

Order of Service – 24th Sunday After Pentecost – November 12, 2023 10 AM Sanctuary Service

Presiding: Pastor Rick

Preaching: Pastor Rick

Music Team: Erica, Melodi, Lynn, Lyndsay, Kathy, Rebecca

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 or sit for a conversation in the “Gateway.” If your children require a quiet place during the service, feel free to take them to the narthex near the fireplace area.

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. Individual prayer is also available following the service.

OPENING HYMN: All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name (#328 LBW)

All hail the pow’r of Jesus’ name;
let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all

Ye chosen seed of Israel’s race,
ye ransomed from the fall
Hail Him who saves you by His grace and crown Him Lord of all
Hail Him who saves you by His grace and crown Him Lord of all

Let ev’ry kindred ev’ry tribe on this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe and crown Him Lord of all
To Him all majesty ascribe and crown Him Lord of all

O that with yonder sacred throng, we at His feet may fall
We’ll join the everlasting song and crown Him Lord of all
We’ll join the everlasting song and crown Him Lord of all

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LIGHTING THE CANDLES

WELCOME – Pastor Rick

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 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 – 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Lord, when the day of wrath comes we have no hope except in your grace. Make us so to watch for the last days that the consummation of our hope may be the joy of the marriage feast of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Pastor Rick

CHILDREN'S SONG: Great Big God

Chorus

Great big God (great big God)
Little bitty devil (little bitty devil)
I sing my praise (sing my praise)
To a great big God (to a great big God)
(Repeat)

The Lord sat as King at the flood
And He is reigning still
He's watching over ev'ry word
He has spoken to perform His will

Chorus

The God of glory thunders
And the whole world shakes
Even the lofty mountains tremble
And the strong man breaks

Great big God (great big God)
Little bitty devil (little bitty devil)
I sing my praise (sing my praise)
To a great big God (to a great big God)
To a great big God (to a great big God)
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INTRODUCTION OF READINGS – Pastor Paul

FIRST READING: Amos 5:18-24 (NIV)

¹⁸ Woe to you who long for the day of the LORD! Why do you long for the day of the LORD? That day will be darkness, not light. ¹⁹ It will be as though a man fled from a lion only to meet a bear, as though he entered his house and rested his hand on the wall only to have a snake bite him. ²⁰ Will not the day of the LORD be darkness, not light— pitch-dark, without a ray of brightness? ²¹ “I hate, I despise your religious festivals; your assemblies are a stench to me. ²² Even though you bring me burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them. Though you bring choice fellowship offerings, I will have no regard for them. ²³ Away with the noise of your songs! I will not listen to the music of your harps. ²⁴ But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!

PSALM 70 (NIV)

¹ Hasten, O God, to save me; come quickly, LORD, to help me.

² May those who want to take my life be put to shame and confusion; may all who desire my ruin be turned back in disgrace.

³ May those who say to me, “Aha! Aha!” turn back because of their shame.

⁴ But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who long for your saving help always say, “The LORD is great!”

⁵ But as for me, I am poor and needy; come quickly to me, O God. You are my help and my deliverer; LORD, do not delay.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3 NIV

3 See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. **2** Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears,^[a] we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. **3** All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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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GOSPEL LESSON – Mark 5:3-20 NIV

3 This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain. **4** For he had often been chained hand and foot, but he tore the chains apart and broke the irons on his feet. No one was strong enough to subdue him. **5** Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and cut himself with stones. **6** When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and fell on his knees in front of him. **7** He shouted at the top of his voice, “What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? In God’s name don’t torture me!” **8** For Jesus had said to him, “Come out of this man, you impure spirit!” **9** Then Jesus asked him, “What is your name?” “My name is Legion,” he replied, “for we are many.” **10** And he begged Jesus again and again not to send them out of the area. **11** A large herd of pigs was feeding on the nearby hillside. **12** The demons begged Jesus, “Send us among the pigs; allow us to go into them.” **13** He gave them permission, and the impure spirits came out and went into the pigs. The herd, about two thousand in number, rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. **14** Those tending the pigs ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, and the people went out to see what had happened. **15** When they came to Jesus, they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons, sitting there, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. **16** Those who had seen it told the people what had happened to the demon-possessed man—and told about the pigs as well. **17** Then the people began to plead with Jesus to leave their region. **18** As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him. **19** Jesus did not let him, but said, “Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.” **20** So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed.

