

**Order of Service – June 16, 2024, 10:00AM - 4th Sunday after Pentecost
Happy Father's Day**

Preaching: Pastor Bart

Presiding: Pastor Rick

Music Team: Adeline, Kristen, Olha, Melodi & Mike, Art, Pastor Bart and Darina

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. Sitting further back out of the filming area is an option.

OPENING HYMN: Hymn: This Is My Father's World

This is my Father's world, And to my listening ears
All nature sing, and round me rings The music of the spheres
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world; The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white, Declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world; He shines in all that's fair.
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass; He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world. O, let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world, The battle is not done.
Jesus who died, shall be satisfied. And earth and heaven be one.

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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...

All: 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.

All: and also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY 4th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

God, our maker and redeemer, you have made us a new company of priests to bear witness to the Gospel. Enable us to be faithful to our calling to make known your promises to all the world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

CHILDREN'S STORY: Pastor Bart

CHILDREN'S SONG: Give Me Oil In My Lamp

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning;
Give me oil in my lamp, I pray.
Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning;
Keep me burning till the break of day.

Chorus

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King!

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising;
Give me joy in my heart, I pray.
Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising;
Keep me praising till the break of day.

Chorus

Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting;
Give me peace in my heart, I pray.
Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting;
Keep me resting till the break of day.

Chorus

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving;
Give me love in my heart, I pray.
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving;
Keep me serving till the break of day.

Chorus

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THANK-YOU TO SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND ASSISTANTS: Betty, Annick, Angela, Marg, Kelly, Doreen, Kristen, Rebecca , Laura, Cindy, Robin, Shona and Robyn.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 17:22-24 NIV

²² “This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will take a shoot from the very top of a cedar and plant it; I will break off a tender sprig from its topmost shoots and plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³ On the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it; it will produce branches and bear fruit and become a splendid cedar. Birds of every kind will nest in it; they will find shelter in the shade of its branches. ²⁴ All the trees of the forest will know that I the LORD bring down the tall tree and make the low tree grow tall. I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish.

PSALM 1 NIV

Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers,
² but whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night.
³ That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers.
⁴ Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.
⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.
⁶ For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:1-10 (11-17) NIV

5 For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. **2** Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, **3** because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. **4** For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. **5** Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come. **6** Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. **7** For we live by faith, not by sight. **8** We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. **9** So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. **10** For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad. **11** Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade others. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience. **12** We are not trying to commend ourselves to you again, but are giving you an opportunity to take pride in us, so that you can answer those who take pride in what is seen rather than in what is in the heart. **13** If we are “out of our mind,” as some say, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. **14** For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. **15** And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. **16** So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. **17** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: ¹⁸ The old has gone, the new is here!

GOSPEL: Mark 4:26-34 NIV

26 He also said, “This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. **27** Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. **28** All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. **29** As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.” **30** Again he said, “What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? **31** It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. **32** Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.” **33** With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. **34** He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

PRE-SERMON HYMN: Hymn: Good Good Father

I've heard a thousand stories of what they think You're like,
But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night,
You tell me that You're pleased, and that I'm never alone.

Chorus

You're a good, good Father; It's who You are,
It's who You are, It's who You are, And I'm loved by You;
It's who I am, It's who I am, It's who I am.

I've seen many searching for answers far and wide
But I know we're all searching for answers only You provide.
Because You know just what we need before we say a word.

Chorus

You're a good, good Father; It's who You are,
It's who You are, It's who You are, And I'm loved by You;
It's who I am, It's who I am, It's who I am.

Bridge x 2

You are perfect in all of Your ways.
You are perfect in all of Your ways.
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us.
Love so undeniable, I can hardly speak.

Peace so unexplainable, I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still, As You call me deeper still, As You call me deeper still
Into love love love

Chorus x2

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SERMON: Pastor Bart

OFFERTORY HYMN: Hymn of Heaven

How I long to breathe the air of Heaven,
Where pain is gone and mercy fills the streets;
To look upon the one who bled to save me,
And walk with Him for all eternity.

Chorus:

There will be a day when all will bow before Him.
There will be a day when death will be no more
Standing face to face with He who died and rose again.
Holy, holy is the Lord!

And ev'ry prayer, we prayed in desperation;
The songs of faith we sang through doubt and fear,
In the end we'll see that it was worth it
When He returns to wipe away our tears.

And on that day we join the resurrection,
And stand beside the heroes of the faith.
With one voice, a thousand generations
Sing worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Forever He shall reign.

Chorus:

So, let it be today we shout the hymn of Heaven.
With angels and the saints, we raise a mighty roar.
Glory to our God who gave us life beyond the grave.

