

**Order of Service – January 15, 2017 – The Lord’s Supper
Second Sunday after the Epiphany**

Music: Brock & Merry Jo Smith, Sherry Foord

Speaker: Pastor Bart

Good morning and welcome to our service.

If you need increased volume for the service, please see one of our ushers for an audio headset.

If you are visiting St. Peter’s today, please tell us about yourself by filling out one of the brochures in the seat pocket in front of you and leave it in the offering tray.

For the parents, if you need to use a Cry Room for your children you are welcome to use the walkway area. The television there displays our service.

Wednesday Morning Prayer Group meets at 10:00 am here in the walkway.

The Acts Bible study led by Bob Peters will continue on January 12, 2017 here at St. Peter’s. New people are welcome to attend.

Slovakia Mission is tentatively scheduled for August 16-28, 2017. Running an ESL VBS program for children/youth, with the help of Slovak translators. Possibly doing an adult women’s book study. Possibly prayer ministry. Staying with billets or in a Bible school dorm. Estimated cost including flights, food and accommodation: \$2500.00 per person.

Interested in Hosting a small Group Study. Talk to Pastor Bart.

Interested in Teaching Sunday School. Talk to Pastor Bart.

Today beginning at 4pm at St. Pete’s

Join Pastor Rick Bergh, Palliative Care Nurse Pansy Angevine and Lawyer, Jenifer Lamb for an afternoon of education as they discuss important End-of-Life matters. Learn about the most important questions you should ask in determining your last wishes, what legal paper work you should have in place, and how to involve your family in the last chapter of your life. Pastor Rick will also release his latest book, Looking Ahead: How Your Dying Impacts Those Around You

January 20-22, 2017 at Rivers Edge Camp

Pastor Rick Bergh will be leading a retreat for men who have gone through the abortion experience. If you know of anyone who may have experienced this in their life at some point and might find gathering together with other men who have gone through something similar helpful, please phone him at 403-923-7218 or email him at rick@rickbergh.com

Lutheran Visitor Training - Would you like to be a trained Visitor in either a care centre or hospital in the Calgary area? Join us for "Lutheran Visitor Training Session" on Saturday, January 28, 2017 at St. Matthew Lutheran Church 66-7th St. NE Calgary from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring a bag lunch. Contact Pastor Mark Lobitz with Lutheran Hospital Ministries-Southern Alberta for more information: 403-637-2650 & mclobitz@gmail.com

Annual General Meeting will be on held on February 12. All council members should have the reports in to Loren by January 20. We are looking for some new members for our Council since 5

of them will have completed their terms. Please see Pastor Bart, Tim Bauer or Loren if you are interested in filling a position.

Prelude: It is No Secret

The chimes of time ring out the news;
Another day is through
Someone slipped and fell.
Was that someone you?
You may have longed for added strength,
Your courage to renew.
Do not be disheartened,
For I bring hope to you.

Chorus

It is no secret what God can do.
What He's done for others, He'll do for you.
With arms wide open, He'll pardon you,
It is no secret what God can do.

Chorus

There is no night, for in His light
You'll never walk alone.
Always be at home
Where ever you may roam.
There is no power can conquer you
While God is on your side.
Just take Him at His promise;
Don't run away and hide.

Chorus

Greeting and Announcements

Bringing in the Light and Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn: Beautiful Savior

LBW 518

Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee. Truly I'd serve Thee.
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows. Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer. Jesus is purer.
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be thine!

Prayer of the Day

All: Lord God, you showed your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son. As he brought gladness and healing to his people, grant us these same gifts and lead us also to perfect faith in him, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Children's Message

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands,
 pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The Lord called me before I was born,
 while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
 in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow,
 in his quiver he hid me away.
And he said to me, "You are my servant,
 Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
But I said, "I have labored in vain,
 I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the Lord,
 and my reward with my God."
And now the Lord says,
 who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
 and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honored in the sight of the Lord,
 and my God has become my strength—
he says,
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
 to raise up the tribes of Jacob
 and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
 that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."
Thus says the Lord,
 the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
 the slave of rulers,
"Kings shall see and stand up,
 princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the Lord, who is faithful,
 the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Psalms 40:1-11