PRE-SERMON HYMN: Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

Chorus

*Hallelujah! Praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah! Death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope*

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
(REPEAT)

Jesus Yours is the victory!

Chorus

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SERMON: *What Is Your Name?* (Pastor Rick)

OFFERTORY HYMN: I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry (#770 WOV)

I was there to hear your borne cry; I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.

When you heard the wonder of the Word, I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk 'till rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in, and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

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OFFERTORY PRAYER (LBW, p. 68)

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

APOSTLES' 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:

Break Thou the Bread of Life (#235 LBW)

Break Thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me
As Thou didst break the loaves beside the sea
Beyond the sacred page I seek Thee, Lord
My spirit pants for Thee, O Living Word

Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me
As Thou didst bless the bread by Galilee
Then shall all bondage cease all fetters fall
And I shall find my peace my all in all

Thou art the bread of life, O Lord, to me
Thy holy Word the truth that saveth me
Give me to eat and live with Thee above
Teach me to love Thy truth for Thou art love

O send Thy Spirit Lord now unto me
That He may touch my eyes and make me see
Show me the truth concealed within Thy Word
And in Thy Book revealed I see the Lord

There Is a Redeemer

There is a Redeemer Jesus God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God Messiah Holy One

Chorus

Thank You O my Father, for giving us Your Son
And sending Your Spirit till the work on earth is done

Jesus my Redeemer, name above all names
Precious Lamb of God Messiah, O for sinners slain

Chorus

When I stand in glory I will see His face
There I'll serve my King forever in that holy place
Chorus

BLESSING

COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Please see sheet attached

Special Consecration Sunday Announcement – Donavon Saltvold

CLOSING HYMN: Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds (#143 LBW)

Now all the vault of heav'n resounds in praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear! Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Eternal is the gift he brings, therefore our heart with rapture sings:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Now still he comes to give us life and by his presence stills all strife.
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love; set heart and will on things above
That we conquer through your triumph;
Grant grace sufficient for life's day that by our lives we truly say:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.
ALL: Thanks be to God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week at a Glance:

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. Please contact Florence Toth or the church office for details.

Saturday – 8:00 AM – Men's Breakfast Fellowship

Month in Advance:

November 24 – 6:00 PM Ladies' Advent Supper

November 26 – 10:00 AM Consecration Sunday and Lunch

November 30 – 10 AM Bible study on "John" lead by Pastor Paul

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

November 27 – Advent Video Devotions begin

December 2 – 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM – Pop-Up Choir Rehearsal

December 3 – 10 AM Special Prayer Service

December 3 – 7:30 PM – Advent by Candlelight: Lessons and Carols

December 10 – 10:00 AM – Sunday School Christmas Program

December 13 – 10:00 AM – Grandparenting and the Faith

December 17 – 6:00 PM – Christmas Blues Dinner

December 23 – 8:00 AM – Men's Breakfast

December 24 – 4:00 PM, 7:00 PM and 10:00 PM Christmas Eve Services

December 25 – 10:00 AM – Christmas Day Service

Pray for St. Peter's

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

Men's Breakfast – Saturday Nov 18 at 8 AM

Join other men from St. Peter's for our monthly breakfast and study on Christian mentorship. Great food and wonderful conversation.

"Surprising Questions That 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, Nov. 19: "So Where Are the Other Nine?"** (Luke 17:11-19)

Ladies' Advent Dinner

The date is **Friday, November 24, 6 PM**. An evening of great food, fellowship and song. Ladies, please contact the church office; men, be prepared 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.

Consecration Sunday November 26, 2023 – Consecration Sunday is a time when we remember to pray to God for guidance, about how and what we give of time, treasure, and talents to God and his work in the world.

Advent by Candlelight

Join us for our Advent by Candlelight: Evening of Lessons and Carols on **December 3 at 7:30 PM**, featuring the St. Peter's Pop-Up Choir. It will be a meaningful and reflective start to the Advent season as we prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of God into the world through His Son, Jesus. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite family, friends and neighbour's.

Samaritan's Purse – Annual Shoebox Program is underway.

Shoe boxes and information in the Narthex for pickup, please return them to St. Peter's or other collection point by **Sunday November 12, 2023**