

**Order of Service – Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
October 15 2023 10 AM Sanctuary Service**

**Preaching & Presiding: Pastor Bart  
Music Team: Parker & Mel, Kathy, Tim, Zach, Evan**

**Welcome to our members and visitors today. We are glad you have joined us. If you are visiting St. Peter's and would like more information regarding St. Peter's and its programs. Head back to the Welcoming Table in the Narthex following worship to speak with one our welcoming team.**

**If you are a visitor, we welcome you to come forward for communion. If your children have gone through communion instruction, they are welcome as well. If they are not taking communion, please bring them forward for a blessing. If you would like personal prayer this morning, you are invited to meet with our prayer team in the narthex either before or after you have taken communion.**

**Welcome – Pastor Bart**

**Filling in slips to drop off during communion**

**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.**

**Hymn: Crown Him With Many Crowns LBW 170**

Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns All music but its own.  
Awake my soul and sing Of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless King Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed over the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife For those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,  
Who died, eternal life to bring, And lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of peace, Whose pow'r a scepter sways  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, Absorbed in prayer and praise.  
His reign shall know no end, And round His pierced feet  
Fair flow'rs of paradise extend Their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of years, The potentate of time,  
Creator of the rolling spheres, Ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou has died for me;  
Thy praise and glory shall not fail Throughout eternity.

## **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.**

## **The Kyrie**

P: In peace, let us pray for the Lord.

**C:** Lord, have mercy

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C:** Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God and for the unity of all, let us pray for the Lord.

**C:** Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C:** Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**All:** Amen

**Prayer of the Day:** Almighty Lord Jesus, you have endured the doubts and foolish questions of every generation. Forgive us for trying to be judge over you, and grant us the confident faith to acknowledge you as Lord. Amen

## **Baptism of Percy Marshall Paterson and mom Karli Michelle Paterson – Service on p.121 LBW**

### **Children’s Message: Pastor Bart**

### **CHILDREN’S SONG: This Joy That I Have (To tune of this Little Light Of Mine)**

This Joy that I have, the world didn’t give it to me.

This Joy that I have, the world didn’t give it to me.

This Joy that I have, the world didn’t give it to me.

And the world can’t take it away

This Love that I have, the world didn’t give it to me.

This Love that I have, the world didn’t give it to me.

This Love that I have, the world didn’t give it to me.

And the world can’t take it away

This Peace that I have, the world didn’t give it to me.

This Peace that I have, the world didn’t give it to me.

This Peace that I have, the world didn’t give it to me.

And the world can’t take it away

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## **Introduction to Readings – Pastor Paul**

## First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9 NIV

<sup>6</sup> On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines. <sup>7</sup> On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations;

<sup>8</sup> he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people's disgrace from all the earth. The LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup> In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

## Psalm 23 NIV

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,

<sup>3</sup> he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup> Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

## Second Lesson: Philippians 4:4-13 NIV

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. <sup>9</sup> Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. <sup>10</sup> I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. <sup>11</sup> I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. <sup>12</sup> I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. <sup>13</sup> I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

## Gospel Lesson: Matthew 22:1-14 NIV

**22** Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: <sup>2</sup> "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup> He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come. <sup>4</sup> "Then he sent some more servants and said, 'Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.' <sup>5</sup> "But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. <sup>6</sup> The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. <sup>7</sup> The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. <sup>8</sup> "Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. <sup>9</sup> So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.' <sup>10</sup> So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. <sup>11</sup> "But when the king

came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. <sup>12</sup> He asked, 'How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?' The man was speechless. <sup>13</sup> "Then the king told the attendants, 'Tie his hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' <sup>14</sup> "For many are invited, but few are chosen."

### **Hymn: I Cannot Come/ The Wedding Banquet**

#### **Chorus:**

I cannot come to the banquet, don't trouble me now.  
I have married a wife; I have bought me a cow.  
I have fields and commitments that cost a pretty sum.  
Pray, hold me excused, I cannot come.

