

## Order of Service – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost – July 30, 2023 10 AM Sanctuary Service

**Presiding: Pastor Bart**

**Preaching: Pastor Rick**

**Music Team: Kristen Kleckner, Robin Smith, Adeline Lapierre and Mel Geawryletz**

### **OPENING SONG: Goodness of God**

I love You Lord. Oh, Your mercy never fails me.  
All my days I've been held in Your hands  
From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head  
I will sing of the goodness of God

#### **Chorus**

**All my life You have been faithful. All my life You have been so, so good.  
With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God**

I love Your voice. You have led me through the fire.  
In darkest night, You are close like no other.  
I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend.  
I have lived in the goodness of God.

#### **Chorus**

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.  
Your goodness is running after, It's running after me  
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now.  
I give You everything.  
Your goodness is running after, It's running after me  
(repeat)

#### **Chorus**

I will sing of the goodness of God  
I will sing of the goodness of God

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### **Lighting of the Candles**

#### **Welcome**

### **Lighting of the Candles**

**Opening Prayer (All)** – Lord God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit we invite your presence into our worship this morning and consecrate this time to you. Be glorified in the preaching, in the singing, our praying and our meditation on your word. We ask all this in Jesus' name. Amen.

## Confession and Absolution

P: In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, beseeching Him, in the name of our Lord Jesus, to forgive the iniquity of our sin.

P: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Most merciful God.

**C: We confess that we are in bondage 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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

## The Grace (LBW, p. 57)

L: 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.**

**Prayer of the Day:** Pour out upon us, O Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right, that we, who cannot even exist without you, may have the strength to live according to your will; through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## Children's Message: Pastor Rick

### CHILDREN'S SONG: Be Bold, Be Strong

Be bold (echo) Be strong (echo)  
For the Lord our God is with you (echo)  
(REPEAT)

I am not afraid – no, no, no  
I am not dismayed – oh no  
'Cause I'm walkin' in faith and victory  
Come on walk in faith and victory  
For the Lord our God is with you

## First Reading: Deuteronomy 7:6-9

<sup>6</sup> For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession. <sup>7</sup> The LORD did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. <sup>8</sup> But it was because the LORD loved you and kept the oath he swore to your ancestors that he brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the land of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt. <sup>9</sup> Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments.

## Psalm 125

<sup>1</sup> Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be shaken but endures forever.

<sup>2</sup> As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people both now and forevermore.

<sup>3</sup> The scepter of the wicked will not remain over the land allotted to the righteous, for then the righteous might use their hands to do evil.

<sup>4</sup> LORD, do good to those who are good, to those who are upright in heart.

<sup>5</sup> But those who turn to crooked ways the LORD will banish with the evildoers.

## Hymn: My Faith Looks Up to Thee LBW 479

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!  
Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away. O let me from this day be wholly thine!

May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire.  
As thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide;  
Bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away, nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

When life's transient dream, When death's cold sullen stream, Shall o'er me Roll;  
Blest Savior, then, in love Fear and distrust remove; Oh, bear me safe above, A ransomed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808-1887  
Tune: Lowell Mason, 1792-1872  
Olivet  
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## Second Lesson: Romans 8:28-39

<sup>28</sup> And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who<sup>l</sup> have been called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. <sup>30</sup> And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified. <sup>31</sup> What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup> Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

<sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”<sup>1</sup>

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons,<sup>2</sup> neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, <sup>39</sup> neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### **Gospel Lesson: Matthew 13:44-52**

<sup>44</sup> “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. <sup>45</sup> “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. <sup>46</sup> When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it. <sup>47</sup> “Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. <sup>48</sup> When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. <sup>49</sup> This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous <sup>50</sup> and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>51</sup> “Have you understood all these things?” Jesus asked. “Yes,” they replied. <sup>52</sup> He said to them, “Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.”

### **PRE-SERMON SONG: Better Is One Day**

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord almighty.  
For my soul longs and even faints for You.  
For here my heart is satisfied within Your presence  
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings

#### **Chorus**

Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house  
Better is one day in Your courts, Than thousands elsewhere (Than thousands elsewhere)

One thing I ask and I would seek: To see Your beauty,  
To find You in the place Your glory dwells

#### **Chorus**

My heart and flesh cry out for You, the living God.  
Your Spirit's water to my soul. I've tasted and I've seen.  
Come once again to me. I will draw near to You  
I will draw near to You to You  
(Repeat)

Better is one day, better is one day, better is one day than thousands elsewhere  
Better is one day, better is one day, better is one day than thousands elsewhere

#### **Chorus**

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### **Sermon – Pastor Rick**

## Offering What a Friend we have in Jesus LBW #439

What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and grief's to bear!  
What a privilege to carry Everything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we bear -  
All because we do not carry Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior still our refuge Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In His arms he'll take and shield you; You will find a solace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820-1886  
Tune: Charles C. Converse, 1832-1918

## Offertory Prayer P.68 LBW

P: Blessed are you.