I waited patiently for the Lord;
 he inclined to me and heard my cry.
He drew me up from the desolate pit,

out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure.
He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear,
and put their trust in the Lord.
Happy are those who make
the Lord their trust,
who do not turn to the proud,
to those who go astray after false gods.
You have multiplied, O Lord my God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;
none can compare with you.
Were I to proclaim and tell of them,
they would be more than can be counted.
Sacrifice and offering you do not desire,
but you have given me an open ear.
Burnt offering and sin offering
you have not required.
Then I said, "Here I am;
in the scroll of the book it is written of me.
I delight to do your will, O my God;
your law is within my heart."
I have told the glad news of deliverance
in the great congregation;
see, I have not restrained my lips,
as you know, O Lord.
I have not hidden your saving help within my heart,
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;
I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness
from the great congregation.
Do not, O Lord, withhold
your mercy from me;
let your steadfast love and your faithfulness
keep me safe forever.

Epistle Lesson 1 Corinthians 1:1-19

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,
To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to
be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus
Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has
been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech
and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among
you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord
Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the
day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his
Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our
Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you,
but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to
me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I
mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to

Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

This is the Word of the Lord

Gospel John 1:29-51

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Sermon

Hymn: Amazing Grace

LBW 448

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

"Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;

How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

Leader: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.
Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

[Silence for reflection and self-examination]

Leader: Gracious God,

**All: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that
we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy
name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Leader: 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.

All: Amen.

Leader: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with
one another, live in peace.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Sharing of God's Peace

Offering

Offertory Hymn: Seeking

Seeking we were wandering
We were searching for the Savior
Rugged hills endless desert
Nights of coldness filled with fear
We found him in a stable small.
It's worth it all when we saw Jesus.

Gifts of gold, myrrh, frankincense
We discovered the greatest treasure of them all
You can find him with a humble prayer
He is anywhere a sinner seeks him.
Worship him Love and Honor him
You'll discover the greatest treasure of them all.

Offertory Prayer

(p. 67 LBW)

All: Merciful Father,

We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Response to the Word

(WOV p. 49)

Leader: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

All: 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 into hell.
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 the saints
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

Prayers for the Family of God

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Hymns during distribution

Oh How He Loves You And Me

Oh how He loves you and me
Oh how He loves you and me
He gave His life
What more could He give
Oh how He loves you
Oh how He loves me
Oh how He loves you and me

Jesus to Calv'ry did go
His love for sinners to show
What He did there

Brought hope from despair
Oh how He loves you
Oh how He loves me
Oh how He loves you and me

Oh how He loves you and me
Oh how He loves you and me
He gave His life
What more could He give
Oh how He loves you
Oh how He loves me
Oh how He loves you and me

Glorious

Look inside the myst'ry
See the empty cross
See the risen Savior
Victorious and strong
No one else above Him
None as strong to save
He alone has conquered
The power of the grave

Chorus

Glorious
My eyes have seen the glory of the Lord
Glorious
He stands above the rulers of the earth
Glorious glorious
Lord You are glorious

Look beyond the tombstone
See the living God
See the resurrected
Ruler of my heart
No one else above Him
None to match His worth
The hope of His returning
Fills the universe

Chorus

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.

LBW 320

Under the shadow of thy throne,
still may we dwell secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting, thou art God,
to endless years the same.

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come;
be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

Blessing

Closing Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn: Hallelujah Your Love is Amazing

chorus

Hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah
Your love makes me sing
Hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah
Your love makes me sing

Your love is amazing
Steady and unchanging
Your love is a mountain
Firm beneath my feet
Your love is a myst'ry
How You gently lift me
When I am surrounded
Your love carries me

Your love is surprising
I can feel it rising
All the joy that's growing
Deep inside of me
Ev'ry time I see You
All Your goodness shines through
I can feel this God song
Rising up in me

Yes You make me sing
Lord You make me sing sing sing
How You make me sing

Postlude