

Order of Service – Third Sunday of Easter – April 14, 2024 - 10 AM Service

Preaching: Pastor Bart
Presiding: Pastor Bart

Music Team: Mel, Adeline, Olha, Zach, Kristan, Darinka & Bart

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 following the service. A family friendly area is available in the Gateway to sit with other parents or to allow your children to enjoy some snacks following the worship service and Sunday school. If your children require a quiet place during the service, feel free to take them to the narthex near the fireplace area where we have few quiet toys for them to enjoy.

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.

PRELUDE HYMN: The Wonderful Cross (When I Survey)

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

See from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Chorus

O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross,
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.
O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross;
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name.

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.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY – O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world, rescuing us from the hopelessness of death. Grant your faithful people a share in the joys that are eternal; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

You are Holy, You Are Whole

You are holy, you are whole. You are always ever more
Than we ever understand. You are always at hand.
Blessed are you coming near. Blessed are you coming here
To your church in wine and bread,
Raised from soil raised from dead.

You are holy, You are Wholeness,
You are present, Let the cosmos praise you Lord!
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
Hallelujah, hallelujah, our God.

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Pastor Bart

CHILDREN'S SONG: He's Got The Whole World In His Hands

He's got the whole world in His hands. (x3)
He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got the little tiny baby in His hands (x3)
He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got sisters and brothers in His hands (x3)
He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got the wind and the rain in His hands (x3)
He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got the whole world in His hands (x4)

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FIRST READING: Acts 3:11-21 NIV

¹¹ While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade. ¹² When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. ¹⁴ You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. ¹⁵ You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. ¹⁶ By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see. ¹⁷ "Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. ¹⁸ But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹ Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, ²⁰ and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus. ²¹ Heaven must receive him until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets.

PSALM 4 NIV

¹ Answer me when I call to you, my righteous God. Give me relief from my distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
² How long will you people turn my glory into shame? How long will you love delusions and seek false gods?
³ Know that the LORD has set apart his faithful servant for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him.
⁴ Tremble and do not sin; when you are on your beds, search your hearts and be silent.
⁵ Offer the sacrifices of the righteous and trust in the LORD.
⁶ Many, LORD, are asking, "Who will bring us prosperity?" Let the light of your face shine on us.
⁷ Fill my heart with joy when their grain and new wine abound.
⁸ In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7 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, 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. **4** Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. **5** But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. **6** No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him. **7** Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

GOSPEL LESSON – Luke 24:36-49 NIV

36 While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” **37** They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. **38** He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? **39** Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.” **40** When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. **41** And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” **42** They gave him a piece of broiled fish, **43** and he took it and ate it in their presence. **44** He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.” **45** Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. **46** He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, **47** and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. **48** You are witnesses of these things. **49** I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

SERMON: Pastor Bart

2024 CHURCH COUNCIL INSTALLATION

P: In Holy Baptism we are set apart for the mission and ministry of Christ's Church, to serve in our own unique ways, using the talents and gifts that God entrusted to us. As Jesus commissioned his disciples after his resurrection saying: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

The following brothers and sisters in the faith have been elected by this congregation to serve Christ's mission in a capacity of leadership, for the good of the entire faith community. We ask them to come forward as their names are read.

Gary	Warren	Mike
Elisa	Fred	Bob
Diana	Darrell	Art

P: Concerning our mutual ministry in Christ, and our calling to serve, St. Paul writes in his letter to the Ephesians: “He gave the apostles, the prophets the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the world of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to full maturity, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ. (Eph 4:11-13).

Statement of Intent

P: Will you accept these positions of leadership and responsibility within St. Peter's Lutheran Church, in submission to the Word of God? If so say: I will and I ask God to help and guide me.

R: I will and I ask God to help and guide me.

P: Will you strive to be an example of the Christian faith and life by your daily witness, and by your faithful participation in worship through Word and Sacrament?

R: I will and I ask God to help and guide me.

