

**Order of Service – Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
October 22 2023 10 AM Sanctuary Service**

**Preaching: Pastor Rick
Presiding: Pastor Bart
Music Team: Adeline, Kristen, Mel, Lynn and Lyndsay**

Welcome to worship.

If you are a visitor today, please pick up a gift bag and learn more about our programs at the Welcome Table at the back of the Narthex. Grab a coffee and mingle in the Narthex or Sit for a conversation in the “Breezeway.”

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.

Prelude Hymn: Oh for a Thousand Tongues To Sing, LBW 559

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great redeemer's praise,
The Glories of my God and King, The triumphs of His grace!

My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim
To spread through all the earth abroad The honors of your name

The name of Jesus charms our fears And bids our sorrows cease,
Sings music in the sinner's ears, Brings life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin; He sets the pris'ner free.
His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood avails for me.

To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever gin'n
By saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt
Tune: Carl G. Glaser, 1784-1829

Lighting of the Candles

Welcoming

Filling in slips to drop off during communion – The Heaviest Concern on Your Heart

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 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

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: Almighty God, source of every blessing, your generous goodness comes to us anew every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Children's Message: Pastor Rick

Children's Song: This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine (3x)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Hide it under a bushel. No! I'm gonna let it shine (3x)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Don't let Satan blow it out! I'm gonna let it shine (3x)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Let it shine till Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine (3x)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

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Introduction to Readings – Pastor Paul

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7 NIV

45 “This is what the LORD says to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I take hold of to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their armor, to open doors before him so that gates will not be shut: ² I will go before you and will level the mountains; I will break down gates of bronze and cut through bars of iron. ³ I will give you hidden treasures, riches stored in secret places, so that you may know that I am the LORD, the God of Israel, who summons you by name. ⁴ For the sake of Jacob my servant, of Israel my chosen, I summon you by name and bestow on you a title of honor, though you do not acknowledge me. ⁵ I am the LORD, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God. I will strengthen you, though you have not acknowledged me, ⁶ so that from the rising of the sun to the place of its setting people may know there is none besides me. I am the LORD, and there is no other. ⁷ I form the light and create darkness, I bring prosperity and create disaster; I, the LORD, do all these things.

Psalm 96:1-9 NIV

¹ Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.
² Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.
³ Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.
⁴ For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.
⁵ For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.
⁶ Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary.
⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, all you families of nations, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
⁸ Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.
⁹ Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.

Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 NIV

1 Paul, Silas¹ and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you.
2 We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. **3** We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.
4 For we know, brothers and sisters² loved by God, that he has chosen you, **5** because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. **6** You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. **7** And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. **8** The Lord’s message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, **9** for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, **10** and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 10:17-31

17 As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, ‘Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ **18** Jesus said to him, ‘Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. **19** You know the commandments: “You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud;

Honour your father and mother.”²⁰ He said to him, ‘Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.’²¹ Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, ‘You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money^[a] to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.’²² When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.²³ Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, ‘How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!’²⁴ And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, ‘Children, how hard it is^[b] to enter the kingdom of God!²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.’²⁶ They were greatly astounded and said to one another,^[c] ‘Then who can be saved?’²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, ‘For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.’²⁸ Peter began to say to him, ‘Look, we have left everything and followed you.’²⁹ Jesus said, ‘Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news,^[d]³⁰ who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life.³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.’

Hymn: 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

Bridge x 2

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.

Chorus

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Sermon – “Why do you call me good?” - Pastor Rick

OFFERTORY SONG: Above All

Above all powers above all kings
Above all nature and all created things
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man
You were here before the world began

Above all kingdoms above all thrones
Above all wonders the world has ever known
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth
There's no way to measure
What You're worth

Crucified laid behind the stone
You lived to die rejected and alone
Like a rose trampled on the ground
You took the fall and thought of me
Above all

(repeat)

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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

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

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: God And Man At Table Are Sat Down

O, welcome, all ye noble saints of old, As now before your very eyes unfold.
The wonders all so long ago foretold

Chorus

God and man at table are sat down, .God and man at table are sat down

Elders, martyrs, all are falling down, and prophets, patriarchs are gath'ring round.
What angels longed to see now man has found;

Chorus

Beggars, lame, and harlots also here, repentant publicans are drawing near,
Wayward sons come home without a fear;

Chorus

Who is this who spreads the vict'ry feast? Who is this who makes our warring cease?
Jesus, risen Saviour, Prince of Peace.

Chorus

Here He gives Himself to us as bread. Here as wine we drink the blood He shed.
Born to die we eat and live instead.

Chorus

Worship in the presence of the Lord, With joyful songs and hearts in one accord,
And let our Host of table be adored

Chorus

When at last this earth shall pass away. When Jesus and His bride are one to stay,
The feast of love is just begun that day.

Chorus

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We Fall Down

We fall down
We lay our crowns
At the feet of Jesus
The greatness of mercy and love
At the feet of Jesus

And we cry holy holy holy
And we cry holy holy holy
And we cry holy holy holy is the Lamb
(Repeat All)

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Communion Blessing

Communion Prayer

Benediction

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

CLOSING HYMN: Come thou Almighty King, LBW 522

Come, thou almighty King, Help us thy name to sing; Help us to praise;
Father all glorious, O’er all victorious, Come and reign over us, ancient of Days

Come, thou incarnate word, gird on thy mighty sword. Our prayer attend.
Come and thy peoples bless and give thy Word success
And let thy righteousness On us descend.

Come, Holy comforter, thy sacred witness bear In this glad hour!
Thou who almighty art, Now rule in ev’ry heart,
And ne’er from us depart, spirit of pow’r

To thee, Great One in three, Eternal praises be Hence evermore!
Thy sov’rign majesty May we in glory see,
And to eternity Love and adore

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt

Tune: I. G. Glaser, 1784-1829

P: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God

Pray for St. Peter's

Please remember to keep praying for the church, our pastors, leaders, members and their families.

Pop-Up Choir

Join us next 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). Pick up your music binders after worship. Rehearsal tracks emailed out to you shortly.

Men's Breakfast Fellowship – A Monthly Event

Next Saturday Oct 28 2023 at 8am. Come and join other men and learn about the gift of mentoring as we study, talk and prayer together.

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. 29: "What are you looking for?" (Jon 1:35-42)

Reformation Sunday - October 29

On October 31, 1517, an obscure monk named Martin Luther, desiring to spark theological discussion over the medieval practices of selling indulgences, nailed his 95 Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. That happened 503 years ago today. The spark he set off ignited a flame that spread across Europe and became known as the Protestant Reformation. By challenging the church's authority and its doctrine, Luther reclaimed for Christianity the central doctrine of salvation-justification by faith alone. Next Sunday we celebrate the Reformation.

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

Tuesday - 6:00 PM Christian Caregiving Ministry with soup

Wednesday – 10:00 AM Prayer time in sanctuary

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

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

Saturday – 8:00-9:30- Men’s Breakfast

Saturday- 9:30 AM -2 PM- Pop Up Choir

Month in Advance:

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

October 28 - 8 Am to 9 AM Men’s Breakfast in the basement

October 28 - 9:30 AM – 3 PM Pop up choir

October 29- 10 AM – Reformation Sunday

November 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 Bible study on “John” lead by Pastor Paul

November 4 Tabernacle Worship Service – Invite the community

November 5 10 AM Service Volunteer Appreciation Sunday – Lunch to Follow

November 7, 14, 21 & 28– 6:00 PM Christian Caregiving session – soup and discussion

November 24 6 PM Ladies Advent Supper

November 26 10 AM Consecration Sunday – Lunch to Follow