

Order of Service – August 11, 2024, 10:00 AM 12th Sunday After Pentecost

Preaching: Pastor Bart

Presiding: Pastor Rick

Music Team: Merry Jo and Brock, Elaine

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 or into the Gateway Room 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.

Call to Worship: We Come to the Place of the Lord

We come to the place of the Lord
And stand with the people of God.
We will sing our praise to the King,
Our worship and prayer offering;
For we love you, Lord Jesus,
And we honour your name.
We gather together
To hear your word,
Give you thanks,
And to seek your face.
(Repeat)

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OPENING SONG: God Himself Is Present LBW 249

God himself is present; Let us now adore him
And with awe appear before him! God is in his temple;
All within keep silence, Prostrate lie with deepest rev'rence.
Him alone God we own Him, our God and Savior;
Praise his name forever!

God himself is present; Hear the harps resounding;
See the hosts the throne surrounding! "Holy, holy, holy!"
Hear the hymn ascending, Songs of saints and angels blending.
Bow your ear to us here; Hear, O Christ, the praises
That your Church now raises.

Come, celestial Being, Make our hearts your dwelling,
Ev'ry carnal thought dispelling. By your Holy Spirit
Sanctify us truly, Teaching us to love you only.
Where we go here below, Let us bow before you
And in truth adore you..

Text: Gerhard Tersteegen, 1697-1769; tr. Composite
Tune: Joachim Neader, 1650-1680
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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...

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: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgive us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merit of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

CHILDREN'S STORY: Pastor Bart

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:1-14 NIV

19 Now Ahab told Jezebel everything Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ² So Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah to say, "May the gods deal with me, be it ever so severely, if by this time tomorrow I do not make your life like that of one of them." ³ Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, ⁴ while he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness. He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. "I have had enough, LORD," he said. "Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors." ⁵ Then he lay down under the bush and fell asleep. All at once an angel touched him and said, "Get up and eat." ⁶ He looked around, and there by his head was some bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. ⁷ The angel of the LORD came back a second time and touched him and said, "Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you." ⁸ So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God. ⁹ There he went into a cave and spent the night. And the word of the LORD came to him: "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰ He replied, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too." ¹¹ The LORD said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. ¹² After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴ He replied, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too."

PSALM 34:1-8 NIV

¹ I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.
² I will glory in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.
³ Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together.
⁴ I sought the LORD, and he answered me;
he delivered me from all my fears.
⁵ Those who look to him are radiant;
their faces are never covered with shame.
⁶ This poor man called, and the LORD heard him;
he saved him out of all his troubles.
⁷ The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him,
and he delivers them.
⁸ Taste and see that the LORD is good;
blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

Hymn: Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven LBW 549

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; To his feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Evermore his praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favor To our forbears in distress.
Praise him, still the same forever, Slow to chide and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness!

Tenderly he shields and spares us; Well our feeble frame he knows.
In his hands he gently bears us, Rescues us from all our foes,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely as his mercy flows.

Text: Henry F. Lyte 1793-1847, alt
Tune: John Goss, 1800-1880

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:17- 5:2 NIV

¹⁷ So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. ¹⁸ They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. ¹⁹ Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, and they are full of greed.

²⁰ That, however, is not the way of life you learned ²¹ when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. ²² You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; ²³ to be made new in the attitude of your minds; ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

²⁵ Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. ²⁶ "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, ²⁷ and do not give the devil a foothold. ²⁸ Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.

²⁹ Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. ³² Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

5 ¹ Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children ² and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

GOSPEL: John 6:35-51 NIV

³⁵ Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ³⁶ But as I told you, you have seen me and still you do not believe. ³⁷ All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. ³⁸ For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. ³⁹ And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all those he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. ⁴⁰ For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day."

⁴¹ At this the Jews there began to grumble about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴² They said, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I came down from heaven'?"

⁴³ "Stop grumbling among yourselves," Jesus answered. ⁴⁴ "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the Prophets: 'They will all be taught by God.'^[a] Everyone who has heard the Father and learned from him comes to me. ⁴⁶ No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ Very truly I tell you, the one who believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, yet they died. ⁵⁰ But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which anyone may eat and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

PRE-SERMON HYMN: The River

Chorus

In my life You are the river
Purify and wash away
Cleanse me of my stubborn rebellion
Recreate me day by day
(Repeat)

You call me by
My heart's forgotten name
You saw me fall
But You loved me just the same
I would have stood
accused before your throne
But you took my life and
And Replaced it with Your own

Chorus x2

I've stood so long
In the hardness of my sin
But now I know
Your water's movin' in
You're wearin' down
The rock within my soul
You enter in
And the river makes me whole

Chorus x2

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SERMON: Pastor Bart

Vacation Bible Camp Leaders & Helper Installation – Pastor Rick

OFFERTORY HYMN: You Are the Way LBW 464

You are the way; through you alone
Can we the Father find;
In you, O Christ, has God revealed
His heart, his will, his mind!

You are the truth; your Word alone
True wisdom can impart;
You only can inform the mind
And purify the heart.

You are the life; the rending tomb
Proclaims your conqu'ring arm;
And those who put their trust in you
Not death nor hell shall harm.

You are the way, the truth, the life;
Grant us that way to know,
That truth to keep, that life to win,
Whose joys eternal flow.

Text: George W. Doane, 1799-1859, alt
Tune: Psalter, Edinburgh, 1615

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.

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

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

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might
Heaven and earth of Your glory are full
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord (2x)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might
Heaven and earth of Your glory are full
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION (LBW p. 110)

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

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Communion Songs:

Hymn: Lead Me to The Cross

Saviour I come, quiet my soul; remember
Redemption's hill where Your blood was spilled, for my ransom

(PRE-CHORUS)

Everything I once held dear, I count it all as loss

Chorus

Lead me to the cross, where Your love poured out
Bring me to my knees, Lord I lay me down
Rid me of myself, I belong to You
Oh lead me. Lead me to the cross

You were as I, tempted and tried, human.
The word became flesh, bore my sin and death.
Now You're risen!

