

ORDER OF SERVICE – SEPTEMBER 8, 10:00 AM – 14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Preaching: Pastor Rick • Presiding: Pastor Bart

Music Team: Erica, Mel, Lynn, Lyndsay, 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

OPENING HYMN: The Church's One Foundation

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord
She is His new creation by water and the Word
From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride
With His own blood He bought her and for her life He died

Elect from every nation yet one o'er all the earth
Her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food
And to one hope she presses with every grace endued

'Mid toil and tribulation and tumult of her war
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest
And the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest

Though with a scornful wonder we see her sore oppressed
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed
Yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song

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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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CHILDREN'S STORY: Pastor Rick

CHILDREN'S SONG: There's No One Like Jesus

There's no one, there's no one like Jesus
There's no one, there's no one like Him
(repeat)

I looked and looked (over, over)
I searched and searched (over, over)
I turned around (over, over)
There's no one, there's no one like Him
(Repeat song)

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 3:1-21 NIV

3 The boy Samuel ministered before the LORD under Eli. In those days the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions. **2** One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. **3** The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the LORD, where the ark of God was. **4** Then the LORD called Samuel. Samuel answered, "Here I am." **5** And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down. **6** Again the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." "My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." **7** Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD: The word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. **8** A third time the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy. **9** So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. **10** The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." **11** And the LORD said to Samuel: "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make the ears of everyone who hears about it tingle. **12** At that time I will carry out against Eli everything I spoke against his family—from beginning to end. **13** For I told him that I would judge his family forever because of the sin he knew about; his sons blasphemed God,^[a] and he failed to restrain them. **14** Therefore I swore to the house of Eli, 'The guilt of Eli's house will never be atoned for by sacrifice or offering.'" **15** Samuel lay down until morning and then opened the doors of the house of the LORD. He was afraid to tell Eli the vision, **16** but Eli called him and said, "Samuel, my son." Samuel answered, "Here I am." **17** "What was it he said to you?" Eli asked. "Do not hide it from me. May God deal with you, be it ever so severely, if you hide from me anything he told you." **18** So Samuel told him everything, hiding nothing from him. Then Eli said, "He is the LORD; let him do what is good in his eyes." **19** The LORD was with Samuel as he grew up, and he let none of Samuel's words fall to the ground. **20** And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba recognized that Samuel was attested as a prophet of the LORD. **21** The LORD continued to appear at Shiloh, and there he revealed himself to Samuel through his word.

PSALM 46 NIV

- ¹ God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
³ though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. *Selah*
⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.
⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.
⁶ The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice; the earth melts.
⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. *Selah*
⁸ Come, behold the works of the LORD; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.
⁹ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.
¹⁰ "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth."
¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. *Selah*

SECOND READING: Ephesians 6:10-18 NIV

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

GOSPEL: Matthew 7:24-27 NIV

²⁴ "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. ²⁶ But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

PRE-SERMON SONG: Come, People of the Risen King

Come people of the Risen King who delight to bring Him praise
Come all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in

CHORUS

Rejoice! Rejoice! Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice – O Church of Christ rejoice

Come those whose joy is morning sun and those weeping through the night
Come those who tell of battles won and those struggling in the fight
For His perfect love will never change and His mercies never cease
But follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace

CHORUS

Come young and old from ev'ry land, men and women of the faith
Come those with full or empty hands, find the riches of His grace
Over all the world His people sing, shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through ev'ry age: "Our God is all in all!"

CHORUS

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SERMON: Pastor Rick

OFFERTORY HYMN: *The Servant Song*

Brother, let me be your servant; let me be as Christ to you
Pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant too

We are pilgrims on a journey; we are brothers on the road
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load

I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear

I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through

When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony
Born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony

Brother, sister let me serve you; let me be as Christ to you
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too

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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

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, 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 (LBW p. 110)

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

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, You take away the sin... of the world (3x)
Have mercy upon, have mercy upon us and grant us, grant us peace.

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COMMUNION SONGS:

Let Us Break Bread Together

Let us break bread together on our knees (2x)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun
O Lord have mercy on me

Let us drink wine together on our knees (2x)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun
O Lord have mercy on me

Let us praise God together on our knees (2x)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun
O Lord have mercy on me

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Behold the Lamb

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away slain for us - and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross
So, we share in this Bread of Life and we drink of His sacrifice
*As a sign of our bonds of **peace**, around the table of the King*

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ torn for you - eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one
So, we share in this Bread of Life and we drink of His sacrifice
*As a sign of our bonds of **love**, around the table of the King*

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin shed for you - drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God
So, we share in this Bread of Life and we drink of His sacrifice
*As a sign of our bonds of **grace**, around the table of the King*

And so, with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond - and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth
As we share in His suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again
And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King

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COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please see below for details)

Steve Bell Video

CLOSING HYMN: Jesus Shall Reign

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run,
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till sun shall rise and set no more.

