

**Order of Service – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 17, 2023 10 AM Sanctuary Service**

**Presiding: Pastor Rick Bergh, Preaching: Josh Wagner**

**Music Team: Erica Phare-Bergh, Rebecca Saltvold, Parker Gawryletz**

**OPENING HYMN: Lift High the Cross**

**Chorus**

Lift high the cross the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His glorious name

Come Christian people, sing your praises shout  
If we are silent even stones cry out

**Chorus**

Come Christians follow where our Captain trod  
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God

**Chorus**

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree  
As thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee

**Chorus**

So shall our song of triumph ever be  
Praise to the Crucified for victory

**Chorus**

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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.**

## GLORIA

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria  
We praise you! We bless you!  
We worship you! We glorify you!

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria  
Amen, amen!  
Amen, amen!

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**Prayer of the Day:** Almighty and eternal God, you know our problems and our weaknesses better than we ourselves. In your love and by your power help us in our confusion and, in spite of our weakness, make us firm in faith; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**Children's Message: Joshua Wagner**

## CHILDREN'S SONG: Be Bold

Be bold (be bold), be strong (be strong)  
For the Lord thy God is with you  
(repeat)

I am not afraid – no, no, no!  
I am not dismayed – oh no!  
For I'm walking in faith and victory  
Come on, walk in faith and victory

For the Lord your God is with you

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## First Reading: Genesis 50:15-21

<sup>15</sup> When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" <sup>16</sup> So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: <sup>17</sup> 'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept. <sup>18</sup> His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said. <sup>19</sup> But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup> You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. <sup>21</sup> So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

## Psalm 103:1-12

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.  
<sup>2</sup> Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—  
<sup>3</sup> who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,  
<sup>4</sup> who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,  
<sup>5</sup> who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.  
<sup>6</sup> The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.  
<sup>7</sup> He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel:  
<sup>8</sup> The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.  
<sup>9</sup> He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever;  
<sup>10</sup> he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.  
<sup>11</sup> For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;  
<sup>12</sup> as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

## Second Lesson: Romans 14:1-12

<sup>14</sup> Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters. <sup>2</sup> One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. <sup>3</sup> The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them. <sup>4</sup> Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand. <sup>5</sup> One person considers one day more sacred than another; another

considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. <sup>6</sup>Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. <sup>7</sup>For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. <sup>8</sup>If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. <sup>9</sup>For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living. <sup>10</sup>You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. <sup>11</sup>It is written: "As surely as I live," says the Lord, "every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God." <sup>12</sup>So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

## **Gospel Lesson: Matthew 9:35-38**

<sup>35</sup> Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. <sup>36</sup>When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup>Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup>therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

## **PRE-SERMON SONG: When I Survey (O Waly Waly, "The Water Is Wide")**

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died  
My richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride

Forbid it Lord that I should boast save in the death of Christ my God  
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood

See from His head His hands His feet sorrow and love flow mingled down  
Did ever such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown

Were the whole realm of nature mine that were an offering far too small  
Love so amazing so divine demands my soul my life my all

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## **Sermon – Josh Wagner**

### **OFFERTORY HYMN: I Love to Tell the Story**

I love to tell the story of unseen things above  
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love  
I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true  
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do

### **Chorus**

I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory  
To tell the old old story of Jesus and His love

I love to tell the story more wonderful it seems  
Than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams  
I love to tell the story it did so much for me  
And that is just the reason I tell it now to thee

### **Chorus**

I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory  
To tell the old old story of Jesus and His love

I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat  
What seems each time I tell it more wonderfully sweet  
I love to tell the story for some have never heard  
The message of salvation from God's own holy Word

### **Chorus**

I love to tell the story for those who know it best  
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest  
And when in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song  
'Twill be the old old story that I have loved so long

### **Chorus**

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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**

### **Installation of Sunday School Teachers.**

## **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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## **Words of Institution**

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

## **Communion Distribution**

### **COMMUNION HYMNS**

#### **Knowing You**

All I once held dear, built my life upon, all this world reveres and wars to own

All I once thought gain I have counted loss; Spent and worthless now, compared to this

#### **Chorus**

Knowing You Jesus, knowing You, there is no greater thing.

You're my all, You're the best, You're my joy, my righteousness, and I love You Lord

Now my heart's desire is to know You more, to be found in You, and known as Yours,

To possess by faith what I could not earn; All surpassing gift of righteousness.

#### **Chorus**

Oh to know the pow'r of Your risen life, and to know You in Your sufferings,  
To become like You in Your death, my Lord; So with You to live, and never die.

Knowing You Jesus, knowing You, there is no greater thing.  
You're my all, You're the best, You're my joy, my righteousness, and I love You Lord

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## **In Christ Alone**

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled when strivings cease.  
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.  
For every sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain!  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day, up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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## **Communion Blessing**

## **Communion Prayer**

## **Benediction**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Good morning and welcome to worship. Thank you for joining us today. Thank you to Joshua Wagner for sharing the word this morning. May God bless you and your ministry. Please head downstairs following the worship service for some lunch and a brief talk on Wagner's Ministry International.

<http://www.wagnerministries.org/>

***Welcome to our visitors. We are glad you have joined us. Need more information? Head back to the Welcoming Table 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.

Many of our programs and studies are scheduled to start in the next few weeks. Keep an eye out for start dates, and if you have not picked up a copy of our fall newsletter or the BIG EVENTS information card, then check your mailbox or if you don't have a mailbox, then you can grab these resources at the Welcoming Table in the narthex.

### **Pre-School and Sunday School Launch's Next Sunday September 24**

Do you have children ages 4 through Grade 6, please register them for Pre-School or Sunday School it is going to be a wondrous year for the children. . If you would like to teach or assist with our younger members please contact Robyn Jones for information. Additional details in the Care and Info emails that came out Thursday.

