

Order of Service – July 14, 2024 – 10:00AM 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Preaching & Presiding – Pastor Bart

Music Team: Brock, Merry Jo, Parker & Christopher

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.

Prelude: There's a Little Mountain Church in My Thoughts of Yesterday

There a little mountain church in my thoughts of yesterday,
Where friends and family gathered for the Lord,
There an old fashioned preacher, taught the straight and narrow way,
For what few coins the congregation could afford.

Dressed in all out Sunday best, we sat on pews of solid oak,
And I remember how our voices filled the air,
How mama sounded like an angel, on those high soprano notes,
And when the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

Chorus

Looking back now, that little mountain church house,
Has become my life's corner stone,
It was there in that little mountain church house,
I first heard the word, I've based my life upon.

At the all day Sunday singing, with dinner on the ground,
Many were the souls that were revived,
While my brothers and my sisters, who've gone on to glory land,
Slept in piece in the maple grove nearby.

Chorus

OPENING HYMN: Ghost Riders in the Sky

An old cowpoke went ridin' out one dark and windy day
Upon a ridge he rested as he went along his way
When all at once a mighty herd of red eyed cows he saw
Plowing through the ragged sky and up a cloudy draw

Their brands were still on fire and their hooves were made of steel,
Their horns were black and shiny and their hot breath he could feel
A bolt of fear went through him as they thundered through the sky
For he saw the Riders comin' hard and heard their mournful cry

Chorus

Yippie yi aayyy,
Yippie yi ohhhh
The Ghost Riders in the sky

Their faces gaunt, their eyes were blurred, their shirts all soaked with sweat
They're ridin' hard to catch that herd, but they ain't caught 'em yet
'Cause they've got to ride forever on that range up in the sky
On horses snorting fire As they ride on hear their cry

As the riders loped on by him, he heard one call his name
If you want to save your soul from Hell, a-riding on our range
Then cowboy change your ways today or with us you will ride
Tryin' to catch that Devil's herd, across these endless skies

Yippie yi aaaay
Yippie yi ohhhh,
The Ghost Riders in the sky
The Ghost Riders in the sky!

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WELCOME to SERVICE

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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:

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S STORY – Pastor Bart

FIRST READING: AMOS 7:7-15 NIV

⁷ This is what he showed me: The Lord was standing by a wall that had been built true to plumb,^[a] with a plumb line¹ in his hand. ⁸ And the LORD asked me, "What do you see, Amos?" "A plumb line," I replied. Then the Lord said, "Look, I am setting a plumb line among my people Israel; I will spare them no longer. ⁹ "The high places of Isaac will be destroyed and the sanctuaries of Israel will be ruined; with my sword I will rise against the house of Jeroboam." ¹⁰ Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent a message to Jeroboam king of Israel: "Amos is raising a conspiracy against you in the very heart of Israel. The land cannot bear all his words. ¹¹ For this is what Amos is saying: "Jeroboam will die by the sword, and Israel will surely go into exile, away from their native land.'" ¹² Then Amaziah said to Amos, "Get out, you seer! Go back to the land of Judah. Earn your bread there and do your prophesying there. ¹³ Don't prophesy anymore at Bethel, because this is the king's sanctuary and the temple of the kingdom." ¹⁴ Amos answered Amaziah, "I was neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet, but I was a shepherd, and I also took care of sycamore-fig trees. ¹⁵ But the LORD took me from tending the flock and said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

Psalm 85:(1-7) 8-13 NIV

¹ You, LORD, showed favor to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

² You forgave the iniquity of your people and covered all their sins.

³ You set aside all your wrath and turned from your fierce anger.

- ⁴ Restore us again, God our Savior, and put away your displeasure toward us.
- ⁵ Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger through all generations?
- ⁶ Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?
- ⁷ Show us your unfailing love, LORD, and grant us your salvation.
- ⁸ I will listen to what God the LORD says; he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants—but let them not turn to folly.
- ⁹ Surely his salvation is near those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.
- ¹⁰ Love and faithfulness meet together; righteousness and peace kiss each other.
- ¹¹ Faithfulness springs forth from the earth, and righteousness looks down from heaven.
- ¹² The LORD will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest.
- ¹³ Righteousness goes before him and prepares the way for his steps.

Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:3-14 NIV

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. ⁴ For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵ he^[a] predestined us for adoption to sonship^[b] through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, ⁹ he^[c] made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰ to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ. ¹¹ In him we were also chosen,^[d] having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, ¹² in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. ¹³ And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

GOSPEL: MARK 6:14-29 NIV

¹⁴ King Herod heard about this, for Jesus' name had become well known. Some were saying, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead, and that is why miraculous powers are at work in him." ¹⁵ Others said, "He is Elijah." And still others claimed, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of long ago." ¹⁶ But when Herod heard this, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised from the dead!" ¹⁷ For Herod himself had given orders to have John arrested, and he had him bound and put in prison. He did this because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, whom he had married. ¹⁸ For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹ So Herodias nursed a grudge against John and wanted to kill him. But she was not able to, ²⁰ because Herod feared John and protected him, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man. When Herod heard John, he was greatly puzzled; yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹ Finally the opportune time came. On his birthday Herod gave a banquet for his high officials and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. ²² When the daughter of^[e] Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his dinner guests. The king said to the girl, "Ask me for anything you want, and I'll give it to you." ²³ And he promised her with an oath, "Whatever you ask I will give you, up to half my kingdom." ²⁴ She went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask for?" "The head of John the Baptist," she answered. ²⁵ At once the girl hurried in to the king with the request: "I want you to give me right now the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶ The king was greatly distressed, but because of his oaths and his dinner guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷ So he immediately sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. The man went, beheaded John in the prison, ²⁸ and brought back

his head on a platter. He presented it to the girl, and she gave it to her mother. ²⁹ On hearing of this, John's disciples came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

SERMON HYMN: Wings of a Dove

When troubles surround us, when evils come
The body grows weak, and the spirit grows numb.
When these things beset us, He doesn't forget us
He sends down His love on the wings of a dove.

