

Order of Service – May 19, 2024 – 10:00AM Day of Pentecost

Preaching & Presiding – Pastor Paul

Music Team: Elaine, Merry Jo & Brock, Lynn, Robin

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.

Today's worship service, including our children's time is live streamed and recorded for future viewing on St. Peter's YouTube channel. If you do not want to be recorded, the Greeters can help sit your family further back in the Sanctuary out of the filming area is an option.

OPENING HYMN: O Day of Rest and Gladness – LBW #251

O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light,
O balm for care and sadness, Most beautiful, most bright:
On you the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune,
Sing, "Holy, holy, holy," to the great God triune.

On you, at earth's creation, the light first had its birth;
On you, for our salvation, Christ rose from depths of earth;
On you, our Lord victorious the Spirit sent from heav'n;
And thus on you, most glorious, A three-fold light was given.

Today on weary nations the heav'nly manna falls;
To holy convocations the silver trumpet calls,
Where Gospel light is glowing with pure and radiant beams
And living water flowing with soul refreshing streams.

New graces ever gaining from this our day of rest,
We reach the rest remaining to spirits of the blest.
To Holy Ghost be praises, to Father, and to Son;
The Church its voice upraises to you, blest Three in One.

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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 GREETING

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:

God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, as you sent upon the disciples the promised gift of the Holy Spirit, look upon your Church and open our hearts to the power of the Spirit. Kindle in us the fire of your love, and strengthen our lives for service in your kingdom through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S STORY – Video based on Acts 2 “The Coming of the Holy Spirit”

CHILDREN'S Song – Hey, Hey Holy Spirit

Hey, hey Holy Spirit (echo)
I've been told (echo)
That if I ask you (echo)
My hand you'll hold (echo)

So be my comfort. Be my teacher (echo)
Be my patience's stretcher (echo)
Be my heart fixer (echo)
Be my Holy Helper (echo)
(Repeat All)

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FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 37:1-14 NIV

The hand of the LORD was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. ³ He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"

I said, "Sovereign LORD, you alone know."

⁴ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! ⁵ This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath^[a] enter you, and you will come to life. ⁶ I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.'"

⁷ So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. ⁸ I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

⁹ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.'" ¹⁰ So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

¹¹ Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.' ¹² Therefore prophesy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³ Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. ¹⁴ I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.'"

Psalm 139:1-12(13-16) 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.

¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me; and the light become night around me,"
¹² even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day,
for darkness is as light to you.
¹³ For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.
¹⁴ I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful, I know that full well.
¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place,
when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.
¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book
before one of them came to be.

GOSPEL: John 15:26-27, 16:4-15 NIV

²⁶ "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. ²⁷ And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.
⁴ I have told you this, so that when their time comes you will remember that I warned you about them. I did not tell you this from the beginning because I was with you, ⁵ but now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶ Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. ⁷ But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ about sin, because people do not believe in me; ¹⁰ about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; ¹¹ and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.
¹² "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. ¹³ But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. ¹⁵ All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you."

PRE-SERMON HYMN: Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart LBW #486

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart,
And make me love you as I ought to love.

I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
No sudden rending of the veil of clay,
No angel visitant, no opening skies;
But take the dimness of my soul away.

Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
All, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!

Teach me to love you as your angels love,
One holy passion filling all my frame:
The baptism of the heaven-descended dove,
My heart an altar, and your love the flame.

SERMON – PASTOR Paul

OFFERTORY HYMN: Light the Fire

Lord I stand to praise You but I fall to my knees;
My spirit is hungry but my flesh is so weak

Chorus

Light the fire (Light the fire) in my soul (in my weary soul)
Fan the flame (Fan the flame) make me whole; (make my spirit whole)
Lord You know (Lord You know) where I've been, (where I've been)
So light the fire in my heart again.
Light the fire in my heart again.

I feel Your arms around me, as the power of Your healing begins;
You breathe new life right through me, like a mighty rushing wind.

Chorus

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

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.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He 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 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

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

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COMMUNION SONGS:

Duet: Brock and Merry Jo – Above All Else

Revelation Song

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain;
Holy, holy is He; Sing a new song to Him
Who sits on heaven's mercy seat.

Chorus

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty.
Who was and is and is to come;
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings;
You are my ev'rything and I will adore You.

Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder;
Blessing and honor, strength and glory
And power be to You, the only wise King

Chorus

Filled with wonder, awe-struck wonder,
At the mention of Your name; Jesus Your name is power,
Breath and living water, such a marv'lous mystery, yeah.

Chorus

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty.
Who was and is and is to come;
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings;
You are my ev'rything and I will adore You.

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Above all Else, I love You Lord

Lord I love you with all my heart
I trust from me, You will never depart
Walk with me Lord through strife and trouble
Oh guide my feet Lord
I will not stumble
Lord, grant that I, in every place
Will glorify Your wondrous grace.
Above all else; Above all else,
I love You Lord.

All I've needed, has come from You
All I see, You made to view
Worldly pleasures are my temptation
But You my Lord are my salvation
Sorrow, my heart, might painfully break
But still my trust, it will not break
Above all else; Above all else,
I love you Lord.

(Repeat All)

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BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Please see attached

CLOSING HYMN: Hymn of the Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit, guide my vision, help me see the way you see.
Always Jesus, ever Jesus, Christ in all as Christ in me.

Holy Spirit, guide my speaking, words of grace and truth abound.
Let my lips be filled with stories of the mercy that I've found.

Chorus

You're the light; you're my path. You're the shepherd of my soul.
All I am, all I have, holy spirit, lead me on.

Holy spirit, guide my hearing, wake my ears to words you speak.
In the thunder, in the stillness, let your voice be clear to me.
Let your voice be clear to me.

Chorus

Holy spirit, lead me onward, walking through the great unknown.
Trusting, leaning, holding, clinging, till the day you lead me home.

Chorus

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THE SENDING

P: Go in Peace.

C: Serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS – To be updated the week of May 19

Week-at-a-Glance:

May 19 – Sun, 10:00 AM: Worship, and Sunday School – Pentecost Sunday

May 22 – Wed, 10:00 AM: - Staff Meeting

May 24- Fri, 9 AM -12. Pastor Rick's office hours

May 25- Sat, 8 AM- Men's Breakfast

May 26 – Sun, 10:00 AM: Worship, and Sunday School – Trinity Sunday

May 27- Mon, 9 AM -12. Pastor Rick's office hours

May 28 – Tues, 7:00 PM: Getting to Know You at the Bergh's

Pray for St. Peter's

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

Let's Talk About God - A new video devotional resource worth exploring...

Today's worship service, including our children's time is live streamed and recorded for future viewing on St. Peter's YouTube channel. Sitting further back out of the filming area is an option.

Each Tuesday morning, you will receive in your inbox a resource that will help you dig deeper into the Sunday morning sermon and children's message.

Continue to grow and share your faith with those nearest to you. These videos include:

- *Visual and musical enhancements*
- *Text captions reinforcing key points (including scripture references)*
- *Pictures, graphs, maps and so much more to help support the message and bring it to life.*

Share it with family, friends and neighbours.

St. Peter's Women's Bible Group – May 21, 10 AM
Second Chances – New Beginnings, Rebirth and Starting Over.

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 28 / June 4 or 18

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

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/>)

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!

Congratulations to ILT Graduates

This year, 5 students graduated from ILT's Christ College (Undergraduate) and 16 graduated from ILT's Christ School of Theology. These 21 graduates are all serving in ministry of some kind, mostly serving in Lutheran congregations. Pray for these graduates as they move into full time work.