P: Will you promote harmony in this faith community, and use your God-given gifts in service to the Lord's mission, by striving to be a faithful disciple of Christ in the position to which you have been called to serve?

R: I will and I ask God to help and guide me.

P: (To Congregation) Will you as the people of God, by our Lord's grace and mercy, pray for, uphold and support these brothers and sisters in their positions of leadership in this congregation? If so say: We will and we ask God to help and guide us.

R: We will and we ask God to help and guide us.

P: Prayer in turn for each council member: Father in heaven, for Jesus sake, stir up in _____ the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, council and might, knowledge and the fear of the Lord and joy in your presence. Amen.

P: May the Lord who has given you the will to do these things graciously give you the strength and spirit to carry them out. You are hereby installed as council members in this congregation.

Let us pray: Gracious God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, you have called these people to serve in leadership roles in the parish, to work together for the mission and ministry of this congregation, and to encourage all the baptized to live faithfully. Bless them and their work by pouring out your Holy Spirit upon them. Give them your holy wisdom, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always

C: And also with you

OFFERTORY HYMN: How Deep The Father's Love For Us

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything: No gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ: His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

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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

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

Holy (Spoken together) LBW p 69

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:
Heaven and earth are full of you glory,
Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest,
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (p. 110 LBW)

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

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION Hymns:

Hymn: I Speak Jesus

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus Over ev'ry heart and ev'ry mind
'Cause I know there is peace within Your presence, I speak Jesus.

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus 'Til ev'ry dark addiction starts to break.
Declaring there is hope and there is freedom, I speak Jesus.

Chorus

('Cause) Your Name is power, Your Name is healing
Your Name is life, Break ev'ry stronghold
Shine through the shadows, Burn like a fire

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus Over fear and all anxiety
To ev'ry soul held captive by depression, I speak Jesus.

Chorus

Shout Jesus from the mountains, Jesus in the streets
Jesus in the darkness over ev'ry enemy,
Jesus for my fam'ly, I speak the holy Name Jesus

Chorus x 2

('Cause) Your Name is power

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Hymn: Alleluia (Leonard Cohen's Hallelujah melody, Erica's words)

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

Chorus:

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!

Chorus

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

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Please see sheet attached

CLOSING HYMN: Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus Medley

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth
Will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace

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I Surrender All

All to Jesus I surrender
All to Him I freely give
I will ever love and trust Him
In His presence daily live

Chorus

I surrender all I surrender all
All to Thee my precious Savior
I surrender all

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I Have Decided To Follow Jesus

I have decided to follow Jesus I have decided to follow Jesus
I have decided to follow Jesus No turning back no turning back

Though none go with me I still will follow Though none go with me I still will follow
Though none go with me I still will follow No turning back no turning back

I surrender all I surrender all
All to Thee my precious Savior
In the light of His glory and grace

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week-at-a-Glance:

Apr 18 – Thur, 10 AM: Bible Study (Pastor Paul)

Apr 14 – Sun, 10 AM: Worship Service & Installation of our church council

Apr 14 – Guitar Class after service in the Sanctuary

April 18/19 – CALC Pastor's Retreat Nisku

Apr 19 & 20, Fri / Sat: CALC National Convention in Nisku

April 21 – Sun, 10 AM: Worship Service (*Mission Possible* with special Guest Pastor Roland Syens)

Month in Advance:

April 23 – Tues, 6 PM: Christian Caregiving Meeting (starting with soup)

Apr 25 – Thur, 10 AM: Bible Study (Pastor Paul)

Apr 26 & 27 – Fri / Sat: *Behold Him – The One Who Transforms* (see below for details)

Apr 27 – Sat, 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.

Let's Talk Missions – Table Talk

Decks of Table Talk Cards have been prepared for us to encourage meaningful mission discussions with our family and friends. (include your teenagers) Be sure to take home a deck with you today!

Installation of our Council – Sunday, April 14 (during worship)

Come and meet our new council as we install them and pray for their leadership. We are thankful for those serving in this capacity at St. Peter's.