(PRE-CHORUS)

Chorus

(BRIDGE)

To Your heart, To Your heart
Lead me to Your heart, Lead me to Your heart

Chorus

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Hymn: 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.

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
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COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS (See below for details)

CLOSING HYMN: Psalm 24 (The King Of Glory)

The King of glory reigns Over all the world
His mighty hand sustains The heavens and the earth
Who may come to Him And seek His holy face

He calls the pure in heart All whose hands are clean
And those who love His name Above all other things
Humbly I will bow And Jesus' name confess

Chorus

He reigns He reigns
Jesus the Lord
He reigns He reigns
Forevermore

Swing wide you ancient gates Let the King come in
His glory never fades Our hearts delight in Him
Ev'ry knee will bow Ev'ry tongue confess

Chorus x 2

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THE SENDING

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

Announcements

CHURCH OPEN OFFICE HOURS:

Pastor Rick: Mon, 9 AM-12 noon
Tim: Mon & Tues, 1 PM-3:30 PM
Pastor Bart: Wed, 1-4 PM
Staff Meeting: Wed, 9-10AM

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE:

August 11 – Sun, 10 AM Worship and Coffee
August 15 – Thurs, 5 PM Council Meeting
August 12-16 – Mon-Fri Daily Vacation Bible Camp
August 18 – Sun, 10 AM Worship and Coffee

MONTH OF AUGUST IN ADVANCE:

August 20 – Tues, 5:45PM Movie Night II (*On Wings of an Eagle*) and hot dog supper
August 25 – Sun, 10 AM Worship and Coffee
August 29 – Thurs, 6 PM Church BBQ at the Schickedanz Ranch
September 8 – Sun, 10 AM Rally Day – Worship and Lunch to follow

PRAYER FOR ST. PETER'S:

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

CHURCH COMMUNICATIONS SURVEY:

The ushers handed out a quick survey that will help us streamline our communication methods and focus on how we can best get information out to you about the church. Please take a few minutes to fill it out and return it to Tim or drop it off at the Welcoming Table.

VBC – Vacation Bible Camp – August 12-16

We are filled up to the brim with students. We thank God for each one of these little people. Please pray for the Hasting Lake Staff who will be leading our kids and all of our volunteers from St. Peter's.

MOVIE NIGHT II – Tuesday, August 20

We return on August 20 for an amazing movie, *On Wings of Eagles*, where we discover what **Eric Liddell** did with his life after the Olympics in 1924 - he became a missionary in China and remained there in a concentration camp after the Japanese occupation of China during WW2. A powerful film about what it means to serve God in difficult places, it will speak to and inspire all of us as we consider our mission as individual Christians who follow Jesus.

SAVE THE DATES

Please plan forward and commit to the many wonderful opportunities at St. Peter's.

CHURCH BBQ – Thursday, August 29 @ 6PM

Don't miss out on the annual church BBQ hosted by Fred and Robin Schickedanz. It's always a wonderful time to reconnect at the end of the summer and a great opportunity to get to know each other a little more in a relaxed setting. Directions are available for those who require them.

RALLY DAY – Sunday, September 8 @ 10 AM

Under the theme of *Grow and Serve*, you are invited to participate in all of our Rally Day festivities. It all begins with worship at 10 AM. Come downstairs following the service. Speak to a council member at one of EIGHT stations as you enjoy your lunch. You'll find your "station" alphabetically, using your last name. Please fill out the *Gifting Survey* (should take 5 minutes). Discover all of the growth opportunities and serving possibilities. Drop by the photo booth (located in the nursery) to get your photo taken by Wendi Forster for our updated church directory. See you there! Bring a friend!

FOR THE JOURNEY – with Steve Bell – September 20 and 21 – Registrations OPEN

Don't miss out on one of the 100 tickets available exclusively for St. Peter's members (\$39.00). 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 AM-3:30 PM. The regular cost for the event is \$129.00. Registrations are now open. Go to <https://stevebell.com/event/cochrane-ab-for-the-journey-retreat/> and place in the code **SBStPetersChurch** (case sensitive) to get your special pricing. Who is Steve Bell? *"Steve Bell is one of the most imaginative, clear-headed and theologically informed singers and songwriters you will ever hear."* – Jeremy Begbie, Duke University. www.stevebell.com
Wanting to help? Talk to Elisa Korver about helping out with the coffee times. We will need some snacks provided. Interested in helping greet people, handing out event packages and working the merchandising table? Please speak to Robin Smith.

MEN'S MINISTRY AT ST. PETER'S - November 1-2, 2024, at River's Edge Bible Camp

Pastor Rick, along with other men, have met to discuss options for the men's fall ministry program. You will learn more about these on Rally Day. We'd really encourage you to commit to our Men's Annual Retreat. Our theme is *Let's Talk About God*. Our speaker is Dr. Jon Sorum from the Lutheran Institute of Theology (one of our CALC seminary professors). We are going to dig deep into the many reasons and challenges why talking about God with friends and family has become so difficult in a post-modern world. We'll then reflect upon new and different ways to engage people in a conversation about our faith. Don't miss this amazing opportunity to learn from Dr. Sorum.

FALL PROGRAMMING

Do you have a program or event you would like scheduled for the fall? All of the areas of ministry will need to book through Tim, so there is no overlap. This includes worship, prayer, education or any weekly or monthly program. We also need the information for your program so we can promote and advertise it on Rally Day Sunday. Please send this information to Tim (office@saintpeters.ca) by **August 15**.