

Order of Service – Second Sunday After the Epiphany- January 14, 2024- 10 AM Service

Preaching & Presiding: Pastor Bart

Music Team: Brock & Merry Jo

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.

Call to Worship: Come, Now is the Time to Worship

Chorus

Come, now is the time to worship. Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship. Come, just as you are before your God. Come.

One day every tongue will confess You are God.
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose You now.

Chorus

Willing we choose to surrender our lives, willingly our knees will bow.
With all our heart, soul, mind and strength, we gladly choose You now.

Chorus

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LIGHTING 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: 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.

(Silence for reflection)

P: 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)

P: 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.

The Kyrie (LBW, p. 57)

P: In peace, let us pray for the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God and for the unity of all, let us pray for the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY – Second Sunday After the Epiphany

All: Lord God, you showed your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son. As he brought gladness and healing to his people, grant us these, same gifts and lead us also to perfect faith in him, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Pastor Bart

CHILDREN'S SONG: Walk in The Way

I want to walk in the way of the Lord. I want to walk in the way of the Lord.
I want to walk in the way of the Lord, my God. I want to walk in the way of the Lord.

I'm gonna trust in the word of the Lord. I'm gonna trust in the word of the Lord.
I'm gonna trust in the word of the Lord, my God. I'm gonna trust in the word of the Lord.

Chorus

My God is great. My God is good.
My God can help me; help me do the things I should.
My God is great. My God is good.
My God will guide me Because he loves me.

I'm gonna praise the name of the Lord. I'm gonna praise the name of the Lord
I'm gonna praise the name of the Lord, my God. I'm gonna praise the name of the Lord

Chorus

I gonna walk in the way of the Lord. I gonna walk in the way of the Lord.
I gonna walk in the way of the Lord. my God, my God.
I can walk in the way of the Lord. I can walk in the way of the Lord.
I gonna walk in the way of the Lord.

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FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 3:1-20 NIV

3 The boy Samuel ministered before the LORD under Eli. In those days the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions. **2** One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. **3** The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the LORD, where the ark of God was. **4** Then the LORD called Samuel. Samuel answered, "Here I am." **5** And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down. **6** Again the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." "My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." **7** Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD: The word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. **8** A third time the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy. **9** So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. **10** The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."
11 And the LORD said to Samuel: "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make the ears of everyone who hears about it tingle. **12** At that time I will carry out against Eli everything I spoke against his family—from beginning to end. **13** For I told him that I would judge his family forever because of the sin he knew about; his sons blasphemed God,^[a] and he failed to restrain them. **14** Therefore I swore to the house of Eli, 'The guilt of Eli's house will never be atoned for by sacrifice or offering.'"
15 Samuel lay down until morning and then opened the doors of the house of the LORD. He was afraid to tell Eli the vision, **16** but Eli called him and said, "Samuel, my son." Samuel answered, "Here I am."
17 "What was it he said to you?" Eli asked. "Do not hide it from me. May God deal with you, be it ever so severely, if you hide from me anything he told you." **18** So Samuel told him everything, hiding nothing from him. Then Eli said, "He is the LORD; let him do what is good in his eyes."

¹⁹ The LORD was with Samuel as he grew up, and he let none of Samuel's words fall to the ground. ²⁰ And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba recognized that Samuel was attested as a prophet of the LORD.

PSALM 139:1-10 NIV

¹ You have searched me, LORD, and you know me.
² You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.
³ You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.
⁴ Before a word is on my tongue you, LORD, know it completely.
⁵ You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.
⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.
⁷ Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?
⁸ If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.
⁹ If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,
¹⁰ even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 NIV

¹² "I have the right to do anything," you say—but not everything is beneficial. "I have the right to do anything"—but I will not be mastered by anything. ¹³ You say, "Food for the stomach and the stomach for food, and God will destroy them both." The body, however, is not meant for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴ By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also. ¹⁵ Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶ Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, "The two will become one flesh." ¹⁷ But whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in spirit. ¹⁸ Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body. ¹⁹ Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; ²⁰ you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

GOSPEL LESSON – John 1:43-51 NIV

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me."
⁴⁴ Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." ⁴⁶ "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip. ⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit." ⁴⁸ "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹ Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel."⁵⁰ Jesus said, "You believe^[a] because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that." ⁵¹ He then added, "Very truly I tell you, you will see 'heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on' the Son of Man."

PRE-SERMON HYMN: Come Thou Almighty King LBW 522

Come, O almighty King, Help us your name to sing;
Help us to praise, Father all glorious,
O'er all victorious, Come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.

