

ORDER OF SERVICE – SEPTEMBER 15, 10:00 AM – 17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Preaching Pastor Bart & Presiding Pastor Rick

Music Team: Parker & Mel, Joel, Evan, Elisa, Rebecca

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 HYMN: Great Are You Lord

You give life. You are love. You bring light to the darkness.
You give hope. You restore ev'ry heart that is broken. And great are You Lord
(Repeat)

Chorus

It's Your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise.
It's Your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise to You only. Great are you Lord.

You give life. You are love. You bring light to the darkness.
You give hope. You restore ev'ry heart that is broken. And great are You Lord

Chorus

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OPENING HYMN: Holy Holy Holy (Nicaea)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, bBlessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea.
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee.
Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see.
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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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 17th Sunday After Pentecost:

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of your grace, that , pursuing what you have promised, we may share your heavenly glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

CHILDREN'S STORY: Pastor Bart

CHILDREN'S SONG: My Lighthouse

In my wrestling and in my doubts, in my failures, You won't walk out.
Your great love will lead me through; You are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa oh.
You are the peace in my troubled sea.

In the silence, You won't let go. In the questions, Your truth will hold.
Your great love will lead me through; You are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa oh.
You are the peace in my troubled sea.

My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse, shining in the darkness,
I will follow You! Oh, my Lighthouse, my Lighthouse,
I will trust the promise: You will carry me safe to shore,
Safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore.

I won't fear what tomorrow brings. With each morning, I'll rise and sing.
My God's love will lead me through; You are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa oh,
You are the peace in my troubled sea.

Fire before us, You're the brightest.
You will lead us through the storms.
(REPEAT 4)

My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse, shining in the darkness,
I will follow You! Oh, my Lighthouse, my Lighthouse,
I will trust the promise: You will carry me safe to shore,
Safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore.

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FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-10 NIV

⁴ The Sovereign LORD has given me a well-instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed.
⁵ The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears; I have not been rebellious, I have not turned away.
⁶ I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting. ⁷ Because the Sovereign LORD helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame. ⁸ He who vindicates me is near. Who then will bring charges against me? Let us face each other! Who is my accuser? Let him confront me! ⁹ It is the Sovereign LORD who helps me. Who will condemn me? They will all wear out like a garment; the moths will eat them up. ¹⁰ Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the word of his servant? Let the one who walks in the dark, who has no light, trust in the name of the LORD and rely on their God.

PSALM 116:1-9 NIV

- ¹ I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.
² Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.
³ The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came over me; I was overcome by distress and sorrow.
⁴ Then I called on the name of the LORD: "LORD, save me!"
⁵ The LORD is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion.
⁶ The LORD protects the unwary; when I was brought low, he saved me.
⁷ Return to your rest, my soul, for the LORD has been good to you.
⁸ For you, LORD, have delivered me from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling,
⁹ that I may walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

SECOND READING: James 3:1-12 NIV

3 Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. ²We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check. ³When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. ⁴Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. ⁵Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. ⁶The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, ⁸but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. ¹⁰Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. ¹¹Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? ¹²My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

GOSPEL: Mark 9:14-29 NIV

¹⁴When they came to the other disciples, they saw a large crowd around them and the teachers of the law arguing with them. ¹⁵As soon as all the people saw Jesus, they were overwhelmed with wonder and ran to greet him. ¹⁶"What are you arguing with them about?" he asked. ¹⁷A man in the crowd answered, "Teacher, I brought you my son, who is possessed by a spirit that has robbed him of speech. ¹⁸Whenever it seizes him, it throws him to the ground. He foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive out the spirit, but they could not." ¹⁹"You unbelieving generation," Jesus replied, "how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy to me." ²⁰So they brought him. When the spirit saw Jesus, it immediately threw the boy into a convulsion. He fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth. ²¹Jesus asked the boy's father, "How long has he been like this?" "From childhood," he answered. ²²"It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us."²³ "If you can?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for one who believes." ²⁴Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!" ²⁵When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the impure spirit. "You deaf and mute spirit," he said, "I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." ²⁶The spirit shrieked, convulsed him violently and came out. The boy looked so much like a corpse that many said, "He's dead." ²⁷But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him to his feet, and he stood up. ²⁸After Jesus had gone

indoors, his disciples asked him privately, "Why couldn't we drive it out?" ²⁹ He replied, "This kind can come out only by prayer."