A certain man held a feast on his fine estate in town.  
He laid a festive table and wore a wedding gown.  
He sent invitations to his neighbours far and wide  
but when the meal was ready, each of them replied:

#### **Chorus**

The master rose up in anger, called his servant by name,  
said: "Go into the town, fetch the blind and the lame,  
fetch the peasant and the pauper, for this I have willed,  
my banquet must be crowded, and my table must be filled.

#### **Chorus**

When all the poor had assembled, there was still room to spare,  
so the master demanded: "Go search every where,  
to the highways and the byways and tell them to come in.  
My table must be filled before the banquet can begin.

#### **Chorus**

Now God has written a lesson for the rest of the mankind;  
If we're slow a responding, he may leave us behind.  
He's preparing a banquet for that great and glorious day  
when the Lord and Master calls us, be certain not to say:

#### **Chorus**

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### **Sermon – Pastor Bart**

#### **OFFERTORY SONG: Blessed Be Your Name (with I Wanna Go Up)**

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful,  
Where Your streams of abundance flow, Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place,  
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name.

## Pre-Chorus

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.  
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,

## Chorus

Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious name.

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me,  
When the world's all as it should be. blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering,  
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name

## Pre-Chorus

## Chorus

You give and take away, you give and take away.  
My heart will choose to say, Lord blessed be Your name.  
(Repeat)

## Chorus x 2

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## 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**

## 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 you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. Amen

### **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 aside our own plans, where necessary and submit to your plans, trusting that your guidance is wise and you are good. Amen**

### **The 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 him thanks and praise

### **Proper Preface**

### **Words of Institution**

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

### **Communion Distribution**

### **COMMUNION HYMNS:**

#### **Hymn: Praise To The Lord**

#### **Chorus**

Praise, Praise to the Lord

Praise, Praise to the Lord

For He is good and merciful

His love is great, He's so wonderful, My Lord

At Your table, Lord, we come to eat.

Fill our hunger with Your Bread so sweet.

You invite

All mankind, and You bring

The best meat and finest of wine.

Thank you, Jesus, for Your Mercy, Grace complete!

#### **Chorus**

In the battles Lord, You are my peace  
When I'm broken Lord, You are my strength  
You're my strength  
You're my love, you're my life  
You're my joy, my song in the night  
How I marvel at your mercy, and I sing

Praise, Praise to the Lord  
Praise, Praise to the Lord  
For He is good and merciful  
His love is great, He's so wonderful, My Lord

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### **Hymn: O Living Bread from Heaven LBW 197**

O living Bread from heaven, How well you feed your guest!  
The gifts that you have given Have filled my heart with rest.  
Oh, wondrous food of blessing, Oh, cup that heals our woes!  
My heart, this gift possessing, With praises overflows!

My Lord, you here have led me Within your holiest place,  
And here yourself have fed me With treasures of your grace;  
For you have freely given What earth could never buy,  
The bread of life from heaven, That now I shall not die.

You gave me all I wanted; This food can death destroy.  
And you have freely granted The cup of endless joy.  
My Lord, I do not merit The favor you have shown,  
And all my soul and spirit Bow down before your throne.

Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened With heavenly food, while here  
My course on earth is lengthened, To serve with holy fear.  
And when you call my spirit To leave this world below,  
I enter, through your merit, Where joys unmingled flow.

Text: John Rist, 1607-1667; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829-1878, alt.  
Tune: Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876

### **Communion Blessing**

### **Communion Prayer**

### **Benediction**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS – See below and St. Peter's Care and Info email**

## **CLOSING HYMN: Sent Forth by God's Blessing LBW 221**

Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from his dwelling take leave.  
The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended  
The fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of his teaching, Receptive souls reaching,  
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us  
To work for God's kingdom and answer his call.

