

**Order of Service – Seventieth Sunday after Pentecost
September 24, 2023 10 AM Sanctuary Service**

Presiding: Pastor Bart, Preaching Reverend Sue Lepp

**Music Team: Parker, Mel, Christopher Gawryletz, Robin Smith, Evan Sandercock, Tim Arkell,
Zach Hadjirousev**

OPENING HYMN: Change My heart Oh God

Chorus

Change my heart, O God. Make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God. May I be like You.

You are the Potter. I am the clay.
Mould me and make me. This is what I pray.
(repeat all)

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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:

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

Hymn: How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r thru'out the universe displayed!

Chorus

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

Chorus

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in-
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin!

Chorus

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, My God how great Thou art!

Chorus

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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: O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of your grace, that, pursuing what you have promised, we may share your heavenly glory; through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Children's Message: Rev Sue Lepp

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
(Repeat All)

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First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

⁶ Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. ⁷ Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon. ⁸ "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. ⁹ "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Psalm 27:1-9

¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?
² When the wicked advance against me to devour me, it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall.
³ Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident.
⁴ One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.
⁵ For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.
⁶ Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the LORD.
⁷ Hear my voice when I call, LORD; be merciful to me and answer me.
⁸ My heart says of you, "Seek his face!" Your face, LORD, I will seek.
⁹ Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, God my Savior.

Second Lesson: Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

¹² Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. ¹³ As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. ¹⁴ And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.

¹⁹ for I know that through your prayers and God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. ²⁰ I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹ For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. ²² If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! ²³ I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; ²⁴ but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. ²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶ so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me. ²⁷ Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit,^[b] striving together as one for the faith of the gospel ²⁸ without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God. ²⁹ For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, ³⁰ since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

Interview with Reverend Sue Lepp

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 20:1-16

20 “For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. ² He agreed to pay them a denarius^[a] for the day and sent them into his vineyard. ³ “About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. ⁴ He told them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ ⁵ So they went. “He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. ⁶ About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’ ⁷ “‘Because no one has hired us,’ they answered. “He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’ ⁸ “When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’ ⁹ “The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. ¹⁰ So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ¹² ‘These who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’ ¹³ “But he answered one of them, ‘I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius? ¹⁴ Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. ¹⁵ Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶ “So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Sermon – Rev Sue Lepp

OFFERTORY HYMN: Shout To The Lord

My Jesus, my Saviour, Lord there is none like You;
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength;
Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.

Chorus

Shout to the Lord, All the earth, let us sing.
Power and majesty, Praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name.
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand,
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.
(Repeat All)

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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. 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

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

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer. There is no more for heaven now to give.

He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom, my steadfast love my deep and boundless peace.

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus. For my life is wholly bound to his.

Oh how strange and divine, I can sing all is mine! Yet not I but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken, for by my side the Saviour, he will stay.

I labour on in weakness and rejoicing, for in my need, his power is displayed.

To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me. Through the deepest valley he will lead.

Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven, the future sure, the price it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, and he was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold: my sin has been defeated. Jesus now, and ever is my plea.
Oh the chains are released, I can sing I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus, for he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus. All the glory evermore to him.
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat, Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat,
Yet not I, but through Christ in me. Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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Holy Forever

A thousand generations falling down in worship to sing the song of ages to the Lamb,
And all who've gone before us and all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb.

Pre-Chorus

(Jesus) Your name is the highest, Your name is the greatest,
Your name stands above them all.
All thrones and dominions, all powers and positions,
Your name stands above them all

Chorus 1

And the angels cry, Holy. All creation cries Holy,
You are lifted high, Holy. Holy forever.

If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed, Sing the song forever to the Lamb.
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name, sing the song forever to the Lamb.
We'll sing the song forever and amen.

Chorus 1

Chorus 2

Hear Your people sing. Holy, to the King of Kings, Holy!
You will always be Holy. Holy forever.

Pre-Chorus x 2

Chorus 1

Chorus 2

You will always be Holy,
Holy forever.

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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 this 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.

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.

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

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 14th 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 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.

Our hope is to get going the first week of October. We have many flexible dates and times available. Please check in with our small group coordinator, Florence Toth if you have any question are would like to join a group. You can contact her at 403-239-3250. Please look at the small group options and groups following church at a table in the narthex. If you are a facilitator, you are invited to the Church Wide Training Event where we will provide more information about the study, Pilgrim's Progress and share some best practices of leading a small group.

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

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

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?

Followers of Christ should be equipped to be a caring community of people who are ready and willing to enter into people's most difficult chapters.

We will begin our Christian Caregiving course to begin to equipping compassionate followers of Jesus to enter into people's lives during the toughest times with the message of the gospel in a caring, non-judgemental way from a uniquely Christian lens.

Pick up your book, Christian Caregiving, A Way of Life at the church office and work forward in preparation for a wonderful time.

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

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

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

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 have Returned !

Pastor Bart and family have arrive back in Canada. 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: It Is Well With My Soul

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, It is well with my soul.

Chorus,

It is well with my soul,
It is well, It is well with my soul

Tho' Satan should buffet, tho' trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control;
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood for my soul

Chorus

My sin O, the bliss of this glorious tho't
My sin not in part, but the whole;
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

Chorus

And, Lord haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend
Even so it is well with my soul.

Chorus

P: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God