

**Order of Service – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 10, 2023 10 AM Sanctuary Service**

Presiding and Preaching: Pastor Rick

Music Team: Erica, Mel, Parker, Christopher, Tim and Zach

OPENING HYMN: O, Worship the King (Tune: Lyons)

O, worship the King, all glorious above,
And gratefully sing His power and His love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, Thy power hath founded of old;
Established it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

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Lighting of the Candles

Welcome

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:

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open
All desires known, from You no secrets are hid'd'n
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
By the power of your Spirit
So we love and magnify your name

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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: God of all creation, you reach out to call people of all nations to your kingdom. As you gather disciples from near and far, count us among those who boldly confess your Son Jesus Christ as Lord. Amen

Children's Message: Pastor Rick

CHILDREN'S SONG: There's No One Like Jesus

There's no one, there's no one like Jesus
There's no one, there's no one like Him
There's no one, there's no one like Jesus
There's no one, there's no one like Him

I looked, I looked (over, over)
I searched, I searched (over, over)
I turned around (over, over)
There's no one, there's no one like Him
(Repeat All)

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

⁷“Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. ⁸When I say to the wicked, ‘You wicked person, you will surely die,’ and you do not speak out to dissuade them from their ways, that wicked person will die^[a] for their sin, and I will hold you accountable for their blood. ⁹But if you do warn the wicked person to turn from their ways and they do not do so, they will die for their sin, though you yourself will be saved.

Psalm 32:1-7

¹ Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
² Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.
³ When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.
⁴ For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.
⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.” And you forgave the guilt of my sin.
⁶ Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found; surely the rising of the mighty Waters will not reach them.
⁷ You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.

Second Lesson: Romans 13:1-10

13 Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. ² Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. ³ For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended. ⁴ For the one in authority is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God’s servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. ⁵ Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience. ⁶ This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God’s servants, who give their full time to governing. ⁷ Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor. ⁸ Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not covet,”^[a] and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰ Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

Alleluia!

Alleluia! Lord to whom shall we go, shall we go?
Alleluia! Lord to whom shall we go, shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life
O Lord
You have the words of eternal life
O Lord

Alleluia! Lord to whom shall we go
Shall we go, shall we go?

Gospel Lesson: Luke 7:36-50

³⁶ One of the Pharisees asked Jesus^[a] to eat with him, and when he went into the Pharisee's house he reclined to dine. ³⁷ And a woman in the city who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. ³⁸ She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair, kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. ³⁹ Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him, that she is a sinner." ⁴⁰ Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "speak." ⁴¹ "A certain moneylender had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴² When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?" ⁴³ Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt." And Jesus^[b] said to him, "You have judged rightly." ⁴⁴ Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. ⁴⁵ You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. ⁴⁶ You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. ⁴⁷ Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven loves little." ⁴⁸ Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." ⁴⁹ But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" ⁵⁰ But he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

.PRE-SERMON SONG: Ancient of Days

Though the nations rage, kingdoms rise and fall
There is still one King reigning over all.
So, I will not fear for this truth remains:
That my God is the Ancient of Days.

Chorus

None above Him, none before Him. All of time in His hands.
For His throne, it shall remain and ever stand.
All the power, all the glory, I will trust in His name.
For my God is the Ancient of Days

Though the dread of night overwhelms my soul
He is here with me, I am not alone
O His love is sure and He knows my name
For my God is the Ancient of Days.

Chorus

Though I may not see what the future brings,
I will watch and wait for the Saviour king,
Then, my joy complete, standing face to face
In the presence of the Ancient of Days.

Chorus

For my God is the Ancient of Days.

Sermon – Pastor Rick

OFFERTORY HYMN: Amazing Grace / Chains Are Gone

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm 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.

Chorus

My chains are gone, I've been set free, My God my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy rains, unending love amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

Chorus

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine.
But God, who called me here below, will be forever mine,
Will be forever mine. You are forever mine.

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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

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

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

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of pow'r and might
Heaven and earth are full of you glory (repeat)

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might
Heaven and earth are full of you glory,

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

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COMMUNION HYMNS

Hallelujah

We know that there's a God above
Who fills us with His grace and love
And, Lord, we've come to say we're thankful to You
You've pulled us from the miry clay
And walked beside us when we stray
With blood-stained hands, you've saved us
Hallelujah!

Hallelujah, hallelujah
Hallelujah, hallelujah

We hold this life in jars of clay
These bodies that just waste away
With golden threads you mend us, bring us to You
You take the pieces, then You do
What no one can – You make us new
Restoring life within us
Hallelujah!