**C: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your Goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of Him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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,  
is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and 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.

## Sharing of God's Peace

L: The Peace of the Lord be with you always

**C: And also with you**

## **Prayers for the Family of God**

### **Prayer for St. Peter's**

**All:** Gracious God as we look to the future, help us to be willing to set aside our own plans, where necessary and submit to your plans, trusting that your guidance is wise and you are good. Amen.

**Lord's Prayer:** Our Father, who art in Heaven...

### **Benediction**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Prayer Initiate – 50 Members Daily Prayer**

- For the pastors and their families, the leadership of St. Peter's and their families and the ministry of St. Peter's
- Contact the office to sign up: [office@saintpeters.ca](mailto:office@saintpeters.ca)

### **Prayer groups at the Church**

- Tuesday afternoon 3 PM in the Sanctuary
- Wednesday mornings 10 AM in the Sanctuary
- Individual prayer with the prayer support team Sunday Mornings after service in the Walkway

### **Getting to Know You – Pastor Rick and Erica**

- Our last Tuesday evening is on August 8. Please let Tim know in the office if you would like to join us in our home for a visit. It would be great to get to know each other.

### **Vacation Bible Camp – Needs Snack Volunteers (10 AM) Aug 14-18, 2023**

- There is a need each day for 67 healthy snacks each morning. Due to allergies, no tree nuts please. See Care & Info email or signup sheet on the narthex table for details.

### **The Forest Dream - What's in the forest behind us? Do you know?**

- What *could* be in the forest behind us? What are the possibilities?
- Could we use this property in some way to help people to discover the message of the Jesus?
- Contribute your idea on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

### **Lutheran Summer Camps**

- It's time to check out what the summer camps have to offer and register. Look for Wilderness Ranch, Mulhurst Camp, Camp Kuriakos and Hastings Lake Bible Camp.

## **CLOSING HYMN: Now Thank we all our God LBW # 534**

Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done, In whom his world rejoices;  
Who, from our mothers' arms, Has blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love, And still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us,  
And keep us in His grace, And guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all harm In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,  
 The Son, and Him who reigns With them in highest heaven,  
 The one eternal God, Whom earth and heaven adore;  
 For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

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**P: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord.**

**ALL: Thanks be to God**

**If you are praying for St. Peter's, over the next 6 months and would like a shared prayer, Pastor Bart created this one**

We pray for the ministry of St. Peter's and all Christian ministries. We ask that you bless our pastors, our church leaders and their families as well as all our people and their families. Inspire, fill and govern us by your Holy Spirit. Bless our health as well as all marriages, friendships and relationships so that your ministry will flow uninterrupted. Guide us all to submit ourselves to your perfect plans and designs. Direct, bless and protect our ministries, especially our youth and children's ministries. Protect us by the blood of your Son from the attacks of the enemy and give your angels a command to defend us. Direct St. Peter's mission now and in the future so that it bears much fruit for your kingdom. We ask all this in Jesus's name, Amen.

	<b>July 23 - 8th Sunday after Pentacost</b>
<b>Presider</b>	<b>Pastor Rick</b>
<b>Preacher</b>	<b>Pastor Rick</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Bruce Challis</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Bunny Challis</b>
<b>Musicians</b>	<b>Erica's Team</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Betty Porter</b>
<b>Children's Message</b>	<b>Pastor Bart</b>
<b>Pre School Teacher</b>	<b>No PS</b>
<b>SS Music Coordinator</b>	<b>No SS</b>
<b>Sunday School Teacher</b>	<b>No SS</b>
<b>Media Scriptor</b>	<b>Tim Bauer</b>
<b>Media Operator</b>	<b>Betty Porter</b>
<b>Sound Operator</b>	<b>tba</b>
<b>Video Operator</b>	<b>Art Zoethout</b>
<b>Reader</b>	<b>Bruce Challis</b>
<b>Communion</b>	<b>No Communion</b>
<b>Counter</b>	<b>Linda Zoethout</b>
<b>Coffee</b>	<b>Relaxed Coffee</b>