary Election.

Prayers & Blessings to St. Peter’s Youth
Educators
Haillee Odell

Elementary School students
Zippy Tepper
Isla Taylor
Miles Taylor
Samuel Routh

Middle School students
Henry Routh
Marguerite Routh
Spencer Odell

High School students
Gigi Molina
Lauryn Gladding
Sophia Tepper
Stephen Marlowe

College
Tyler Gladding
Payden Odell

Bible Study has started - Come join us!
Wednesday morning
11:00 AM - 12:00PM
led by Father Peter in the church conference room

Wednesday evening
6:00 - 7:30 PM
led by Richard Denton

Women’s Thursday evening
5:30 - 7:00 PM
led by Andrea Scott in the conference room.

Additional information available on Church Center.
Please register today.



In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church in Wales

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Trinity Episcopal Church, Vero
Beach Church of the Messiah, Winter Garden

St. Peter’s Cycle of Prayer: Flower Delivery Volunteers

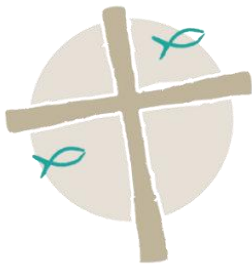
Those Who Suffer: Andy Oberdick, Bev Gurtis, Patricia Longacre, Bill
Smith, Ron & Gretchen Nass, Elayne Maher, Judi Jodoin, Vicky
VanDoren, Chip Steffey, Chase Scaccia.

Those in the Military: Luke Adams, Mason Adams, John Blood,
Jesse Davis, Luke Fairweather, Ken M., Daniel McMillan, Oscar
Mendozoa, Tristan Mullen, Brandon Nash, Mitchell Nass, Cole
Savas, Hershel Beebe, Duncan Elsey, Wesley Valdyke, Evan Valdyke

Happy Birthday ~ Marguerite Routh, Diana Oberdick, Bill Whitacker,
Traci Jenkins, Lori Schweitzer, Charlie Dannaher

Happy Anniversary ~ Mary & Bill Gerlach, Terry & Bob Stearns,
Betty & Larry Roush

Financial Information - YTD Financial Status through the end of July,
Income: \$207,464, Expenses: \$195,060, Surplus: \$12,405*
*The surplus takes us through the leaner months of the summer when our
giving historically drops.



St. Peter the Fisherman
Episcopal Church

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Gather in Christ’s Name
Grow in the Father’s Love
Go in the Spirit’s Power

The Holy Eucharist – Rite II - 10:30 a.m.

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost August 16, 2026

Song of Praise Come Thou Fount (Above All Else)

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity BCP p. 355

Song of Praise Lord I Need You

The Collect of the Day

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

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice
for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive
thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the
blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our
Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson Genesis 45:1-15

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood
by him, and he cried out, “Send everyone away from me.” So no
one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his
brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and
the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, “I
am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not
answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.
Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they
came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold
into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with
yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before
you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two
years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither

plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

Psalm 133

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.
- Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit*
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Gospel Reading Matthew 15:(10-20), 21-28

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” He

answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.” Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed BCP p. 358

The Prayers of the People – Form IV BCP p. 388

Confession & Absolution BCP p. 360

The Peace & Announcements

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All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. Ushers will direct you to come forward to the Altar rail. To receive the Bread, extend your hands, palms crossed. When receiving the Wine, you may dip the Bread or you may guide the chalice and drink from the cup. If you do not wish to receive Communion, please indicate your desire for a prayer for God’s blessing by crossing your arms on your chest. For those who prefer gluten-free Bread or non-alcoholic Wine, please let us know when you arrive at the Altar rail.

The Holy Communion & The Great Thanksgiving-Prayer A BCP p.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.**

Sanctus BCP p. 362

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

The Lord’s Prayer BCP p. 364

Communion Music Goodness of God

Post Communion Prayer BCP p. 365

Song of Praise Amazing Grace

The Dismissal Thanks be to God.