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The Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

Saint Peter's Episcopal Church

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**THE TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY**

**10:00 A.M. MORNING PRAYER ~ RITE 2**

*(All stand as the Officiant enters)*

**Opening Music: (Music only, no singing) #460 "Alleluia, sing to Jesus"**

**Officiant:** The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.

**Confession of Sin**

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Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All kneel. Silence is kept.*

**All: 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.**

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

*All stand.*

**The Invitatory and Psalter**

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Officiant Lord, open our lips.

**People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**All 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.**

Officiant: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

**People: Come let us adore him.**

**Venite (Psalm 95)** *The Officiant leads the people in saying Psalm 95 in unison.*

**Come, let us sing to the Lord; \***

**let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \***

**and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God, \***

**and a great King above all gods.**

**In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \***

**and the heights of the hills are his also.**

**The sea is his, for he made it, \***

**and his hands have molded the dry land.**

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \***

**and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

**For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.\***

**Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice**

**The Readings & Canticles** *(All are seated as the Reader leads the people in the readings)*

**The Psalm for the Day: Psalm 100**

**1 Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; \***

**serve the LORD with gladness**

**and come before his presence with a song.**

**2 Know this: The LORD himself is God; \***

**he himself has made us, and we are his;**

**we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

**3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;**

**go into his courts with praise; \***

**give thanks to him and call upon his Name.**

**4 For the LORD is good;**

**his mercy is everlasting; \***

**and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

### **The First Lesson: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

### **Canticle 13 A Song of Praise**

**Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; \***  
**you are worthy of praise; glory to you.**

**Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; \***  
**we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

**Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; \***  
**on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.**

**Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; \***  
**we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

**Glory to you, beholding the depths; \***  
**in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.**

**Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \***  
**we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

## **The Second Lesson: The Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:15-23**

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

### **Canticle 18 A Song to the Lamb** (*Revelation 4:11, 5:9-10, 13*)

**Splendor and honor and kingly power \***  
**are yours by right, O Lord our God,**  
**For you created everything that is, \***  
**and by your will they were created and have their being;**  
**And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, \***  
**for with your blood you have redeemed for God,**  
**From every family, language, people, and nation, \***  
**a kingdom of priests to serve our God.**  
**And so, to him who sits upon the throne, \***  
**and to Christ the Lamb,**  
**Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, \***  
**for ever and for evermore.**

### **Sequence Anthem**

### **The Gospel: The Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46**

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I

was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Ronald J. Kolanowski**

**The Apostles’ Creed** *(The Officiant leads the people in saying the Creed, all standing)*

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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.**

**The Prayers** (*The Intercessor leads the people in the prayers. People may stand or kneel.*)

Intercessor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Intercessor: Let us pray.

**The Lord's Prayer** (*Said in unison*)

**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 Suffrages**

Intercessor Show us your mercy, O Lord;

**People And grant us your salvation.**

Intercessor Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

**People Let your people sing with joy.**

Intercessor Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

**People For only in you can we live in safety.**

Intercessor Lord, keep this nation under your care;

**People And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Intercessor Let your way be known upon earth;

**People Your saving health among all nations.**

Intercessor Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

**People Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Intercessor Create in us clean hearts, O God;

**People And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

**The Collect of the Day**

**Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**A Collect for Peace**

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we,

surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **A Collect for Mission**

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people every-where may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **Announcements**

**Offertory Music: (music only, no singing) #450 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”**

### **Prayers of the People**

We pray for those whose lives closely touch our own that they may always be in our hearts and have joy and happiness in their lives, for those celebrating birthdays this week: (Laurie Marks [11/22], Rick Messenger [11/22], Sophia Perkins [11/25], Allison Carey [11/27], Emma O’Shea [11/28])

*Silence*

Spirit of Love

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray with thanks for all those in our community who support the well-being of others. We pray those who have requested our prayers, Eusebio Martinez, Joe Janowiak, Denise Ward, Barbara LaMay, Francine Bloch, Robin Kenefick, Karen Toms, Audrey Gasper, Mary Jo and Bob.

*Silence*

Spirit of Love

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the church; for our Presiding Bishop, Michael; for our bishops, Ian and Laura, for our deacon Donna and for all deacons and priests. We pray for all who proclaim the Gospel to the ends of the earth and for all who seek the Truth.