Blessings abound where'er He reigns; the pris'ner leaps to lose his chains,
The weary find eternal rest, and all the sons of want are blessed

Chorus:

To our King be highest praise rising through eternal days
Just and faithful He shall reign Jesus shall reign

People and realms of every tongue dwell on His love with sweetest song
And infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on His name

Chorus:

Let every creature rise and bring Blessing and honor to our King,
Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen

Chorus:

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LUNCH BLESSING

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 Bauer: Mon & Tues, 1 PM-3:30 PM
Pastor Bart: Wed, 1-4 PM
Staff Meeting: Wed, 9-10AM

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE:

Sept. 8 – Sun, 10 AM Rally Day – Worship and Lunch to follow
Sept. 12 – Thu, 7 PM Good Vibes Memory Choir Information Evening
Sept 12– Thu, 7 PM *The Project: Survey of the Bible*, Small Group in the Gateway
Sept. 14 – Sat, 8 AM Men's Breakfast
Sept. 15 – Sun, 10 AM Worship and Coffee

MONTH OF SEPTEMBER IN ADVANCE:

Sept. 18 – Wed, 9:30 AM *Hammer of God*, Small Group Study
Sept. 18 – Wed, 1:30 PM Good Vibes Memory Choir (first rehearsal)
Sept. 20 & 21 (Fri / Sat) Steven Bell Workshop
Sept. 22 – Sun, 10 AM Worship and Coffee (Sunday School Begins)
Sept. 24 – Tues, 10 AM *Lyrics of Life: Study of the Psalms* – Women's Bible Study in the Gateway
Sept. 24 – Tues, 7 PM The Cabin, Men's Discussion Group (Pastor Rick's home)
Sept. 25 – Wed, 1:30 PM Good Vibes Memory Choir
Sept. 26 – Thur, 10 Am Genesis Bible Study with Pastor Paul (Downstairs)
Sept. 29 – Sun, 10 AM Worship and Coffee
Oct. 1 – Mon, 6 PM Care Ministry Information Evening

PRAYER FOR ST. PETER'S:

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

RALLY DAY TODAY:

Welcome to Rally Day at St. Peter's. As today's theme (*Grow and Serve*) implies, we invite you to consider how you might grow in your relationship with God and use your unique gifts to best serve Him.

Please join us downstairs following the service and speak to a council member at one of the **EIGHT stations** as you enjoy your lunch. You'll find your "station" alphabetically, using your last name. Please fill out the **Giftng Survey** and bring it back by **September 22**. You will notice people wandering around with clip boards and brightly colored name tags. These are leaders of various programs – you can speak with them directly about a program that might interest you and sign up today, if you wish.

At the stations, you can also pick up an extensive **promotional piece** on all the growing and serving opportunities available at St. Peter's this fall with contact information. And don't forget to drop by the **photo booth** (located in the Gateway) to get your photo taken by Wendi Forster for our updated **church directory**. You will need to pick up the contact form at one of the stations downstairs.

Some activities begin this week, and they are highlighted below. You can keep updated on our starting dates by going to the website (www.saintpeters.ca), through our care email, our bulletin board, or a flyer in your mailbox. And you can always talk with Tim in the office. He knows all the scheduling.

GOOD VIBES MEMORY CHOIR – An Information Meeting – Thursday at 7 PM

Do you know people with dementia? This is an opportunity to reach out to them and let them know that your church cares about them and their family members. St. Peter's is pleased to host **Good Vibes Memory Choir** beginning this fall – a choir for people with dementia, their care partner, students and volunteers. Join Erica for this choir as a volunteer and let people you know who are on a journey with dementia that this is available for them starting September 18, 1:30-3pm every Wednesday. Why not bring them along to the information meeting where Erica will present her vision for Good Vibes and her experience with the 6 dementia choirs she directed in Victoria. For more information, go to: www.goodvibesmemorychoir.com or speak with Erica directly.

MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP

We begin our Men's Breakfast fellowship and discipleship study this coming Saturday at 8 AM at the church. We start with a breakfast and conversation and then move into our study on discipleship. All men are welcome to join us.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

There are many groups that would love to have you join them as they delve into scripture and enjoy the fellowship with each other. There are NINE different weekly, bi-weekly or monthly groups available to help you grow in your faith. Pick up a promotional brochure today. Let's connect, learn and enjoy being with one another.

FOR THE JOURNEY – with Steve Bell – September 20 and 21 – Registration is still OPEN

There may be a few tickets remaining for this. Don't miss out on one of the 100 tickets available. 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. You can go to stevebell.com and look under "Events" to find the registration page for the event hosted at St. Peter's.

ST. PETER'S CARE MINISTRY – Information Meeting – Oct 1 at 6 PM

We continue to develop a care ministry at St. Peter's and are looking forward to further training and implementation of a new program this fall. Last year, many volunteers completed a training course with Pastor Rick. We have developed a process that will encourage people to be more involved in caring for the people of God at St. Peter's. We need more gifted and caring people. Do you have a desire and heart to visit with the lonely, sick or those in hospital? Would you drive someone to the hospital or take a meal to their home? There are many parts to our ministry, and we would like to invite you to attend an information and short presentation by Pastor Rick on the *EIGHT Tenants of Christian Caregiving*. As a special gift, you will receive a free copy of Pastor Rick's newest book, *Grief Nuggets*. Hope you can attend.

MEN'S RETREAT – 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. We'd really encourage you to commit to our Men's Annual Retreat. Our theme is **STAYIN' ALIVE**. Our speaker is Dr. Steven Hein from ILT (Institute of Lutheran Theology) and is one of our CALC seminary professors. We are going to dig deep into what it means to be a follower of Jesus. Be challenged, inspired and equipped in your role as a man of faith in a postmodern world as Dr. Hein takes us into a deeper understanding of Baptism, Battle and Calling. Don't miss this amazing opportunity to learn from Dr. Hein. Put it in your calendar. More info to come.