### **Pre-School and Sunday School Teachers and Assistance Installation**

We are so blessed to have wonderful servants, so willing to teach our precious children the stories of scripture. We thank you for your commitment and dedication to pass on the word of God. Bless you! We are committed to praying for you as you teach.

Kristen Klechner	Rebecca Green
Betty Klics	Annick St.-Onge
Laura Tester	Cindy Tester
Beverly Hampson	Angela Kumlin
Robyn Jones	Kelly Mack
Doreen Budden	Marg Bowen
Shona Burton	Robin Smith

### **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. Be sure to put in the Canadian discount code when it asks for it when you register.

### **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](http://www.saintpetersevents.org)

### **Arts and Crafts and Baking Fundraiser- October 7**

Don't miss out on this opportunity to show case your God given gifts. Please bring lots of baking for the fundraiser. All monies collected from the bake sale will go towards the Casa de la Esperanza Ministry in Build San Luis Rio Colordao, Son. Mexico. It's amazing to me that their pastor draws \$1000.00 per year to support his wife and 3 children. Pastor went back to school to become a welder to continue supporting the church he serves. Let's get behind a ministry and a pastor. Check it out at <https://www.christiansinmexico.org/>



## **Blessing & Borsch**

St. Peter's 2nd "Blessings & Borscht" - a fundraising event to help Ukrainian families in Cochrane. This year our dinner will have a harvest flavour and feel like a Fall Feast! We hope you will open your hearts and join us for a beautiful evening of delicious food and entertainment. On Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the the Church Basement. Costing of a 3-course traditional Ukrainian dinner prepared by 5 Ukrainian Women living in Cochrane. All proceeds raised from this fundraiser will go directly to help support their families as they continue to navigate war in their home country. A raffle featuring some amazing prizes, beautiful decor and an evening featuring traditional Ukrainian music, singing and stories! The cost is : \$45/person - plus an opportunity to contribute to the raffle. An adults only event please (teens 12 and over welcome. We sold out quickly last year- if you'd like to secure tickets in advance please contact Adeline Lapierre at [adeline\\_schickedanz@hotmail.com](mailto:adeline_schickedanz@hotmail.com) or 403-993-6465. Cash preferred but e-transfer is also available.

Tickets and space are limited so don't wait! Blessings & Borscht will be THE event of the season 😊

## **Ladies Advent Dinner**

The date of December 2 was incorrect on our information pieces handed out last Sunday. The new dates is Friday, November 24 @ 6 PM.

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

We are getting excited to introduce blast off our small group ministry. We think small groups are a key ingredient to our growth as individuals and as a congregation. Please check in with our small group coordinator, Florence Tooth. You can contact her at 403-239-3250. We are gathering names, examining day of the week and time options. Please look at the small group options and groups following church at a table in the narthex.

## **Church Wide Training Event- Wednesday, September 27, 7-9.**

If you are involved in serving in some capacity which could include the variety of opportunities in worship, First Impressions Visitors Program, or facilitating a small group, please put these evening on your schedule. Interested in an area of serving but unsure, come along and check out the details before you make a decision.

Here are a few start dates to be aware of for some our upcoming programs:

Men's Breakfast – Saturday, September 23 @ 8:30 AM

Sunday School – Next Sunday, September 24.

Lord's Prayer – Tuesday, September 26 @ 10:00 AM

Christian Caregiving – Tuesday, September 26 @ 6 PM

The Synoptic Gospels – October 5 @ 10:00 AM

## **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. Speak with Tim downstairs in the office to receive one.

## **They Return !**

Pastor Bart and family returns next Sunday. Pastor Rick says, YES! We have missed them and joyfully welcome them back from their holiday. Next Sunday, Pastor Bart presides and our special guest preacher, Rev. Sue Lepp will share the message.

**CLOSING HYMN: I the Lord of Sea and Sky (WOV #752)**

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry  
 All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save  
 I, who made the stars of night; I will make their darkness bright  
 Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

**Chorus**

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
 I have heard you calling in the night  
 I will go, Lord, if you lead me  
 I will hold your people in my heart

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain  
 I have wept for love of them; they turn away  
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone  
 Who will speak my word to them? Whom shall I send?

**Chorus**

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame  
 I will set a feast for them, my hand will save  
 Finest bread I will provide 'til their hearts be satisfied  
 I will give my life to them; whom shall I send?

**Chorus**

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P: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God**

	Sept 17 16th Sunday after Pentecost	Sept 24 17th Sunday after Pentecost
Presider	Pastor Rick	Pastor Bart
Preacher	Pastor Josh Wagner	Rev Sue Lepp
First Reading	Ezekiel 33:7-9	Ezekiel 33:7-9
Psalm	Psalm 32:1-7	Psalm 32:1-7
Second Reading	Romans 13:1-10	Romans 13:1-10
Greeters	Warren Davidson	Bob Osness
Ushers	Bevin Uhrich	Rhonda Osness
Musicians	Erica's Team	Parker's Team
Acolyte	Barbara Kroft	Linda Zoethout
Children's Message	Pastor Josh Wagner	Rev Sue Lepp
Pre School Teacher	No PS	Pre-School Startup
SS Music Coordinator	No SS	Robin Smith
Sunday School Teacher	No SS	Sunday School Startup
Media Scriptor	Tim Bauer	Tim Bauer
Media Operator	Gail Blough	Art Zoethout
Sound Operator	Don Blough	
Video Operator	Tim Bauer	Tim Bauer
Reader	Garth Wagner	Bob Osness
Communion	Linda's Team	Linda's Team
Counter	Millie Holmes	Caroline Alexander
Coffee	Bunny Challis	Laura and Irene Tester