Chorus

On the wings of a snow-white dove, He sends His pure sweet love
A sign from above, on the wings of a dove.

When Noah had drifted on the flood many days,
He searched for land, in various ways.
Troubles, he had some, but wasn't forgotten.
He sent him His love on the wings of a dove.

Chorus

When Jesus went down to the waters that day,
He was baptized in the usual way.
When it was done, God blessed his son;
He send him his love on the wings of a dove.

Chorus

Songwriters: Bob Ferguson
Wings of a Dove lyrics © Larrick Music Co.

SERMON – PASTOR Bart

OFFERTORY HYMN: WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS LBW # 429

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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, God of pow'r and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory (repeat)

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Holy, holy, holy God of pow'r and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

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COMMUNION Hymns:

It is No Secret

The chimes of time ring out the news; another day is through
Someone slipped and fell. Was that someone you?
You may have longed for added strength, your courage to renew.
Do not be disheartened, for I bring hope to you.

Chorus

It is no secret what God can do.
What He's done for others, He'll do for you.
With arms wide open, He'll pardon you,
It is no secret what God can do.

There is no night, for in His light you'll never walk alone.
Always be at home, where ever you may roam.
There is no power can conquer you while God is on your side.
Just take Him at His promise; don't run away and hide.

Chorus

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BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Please see attached

CLOSING HYMN: I Saw The Light

I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin.
I wouldn't let my dear Savior in;
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night,
Praise the Lord! I saw the light.

Chorus

I saw the light I saw the light,
No more in darkness No more in night,
Now I'm so happy No sorrow in sight,
Praise the Lord! I saw the light.

Just like a blind man I wandered along,
Worries and fears I claimed for my own,
Then like the blind man, that God gave back his sight,
Praise the Lord! I saw the light.

Chorus

I was a fool to wander and stray,
Straight is the gate and narrow the way;
Now I have traded the wrong for the right
Praise the Lord! I saw the light.

Chorus

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THE SENDING

P: Go in Peace.

C: Serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Staff - Open Office Hours

Pastor Rick- Mon – 9 AM-12 noon

Tim Mon & Tues, 1 PM - 3:30 PM

Pastor Bart –Wed – 1 PM – 4 PM

Staff Meeting Wed 9 AM to 10:00 AM

Week-at-a-Glance:

July 14 – Sun 10 AM Worship and Council Coffee

July 15– Mon, 9 AM-Noon: **Pastor Rick's Away**

July 21-Sun, 10 AM Worship and Council Coffee **Special Mission Guest Josh Wagner and Light Lunch to follow**

Month of July in Advance:

July 28 - Sun, 10 AM: Worship and Relaxed Coffee to follow

July 30 – Tues, 5:45 PM Summer Movie Night, supper and two movies

Prayer for St. Peter's

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

FEEDBACK

For the past couple of months, you have received early each week following Sunday worship, both the children's message and the sermon, in a new video devotion resource we have called, Let's Talk About God. We will take the summer from these videos but hope to return in the fall if you find these helpful. We will be looking for your feedback.

Evangelist Josh Wagner – Visiting us on July 21, 2024 - Preaching and Lunch Presentation

Join us for a special service on Sunday July 21 where Evangelist Josh Wagner of Wagner International Ministries will be preaching and updating us on their recent mission work. After service during a light lunch Josh will share more on their work and answer your question. Bring some friends to this exciting update and fellowship time.

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, George, Fred, Donovan and Morris . 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.

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/>)

Remember the camps in your daily prayers as many parish leaders and Pastors come from camp leaders.

Pastor Bart will be the pastor at both Hasting Lake and Mulhurst this summer. Please pray for him as he teaches and engages children and teenager in the Christian faith during this crucial time of their lives.

FOR THE JOURNEY – with Steve Bell

In the next couple of weeks, you will be receiving information on the forth coming event hosted by St. Peter's. This amazing musical and teaching event, will take place on Friday, September 20 from 7:30-9:00 and Saturday, September 21 from 9:00-3:30. The regular cost for the event is \$129.00 but we have 100 tickets available for our members only for \$39.00. Join Pastor Rick, Mike Gawryletz and Robin Smith 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! Look for information in your mail box soon or go to the welcoming and information table in the narthex.

SUMMER MOVIE NIGHT – July 30

During the summer months, we are pleased to offer 2 movies that are coinciding with the 100 Anniversary of the summer Olympics. Intrigued? What's so significant? A Christian runner from Scotland by the name of Eric Lidle. The movie, **Chariots of Fire**. A great family movie to learn about conviction, trust and honoring God through a gift given. Learn about the man whose became referred to as Jesus in running Shoes. Supper at 5:45. We provide the hot dogs and drink. Bring your own snacks. Movie starts at 6:30 PM. Then we return on August 20 for an amazing movie, **Wings of Eagles**, and discover what Eric Liddle life became after the Olympics in china as a missionary under the occupation of Japan. More info to come on that movie.