CALC National Convention in Nisku – April 19 & 20

Dr. Leon Miles is this year's keynote speaker. The world around us seems to be going the wrong direction in many ways. This may lead us to wonder where God is in the middle of all these things which seem to be getting worse each day. God does have a plan for these things, however. As the world seems to get worse, the message of God's love and forgiveness shines even more brightly. In Dr. Mile's presentation, we are going to discuss how the ways in which the world is turning away from God right now are going to give us the opportunity to speak the gospel in new and distinct ways to a new generation of people who do not know the love that God has for them. Through the inevitable hardships and suffering coming into the world through the evils we see all around us, we can share the love of God with them. We are going to look at the opportunities we have and what it will mean for us to take them. St. Peter's is looking for some delegates for the convention business sessions. Speak with Gary Buss. **Further information at: CALC.CA – Then click on the events tab.**

Sunday April 21, 10 AM – *Mission Possible*

We are very thankful to have Pastor Roland Syens teaching and preaching at our worship service on April 21. He has served as a missionary in Ukraine (over 10 years) and has been involved in numerous mission-related activities, the most recent being in Africa. Come and hear from Pastor

Syens' and his wife Anita as they share their amazing stories and discover how is anything is possible with God. Light lunch to follow.

Behold Him – The One Who Transforms is coming to St. Peter's on Friday, April 26 (7 PM) and Saturday, April 27 (10 AM-3 PM). This exciting 40-piece art collection is an immersive experience of our King Jesus, the one true Monarch; to behold Him from birth to the cross, resurrection to the throne, in anticipation of His immanent return. Mindi Oaten, the artist, will display the whole collection for the first time with a hope that viewers are inspired to reflect upon their own spiritual journey. Mark your calendars for this spiritually enriching collection of art. Please invite your friends and neighbours.

Small Group Round-Up - May 8, 7 PM – 9PM An evening to explore our first year of small groups. We share what we have learned, and hear stories of why small groups are important in our faith journey. Come and see if joining a small group might be a good opportunity to grow your faith, meet new friends and draw closer to Jesus. All those who enjoyed the study on Pilgrims Progress, please come and share you experience.

The Tabernacle - May 11, 7PM

Make sure you put The Tabernacle evening worship service on your calendar and invite a friend!

Church Spring Clean-up - May 18

Please put this on your calendar. More information to how you might help is forth coming.

Getting to Know You

Last year, Erica and Pastor Rick invited people to their home to get to know them and hear their stories. We have so many new people in the church. They would love to open up their home again on Tuesday evenings. One of the side benefits is that you get to know each other as well! There are sheets on the welcoming table where you can sign up for one of the following Tuesday evenings:
May 21 or 28 / June 4 or 18

Bible Camps

Don't miss out on registering for one of our church Bible camps! Please find information on the bulletin board. You can also check them out directly:

- Hasting Lake Lutheran Bible Camp (www.hastingslake.com)
- Mulhurst Lutheran Bible Camp (<https://www.mulhurstcamp.ca/>)
- Wilderness Ranch Camp (<https://www.wildernessranchalberta.com/>)

Learn Guitar – Every Sunday after Worship

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 Ministry

Now that Pastor Rick's call has been confirmed, he will be working hard to develop a strong and vibrant men's ministry for all ages. He is looking for committed men to help him design, construct and implement a strategy to encourage men in their faith. Interested? Our first big event is a men's retreat scheduled for the weekend of November 1-3 at Rivers Edge Bible Camp. Please speak with him or email him rick@rickbergh.com

Steve Bell Workshop at St. Peter's – February 2025

This amazing opportunity will take place in early February (Friday evening and all-day Saturday workshop, date TBC). Come and explore the depth and mystery of the Trinity with musician and liturgist, Steve Bell. Join Pastor Rick and Mike Gawryletz to be part of the planning and implementation of this important event. This is rare opportunity to have Steve Bell come to a small venue and to have him all to ourselves. You won't want to miss out on this!