*Silence*

Spirit of Love

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all the leaders of the world that they may make wise choices for everyone and that they may lead us to honor one another and serve the common good, especially at this time of the terrible pandemic.

*Silence*

Spirit of Love

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those on the front lines of serving our communities, the health care professionals, the law enforcement and first responders, those in our stores and shops, those who deliver things to us and provide transportation to others who put themselves in danger for the common good.

*Silence*

Spirit of Love

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for your wonderful creation, the Earth, and its streams, trees, mountains and plants. We pray that the animals of the Earth may freely enjoy these resources.

*Silence*

Spirit of Love

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died, remembering especially To Ton and Shawn Lukaszewicz. We pray for those who suffer the loss of family, friends, and neighbors, especially those who died of the virus and those dying alone in hospitals and nursing homes, that they may be comforted by those who love them. Let them discover Your love, through the care and support of others.

*Silence*

Spirit of Love

**Hear our prayer.**

**The General Thanksgiving (all standing)**

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Officiant: In thanksgiving for the many blessings of our lives, let us pray.

**All: Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**



*The Officiant concludes the service with the following prayer:*

**A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

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Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

**Blessing**

Closing music: **#494“Crown him with many crowns” (music only no singing)**

Officiant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

***People: Thanks be to God***

**St. Peter’s Prayer List**

**We pray for those in our community who have requested our prayers,** especially Eusebio Martinez, Joe Janowiak, Denise Ward, Barbara LaMay, Francine Bloch, Robin Kenefick, Karen Toms, Audrey Gasper, Mary Jo and Bob.

**We pray for all those who have died** remembering especially To Ton and Shawn Lukaszewicz.

**Continuing Prayer List:** Kate, Tammy Lopez; Teddi; Bill W.; Caroline; Russ Boehle, Sean, Emma; Janice, Jared and Jenna; Alberta’s granddaughter, Jessica; Loretta Ickes; Nelson Moore; Daniel Paez, Kyle Ethan; Sharon, Tim Redden; "Cousin" Phil & Norm H.; Cole; Alyssa & Kayden, Mary; Loretta Ickes, Cheryl & Bruce, Val & Stephen, Mark & Tina, John & Dottie, Gloria, Maryellyn, Gary, J & J, Arlene, Judy P., Bill, John M., George A., Mark P., Liz, Nancy, Katy, Chris; Sarah McCracken, Ginny Hellstrom, Jacob Mika; Alice & Bob; John; Cailin & son Connor Campbell; Richard; Flora; Alice Wentz; Daryl Cook; Megan Sulzinski, Janet Kay; Ella; Liz; Bill S.; Patty Sullivan; Marcia Brown; Joan Conley; John & family; Jeanette Wade; Susan Hicks & family; Jeannette Farren & family;

## Calendar

**\*Zoom Meetings: Coffee Hours: Wednesdays at 10 a.m.: Nov. 18, 25  
Buildings and Grounds Meeting, December 2, 7:00 p.m.**

## Opportunities

### **Food and Coat Collections**

Most of our food pantries are currently accepting donations. We have moved our ingathering large basket into the hall at the entrance, now while we are worshipping in the hall. We are no longer collecting in the brown and gray boxes since winter will most likely prevail soon so we have reverted back to using those boxes for our ice melt. Thank you to all who have given so generously. Food insecurity continues to become a larger problem with the COVID pandemic. We are currently collecting for Andover Food Bank this month.

### **COATS FOR CT**

Coats for CT is an annual drive that will take place again this year. The Salvation Army has partnered with BEST cleaners to collect and clean gently used coats, to then be delivered to the Salvation Army for distribution to those in need **CHILDREN'S COATS ARE THE PRIORITY** but all sizes will be accepted. Attached is the link with locations of all BEST cleaners who will be accepting coats. [Coats](#) If you would prefer, there WILL be a large bin outside of PHELPS HALL clearly marked where you can leave coats and the LITWINS will deliver to the site. That drive will run from November 11 until November 24<sup>th</sup>. Please do not leave coats after the 24<sup>th</sup> when the bin will be removed.