Come, now incarnate Word, Gird on your mighty sword;
Our prayer attend. Come and your people bless,
And give your Word success, And let your righteousness
On us descend.

Come Holy Comforter, Your sacred witness bear
In this glad hour! You who almighty are,
Now rule in ev'ry heart, And ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of pow'r.

Text: source unknown, c. 1757, alt
Tue: Felice de Giardini, 1716-1796

SERMON: Pastor Bart

OFFERTORY HYMN: Your Love Will Find Us

Lord, as we walk through this world of sin
Help us to keep (Help us to keep) Your commandments
In our trials, pour Your grace on us
Till on our knees, we are penitent

Lord, we are blessed by our faith in You
And we give thanks (And we give thanks) for our deliverance
Protect us Lord, from temptations snare
Our life in You is our assurance

Chorus

If we believe and turn to You
And leave our shameful life behind us
You'll purify our lives and souls
And with joy, and peace,
Your love will find us

Lord, teach us obedience, increase our faith
And show us how to begin
Help us to understand Your perfect will
And change us from with-in

Repeat Verse 1 and Chorus

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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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WORDS OF INSTITUTION (p. 110 LBW)

LORD'S PRAYER: Our Father, who art in Heaven...

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COMMUNION HYMNS: 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

Chorus

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 All)

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Hymn: Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive LBW307

'Forgive our sins as we forgive,' You taught us, Lord, to pray;
But you alone can grant us grace To live the words we say.

How can your pardon reach and bless The unforgiving heart,
That broods on wrongs and will not let Old bitterness depart?

In blazing light your cross reveals The truth we dimly knew:
How trifling others' debts to us; How great our debt to you!

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls, And bid resentment cease;
Then, by your mercy reconciled, Our lives will spread your peace.

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Tune: The Sacred Harp, Philadelphia, 1844

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COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Please see sheet attached

CLOSING HYMN: SAVIOR, AGAIN TO YOUR DEAR NAME LBW 262

Savior, again to your dear name we raise With one accord our parting hymn of praise;
Once more we bless you ere our worship cease, Then, lowly bending, wait your word of peace.

Grant us your peace upon our homeward way; With you began, with you shall end the day;
Guard all the lips from sin, the hearts from shame, That in this house have called upon your name.

Grant us your peace throughout our earthly life, Our balm in sorrow, and our stay in strife;
Then, when your voice shall bid our conflict cease, Call us, O Lord, to your eternal peace.

Text: John Ellerton, 1826-1893, alt
Tune: Edward J. Hopkins, 1818-1901

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week at a Glance:

January 16 - 6:00 PM Christian Caregiving session – soup and discussion
January 18 – 10 AM – “I AM The Way” the Gospel of John study restarting
January 20 - 7 PM - The Tabernacle Wonder in His Presence

Month in Advance:

January 20 - The Tabernacle Evening Service
January 23 & 30 – 6:00 PM Christian Caregiving session – soup and discussion
January 18, 25 – 10 AM – “I AM The Way” the Gospel of John study Restarting
January 14, 21 & 28 and ongoing – Learn Guitar with Pastor Bart Grade 4 age and up
January 29 – 8 AM – Men’s Breakfast

Pray for St. Peter’s

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

Christian Caregiving - A Way of Life.

We continue our course on Christian Caregiving, A Way of life, each Tuesday at 6 PM. In the fall we dug deep into what it means to offer uniquely Christian caregiving to a hurting world. We continue this study as we prepare forward to implement a caring program at St. Peters. This course will be offered again next fall, but for now, we invite you to pray for those involved.

Youth Committee

We are looking for volunteers to join a youth committee. If you are interested talk to Pastor Bart.

Learn Guitar

The last three months we have run guitar classes after church. We would like to do the same in the New Year starting January 14, starting at very beginner level and aiming at grade 4 children and up to and including adults. This is a group class, not private lessons, and we just learn basic chords and strumming, but it's free. Some kids can have troubles playing guitar, others have no troubles. But if you are interested, talk to Pastor Bart.

Men’s Breakfast Jan 20 2024.

Join other men from St. Peter’s for our monthly breakfast. Each time together, we tackle an interesting scripture, enjoy conversations with other men and get to know eachother as brothers in Christ. Hope to see you at the next Men’s Breakfast.

Ladies Bible Study coming Mid February 2024

Rhonda will be starting a new ladies bible study on Tuesday mornings starting in mid Febuary, details coming soon