Order of Service – August 4, 2024, 10:00 AM 11th Sunday After Pentecost

Preaching & Presiding: Pastor Rick and Pastor Bart

Music Team: Erica & Parker

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.

PRELUDE SONG: <u>Hymn of Heaven</u>

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.

Chorus:

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.

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 (3x)

OPENING SONG MEDLEY:

This Is the Day / This Is My Commandment / Spring Up, Oh Well / I'll Fly Away

This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord hath made, that the Lord hath made
We will rejoice, we will rejoice
And be glad in it, and be glad in it
This is the day that the Lord hath made
We will rejoice and be glad in it
This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord hath made

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This is my commandment that you love one another That your joy may be full (repeat)

That your joy may be full, that your joy may be full.

That your joy may be full, that your joy may be full This is My commandment that you love one another That your joy may be full

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I got a river of life flowin' out of me
Makes the lame to walk and the blind to see
Opens prison doors, sets the captives free
I got a river of life flowin' out of me
Spring up, O well, within my soul!
Spring up, O well, and make me whole!
Spring up, O well, and give to me
That life abundantly!

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Some glad morning when this life is o'er – I'll fly away
To a home on God's celestial shore – I'll fly away
I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away
When I die hallelujah by and by – I'll fly away
I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away
When I die hallelujah by and by – I'll fly away

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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.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open All desires known, from You no secrets are hid Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the power of your Spirit That we love and magnify your name

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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.

KYRIE

Kyrie eleison, Lord have mercy (2x) Christe eleison, Christ have mercy (2x) Kyrie eleison, Lord have mercy (2x) Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy

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GLORIA

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria! Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria! We praise you! We bless you! We worship you! We glorify you! Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria! Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria! Amen! Amen! Amen! Amen!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY 10th Sunday After Pentecost: O God, your ears are open always to the prayers of your servants. Open our hearts and minds to you, that we may live in harmony with your will and receive the gifts of your Spirit; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

CHILDREN'S STORY: Pastor Rick

CHILDREN'S SONG: The B-I-B-L-E

The B-I-B-L-E Yes, that's the book for me I stand alone on the Word of God The B-I-B-L-E

Chant:

Sharper than a sword (Sharper than a sword) Light unto my path (Light unto my path) That's the book for me!

The B-I-B-L-E
Christ died to set me free
Then rose again to forgive my sin
The B-I-B-L-E
Chant:

The B-I-B-L-E
His promises to me
Forever I will live with Him
The B-I-B-L-E

Chant:

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FIRST READING: Exodus 16:2-15 NIV

- ² In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. ³ The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the LORD's hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death." ⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. ⁵ On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days."
- ⁶ So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you will know that it was the LORD who brought you out of Egypt, ⁷ and in the morning you will see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we, that you should grumble against us?" ⁸ Moses also said, "You will know that it was the LORD when he gives you meat to eat in the evening and all the bread you want in the morning, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we? You are not grumbling against us, but against the LORD."
- ⁹ Then Moses told Aaron, "Say to the entire Israelite community, 'Come before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling."
- ¹⁰ While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the LORD appearing in the cloud.

¹¹ The LORD said to Moses, ¹² "I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, 'At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God.'"

¹³ That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴ When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. ¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread the LORD has given you to eat.

PSALM 145:10-21 NIV

- ¹⁰ All your works praise you, LORD; your faithful people extol you.
- ¹¹ They tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might,
- ¹² so that all people may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- ¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations. The LORD is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does.^[a]
- ¹⁴ The LORD upholds all who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.
- ¹⁵ The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time.
- ¹⁶ You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.
- ¹⁷ The LORD is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all he does.
- ¹⁸ The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.
- ¹⁹ He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them.
- ²⁰ The LORD watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.
- ²¹ My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD. Let every creature praise his holy name.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:1-16 NIV

4 As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

⁷ But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. ⁸ This is why it [a] says:

"When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people."

⁹ (What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions^[2]? ¹⁰ He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) ¹¹ So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

¹⁴ Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶ From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

ALLELUIA

Alleluia! Lord to whom shall we go, shall we go? (2x) You have the words of eternal life, O Lord (2x) Alleluia! Lord to whom shall we go Shall we go, shall we go?

GOSPEL: John 6:22-35 NIV

²² The next day the crowd that had stayed on the opposite shore of the lake realized that only one boat had been there, and that Jesus had not entered it with his disciples, but that they had gone away alone. ²³ Then some boats from Tiberias landed near the place where the people had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. ²⁴ Once the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?" ²⁶ Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. ²⁷ Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval." ²⁸ Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?" ²⁹ Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent." ³⁰ So they asked him, "What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ³² Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

³⁴ "Sir," they said, "always give us this bread." 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.

PRE-SERMON HYMN: <u>This is Amazing Love</u>

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness? Whose love is mighty and so much stronger? The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder? And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder? The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

Chorus

This is amazing grace! This is unfailing love!
That You would take my place, that You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life that I would be set free.
Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me.

Who brings our chaos back into order? Who makes the orphan a son and daughter? The King of Glory, the King of Glory.

Who rules the nations with truth and justice? Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance? The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

Chorus

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain! Worthy is the King who conquered the grave! (3x) Worthy is the Lamb who was slain! Worthy, worthy, worthy

Chorus

SERMON: Pastor Rick

OFFERTORY HYMN: O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

O the deep, deep love of Jesus.
Vast unmeasured, boundless, free.
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me,
Is the current of Thy love.
Leading onward, leading homeward,
To my glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus
Spread His praise from shore to shore
How He loveth ever loveth
Changeth never nevermore
How He watches o'er His loved ones
Died to call them all His own
How for them He intercedeth
Watches over them from the throne

O the deep deep love of Jesus Love of every love the best 'Tis an ocean vast of blessing 'Tis a haven sweet of rest O the deep deep love of Jesus 'Tis a heaven of heavens to me And it lifts me up to glory For it lifts me up to Thee

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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.

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

CHORUS: Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Lord listen to Your children praying Lord send Your Spirit in this place Lord listen to Your children praying Send us love send us pow'r send us grace

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

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMNETS (See below for details)

CLOSING HYMN: And Can It Be

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood Died He for me who caused His pain, for me who Him to death pursued Amazing love how can it be that Thou my God shouldst die for me Amazing love how can it be that Thou my God shouldst die for me

He left His Father's throne above, so free so infinite His grace Emptied Himself of all but love and bled for Adam's helpless race 'Tis mercy all immense and free, for O my God it found out me 'Tis mercy all immense and free, for O my God it found out me

Long my imprisoned spirit lay, fast-bound in sin and nature's night Thine eye diffused a quickening ray; I woke the dungeon flamed with light My chains fell off my heart was free; I rose went forth and followed Thee My chains fell off my heart was free; I rose went forth and followed Thee

No condemnation now I dread! Jesus and all in Him is mine
Alive in Him my living Head and clothed in righteousness divine
Bold I approach th'eternal throne and claim the crown through Christ my own
Bold I approach th'eternal throne and claim the crown through Christ my own

THE SENDING

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

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 4 – Sun,10 AM Worship and Coffee

August 5-9 – Mon-Fri Pastor Bart at Mulhurst Camp

MONTH OF AUGUST IN ADVANCE:

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

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. Peters.

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.**