With praise and thanksgiving To God ever-living,  
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,  
Embracing his children of each tribe and race.  
With your feast you feed us, With your light now lead us;  
Unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living With praise and thanksgiving  
Give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

© Text: Omer Westendorf, b. 1916, alt.  
Tune: Welsh folk tune

P: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God**

**Thank you for joining us today. Join us in the Narthex and Walkway room for Coffee and fellowship after service this morning.**

### **Small Groups Ministry is on the Move**

Underway with sessions Sunday afternoon, Wed AM and PM, Thur PM & 7:30 PM plus two . Check with the church office, following the worship service to check on availability. Maybe you would want to facilitate or host a small group in the future. She will be in the Narthex.

### **Christian Caregiving – 8 Tuesdays starting October 17 @ 6pm with hot soup**

Reaching out with the love of Christ. In times of uncertainty and sadness, people need the hope, peace, joy and love that comes from Jesus. Whom shall I send?  
Current session is full, check with Pastor Rick for future sessions.

### **Church Wide Training Event- Wednesday, Wednesday, October 18, 7-9.**

What peaks your interest in serving?

If you have already signed up or have been involved in an area of serving, please attend our one evening training event on October 18, 2023 from 7-9. For those who are new and signed up on Rally Day, Welcome. If you might be interested in a specific area of serving, but have not made a commitment yet, please come and check it out. **We need more volunteers!**

Each of our serving areas, includes mentorship, meaning someone who has experience will be with you to answer any questions and work alongside you until you become more comfortable.

### **Grandparenting and the Faith**

This Wednesday's *Grandparenting and the Faith* session is cancelled due to the *Legacy Grandparenting Summit* taking place on Friday and Saturday at St. Peter's. We will meet again for our monthly gathering on November 8, 10 am.



## **October 20 & 21. The Grand-Parenting Summit**

An amazing two-day event to equip you to be grandparents of faith in a post-modern world. This is a simulcast which means you can come and go as you wish, and take in any of the lectures that are of interest to you. We will have a list and times of the different speakers soon. Go to <https://brushfire.com/legacycoalition/simulcast/555479> to register. Let us know if you need help registering. Be sure to put in the Canadian discount code when it asks for it when you register. You can find it on the registration page.

## **Pop-Up Choir**

Join us Saturday, October 28 from 9:30am - 3pm for our first Pop-Up Choir rehearsal day (we will sing next day for Reformation Sunday, Oct 29). We'll also begin rehearsals for the Advent Lessons and Carols at that time.

We'll have our second Pop-Up Choir rehearsal day on Dec 2 (for the Candlelight Advent Lessons and Carols on Dec 3, 7:30 pm). Music binders will be distributed on Sunday Oct 22 after church and rehearsal tracks emailed out. Please contact the church office @ 403-932-3345

## **Surprising Questions Jesus Asked Preaching Series - Pastor Rick**

"I've always been curious about the questions Jesus asked – sometimes answered, and sometimes not. For a few months, I am going to dig more deeply into these questions. Check on the big bulletin board in the narthex to see what question is coming up next. Read the gospel that I will be exploring as I prepare to preach. Next Sunday, Oct. 22: "Why do you call me good?" (Matthew 10:17-31)

## **Ladies Advent Dinner**

The date is Friday, November 24 @ 6 PM. An evening of great food, fellowship and song. Ladies contact the church office, men get ready to babysit it's a ladies only event.

See the bulletin board in the Narthex, your Big Events card, Facebook, St. Peter's Website or the newsletter for further details.

## **Week At a Glance:**

Tuesday – 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study on "The Lord's Prayer" lead by Rhonda

Wednesday – 10:00 AM Prayer time in sanctuary

Thursday – 10:00 AM Bible study on "John" lead by Pastor Paul

Saturday – 6:00 PM Blessings and Borscht

Small Group Ministries – Various times during the week contact Florence Toth church office for details.

## **Month in Advance:**

October 17 & 24– 6:00 PM Christian Caregiving session – soup and discussion

October 18 – 7-9 PM Church Wide Training session for volunteers

October 20 & 21 – 9 AM - 4 PM The Grand-Parenting Summit

October 28 - 9 – 12 PM Pop up choir