Holy, holy is the Lord.
Holy, holy is the Lord.
Holy, holy is the Lord.

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Blessed are you.

All: 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.

Nicene Creed LBW p. 64

**We believe in one God
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father,
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

PRAYERS FOR THE FAMILY OF GOD

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

P: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them to the Lord

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise

PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS: 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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WORDS OF INSTITUTION (LBW p. 110)

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

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COMMUNION SONGS: Children Of The Heavenly Father

Children of the heavenly Father Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven Such a refuge e'er was given.

God His own doth tend and nourish, In His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them, In His mighty arms He bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth, And their sorrows all He knoweth.
Lo their very hairs He numbers, And no daily care encumbers;
Them that share His every blessing And His help in woes distressing

Praise the Lord in joyful numbers, Your protector never slumbers;

At the will of your defender, Every foe man must surrender.

Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely To preserve them pure and holy

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Hymn: His Eye Is On The Sparrow (Why Should I Feel Discouraged)

Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come/
Why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home
When Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is He:
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

Chorus

I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,
For His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

Let not your heart be troubled, His tender words I hear;
And resting on His goodness, I lose my doubt and fear.
Tho' by the path He leadeth but one step I may see:
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

Chorus

Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,
When songs give place to sighing, When hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to Him; from care He sets me free:
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

Chorus

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COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

Announcements

CLOSING HYMN: Hymn: Father God I Wonder (I Will Sing Your Praises)

Father God, I wonder how I managed to exist without
The knowledge of your parenthood and your loving care.
But now I am your child, I am adopted in your family
And I can never be alone, 'cause Father God, You're there beside me.

Chorus x 2

I will sing your praises, I will sing your praises,
I will sing your praises, Forever more.

Father God, a long ways off, you ran to me with open arms
You prepared the calf and threw a feast; "My child has been found!
Bring my finest robe," You cried, "My ring of authority.
My child will always be my child. I've paid the price to be beside you!"
(Verse 2 words by Melodi Gawryletz)

Chorus x 2

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THE SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week-at-a-Glance:

June 17 – Mon, 9 AM-Noon: Pastor Rick's office hours
June 19 – Wed, 9 AM: Staff Meeting
June 23 – Sun, 10 AM: Worship and Coffee to follow

Month in Advance:

June 24 – Mon, 9 AM-Noon: Pastor Rick's office hours
June 26 – Wed, 9 AM: Staff Meeting
June 29 – Sat, 8 AM: Men's Breakfast
June 30 – Sun, 10 AM: Worship and Coffee to follow

Prayer for St. Peter's

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

Sunday School Wind up and BBQ lunch to follow

The last day of Sunday school is June 16. We are thankful to all our teachers and leaders who have been so faithful in teaching our children. We will thank them at our service and then following worship, all of us are invited to stay for a hot dog lunch and enjoy the fellowship. Plan to stay.

Outdoor Firepit Service

If you are interested in participating in Outdoor Firepit Service, please speak to the pastors or let the office know.

Men's Breakfast – June 29 @ 8 AM

The date has moved by a week. Join other men in the church for a discussion around scripture. Pastor Rick chooses a scripture, gives a little background, and then leads a group discussion. There is always great input and insight. See you there!

Getting to Know You – June 25, Tuesday @ 7 PM

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 is one evening left, June 25. Thank you for all who have made the effort to attend previously. These have been amazing events. We are so blessed to have so many amazing brothers and sisters in Christ. Sign-up sheets can be found at the welcoming table.

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.

Let's Talk About God

A new video devotional resource worth exploring...

Look forward to an email coming into your inbox each Tuesday.

Dig into this past week's 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.

Use the videos to have further conversations about the scriptures.

Use the videos to talk with your children and grandchildren about God.

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

Men's Ministry at St. Peter's

An emphasis on men's ministry is being talked about at St. Peter's. Pastor Rick, along with other men, will be working hard to develop a strong and vibrant men's ministry for all ages – to be introduced this coming fall. He is pleased that five men have agreed to be part of the planning of this ministry: Kyle Phillips, George Forster, Fred Schickedanz, Donovan Saltvold and Morris Airey. Please pray for them as they meet to discuss a future men's ministry focus at St. Peter's. Our first big event is a men's retreat scheduled for the weekend of November 1-3, 2024, at River's Edge Bible Camp.

Steve Bell Workshop at St. Peter's – September 20-21, 2024

This amazing opportunity will take place on September 20-21, Friday evening and an all-day Saturday workshop. 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. We require some volunteers to make this happen. 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!

St. Peter's Women's Bible Study Group – July 9 Tuesday @ 10 AM

Second Chances: New Beginnings, Rebirth and Starting Over