Hallelujah, hallelujah
Hallelujah, hallelujah

We love you, Lord, with all our heart
Your Son gave us a brand-new start
You've broken down the walls and brought us near You
It goes like this: the Fall, the Cross
Our sin atoned and Satan's loss
Then Heaven's gates flung wide
Oh Hallelujah!

Hallelujah, hallelujah
Hallelujah, hallelujah
(2x)

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Hymn: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Hearts to Heaven and voices raise
Sing to God a hymn of gladness
Sing to God a hymn of praise
He who on the cross a victim
For the world's salvation bled
Jesus Christ the King of Glory
Now is risen from the dead

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Jesus is our victory
Now the curtain torn asunder
Risen again in majesty
Friend of sinners, lives transforming
"It is finished" was his cry
Bursting chains that long did bind us
See the risen Christ on high

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Death at last has met defeat
See the ancient powers of evil
In confusion and retreat
Once he died and once was buried
Now he lives forevermore
Jesus Christ, the world's redeemer
Whom we worship and adore

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Communion Blessing

Communion Prayer

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Good morning and welcome to worship. Thank you for joining us for Rally Day. Please head downstairs following the worship service and find how out how you can grow in your faith and discover how to use your amazing gifts to serve God and others. There is food too!

Welcome to our visitors. We are glad you have joined us. Please join us for lunch and a conversation following worship. We would love to meet you.

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.

Many of our programs and studies are scheduled to start in the next few weeks. Keep an eye out for start dates, and pick up a copy of our fall newsletter. Everything you need to know is in the newsletter designed by Whitney Edworthy. Thank you Whitney.

There are many big events happening from September-December. To keep you better informed we've laid them all out for you on a rack card that you can post on your fridge or keep near you at home so that you don't miss out on the many wonderful opportunities at St. Peter's. You will find the rack card in your mail box? Don't have mail box? Let us know. The greeters are happy to take your name and pass it on to Tim in the office.

Three events are worth noting because of registration deadlines. All of them taking place at St. Peter's.

September 16, 7 pm. The Tabernacle

Come join us for an unforgettable evening of worship at **St Peter's Lutheran Church!** This in-person event is a perfect opportunity to gather with fellow believers and lift our voices in praise. Get ready to be moved by powerful music, heartfelt prayers, and inspiring Scriptures. Whether you're a seasoned worshipper or new to the faith, this event is open to all. Let's come together as a community and experience the presence of God in a truly special way. Don't miss out on this chance to connect, worship, and be refreshed. Mark your calendars and invite your friends for an incredible night of worship at Tabernacle Evening of Worship!

September 29 & 30. Effective Prayer Ministry Workshop

To equip individuals and the church to be more effective in praying for others. Registration: \$25/individual or \$40/family, manual and snacks included, with a break for lunch. Presented by Lutheran Pastor Boyd Hopkins. Register at www.saintpetersevents.org

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. Early bird registration price of \$49.00 ends on **September 18.** Go to <https://brushfire.com/legacycoalition/simulcast/555479> Let us know if you need help registering.

Grand-Parenting and the Faith

Starts this Wednesday at 10 am. Join other grandparents. Learn about the upcoming Grand-parenting summit. Discover some insights on how to engage our grandchildren. Need more info? Talk to Elaine and Vaughn at one of the tables downstairs.

Small Groups coming to St. Peter's this fall

We are excited to introduce a small group ministry model to St. Peter's this fall. We think small groups are a key ingredient to our growth as individuals and as a congregation. When you go downstairs following the worship, could you drop by the small group table and give us an idea of time of day or week that might work for you? We are planning to have all of our small groups up and running by the end of the month.

Do you have a Name Tag?

Please wear it so we can get to know each other (beyond the person who sits in the pew next to you). If you don't have a nametag, sign up for one today. Go talk with Tim downstairs at one of the display tables.

CLOSING SONG: The Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you
Make his face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace

Amen, amen, amen (2x)

May his favor be upon you
And a thousand generations
And your family and your children
And their children and their children

May his presence go before you
And behind you and beside you
All around you and within you
He is with you, He is with you

In the morning, in the evening
In your coming and your going
In your weeping and rejoicing
He is for you, He is for you
He is for you, He is for you

Amen, amen, amen (2x)

The Lord bless you and keep you
Make his face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace

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P: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God

Robin

First Impressions

Erica

Pop-Up Choir

Rick

Christian
Caregiving

Florence

Small Groups

Elaine

Grandparenting
and Faith

Diana

Prayer

Warren

Property

Garth

Men's Breakfast

Glen

Arts and Crafts

Rally Day at St. Peters

Betty and
Robin

Sunday
School



ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Betty

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Adeline

Blessings
and Borscht Lords Prayer

Marg

Darrrrel

Council

Tim

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