PRE-SERMON SONG: As The Deer

As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after Thee.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.

Chorus

You alone are my strength, my shield; to You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.

You're my friend and You are my brother even though You are a King.
I love You more than any other, so much more than anything.

Chorus

You alone are my strength, my shield; to You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.

I want You more than gold or silver. Only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy-giver and the apple of my eye.

Chorus x 2

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SERMON: Pastor Bart

OFFERTORY HYMN: Holy Forever

A thousand generations falling down in worship to sing the song of ages to the Lamb,
And all who've gone before us and all who will believe will sing the song of ages to the Lamb.

Pre-Chorus

Your name is the highest, Your name is the greatest, Your name stands above them all.
All thrones and dominions, all powers and positions, Your name stands above them all.

Chorus 1

And the angels cry, Holy. All creation cries, Holy.
You are lifted high Holy, Holy forever.

If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed, sing the song forever to the Lamb.
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name, Sing the song forever to the Lamb.
We'll sing the song forever and amen.

Pre-Chorus

Chorus 1

Hear Your people sing, Holy. To the King of Kings, Holy.
You will always be Holy, Holy forever.

You will always be Holy
Holy forever

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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...

COMMUNION SONGS:

Nothing But The Blood

What can wash away my sins? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
(Repeat)

Chorus

Oh, precious is the flow that makes me white as snow.
No other fount I know: Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my pardon this I see, nothing but the blood of Jesus
For my cleansing this my plea, nothing but the blood of Jesus

Chores x 2

This is all my hope and peace: Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
This is all my righteousness: Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus x 2

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Agnus Dei

Verse

Alleluia, alleluia, for the Lord God Almighty reigns.
Alleluia, alleluia, for the Lord God Almighty reigns.
Alleluia

Chorus

(You are) Holy, holy, are You. Lord God Almighty.
Worthy is the Lamb: Worthy is the Lamb.
You are holy. Holy are You, Lord God Almighty.
Worthy is the Lamb; Worthy is the Lamb.
Amen.

Verse

Chorus x 2

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COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please see below for details)

CLOSING HYMN: In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then, bursting forth in glorious Day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me:
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell no scheme of man. Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand

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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:

Sept 17 – Tues, 9:00 AM Prayer Group – Diana Scott Leading
Sept.18 – Wed, 9:30 AM *Hammer of God*, Small Group Study Gary Leading
Sept. 18 – Wed, 1:30 PM Good Vibes Memory Choir (first rehearsal) Eric Leading
Sept.t 19 – Thur, 7:00 PM Survey of the Bible Small Group Study Darrell Leading
Sept. 20 & 21 (Fri / Sat) Steven Bell Workshop
Sept. 22 – Sun,10 AM Worship and Coffee (Sunday School Begins)

MONTH OF SEPTEMBER IN ADVANCE:

Sept. 24 – Tues. 9 AM - Prayer Group – Diana Leading
Sept. 24 – Tues, 10 AM - *Lyrics of Life: Study of the Psalms* – Rhonda Leading Gateway
Sept. 24 – Tues, 7 PM The Cabin, Men’s Discussion Group (Pastor Rick’s home)
Sept. 25 – Wed, 9:30 AM *Hammer of God*, Small Group Study Gary Leading
Sept. 25 – Wed, 1:30 PM Good Vibes Memory Choir
Sept. 26 – Thur, 10 Am Genesis Bible Study with Pastor Paul (Downstairs)
Sept. 26 – Thur, 7:00 PM Survey of the Bible Small Group Study Darrell Leading
Sept. 27 – Fri, 7:00 PM Youth Group Cindy Leading
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.

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*

Directory Photographs:

The photo booth (located in the Gateway) to get your photo taken by Wendi Forster for our updated **church directory**. Next session Sunday Sept 22, 2024 . Fill in and drop off the contact form when you get your picture..

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.

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.

Youth Group Meeting Friday Sept 27 6:30PM - 9 PM

Calling all youth ages gr. 5-12! Come join us for St. Peter's Youth Group starting Friday, Sept. 27, 7-9 pm. We'll do once a month meetings with fun faith filled group activities inside and outside. Join us for the Chocolate Olympics, tug of war, music and a devotion. Bring your friends! RSVP to Cindy through the church office. Looking forward to faith, friends, and fun!