

ORDER OF SERVICE – JANUARY 26, 2025 – 3RD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Preaching & Presiding: Pastor Rick

Music Team: Erica, Zach, Lyndsay and Betty

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: 10,000 Reasons

CHORUS

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, it's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me (XX), Let me be singing when the evening comes.

CHORUS

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger. Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing; Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

CHORUS

And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near and my time has come;
Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending ten thousand years and then forevermore!

CHORUS

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OPENING HYMN: Holy, Holy, Holy

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, blessed 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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WELCOMING AND THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

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! (2x)
We praise You! We bless You!
We worship You! We glorify You!
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria! (2x)
Amen, amen, amen, amen!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit, that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the broken-hearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Pastor Rick

CHILDREN'S SONG: Be Bold, Be Strong

Be bold, (be bold), be strong, (be strong)
For the Lord thy God is with you.
(repeat)

I am not afraid – no, no, no! I am not dismayed – oh no!
For I'm walking in faith and victory ,
Come on, walk in faith and victory, for the Lord, your God, is with you.

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FIRST READING: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 NIV

¹ All the people came together as one in the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra the teacher of the Law to bring out the Book of the Law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded for Israel. ² So on the first day of the seventh month Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, which was made up of men and women and all who were able to understand. ³ He read it aloud from daybreak till noon as he faced the square before the Water Gate in the presence of the men, women and others who could understand. And all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

⁵ Ezra opened the book. All the people could see him because he was standing above them; and as he opened it, the people all stood up. ⁶ Ezra praised the LORD, the great God; and all the people lifted their hands and responded, "Amen! Amen!" Then they bowed down and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

⁸ They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear^[a] and giving the meaning so that the people understood what was being read. ⁹ Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and teacher of the Law, and the Levites who were instructing the people said to them all, "This day is holy to the LORD your God. Do not mourn or weep." For all the people had been weeping as they listened to

the words of the Law. ¹⁰ Nehemiah said, “Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

PSALM: 19:1-14 NIV

¹ The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

² Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.

³ They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them.

⁴ Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.

⁵ It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, like a champion rejoicing to run his course.

⁶ It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth.

⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

⁸ The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

⁹ The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the LORD are firm, and all of them are righteous.

¹⁰ They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.

¹¹ By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

¹² But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults.

¹³ Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression.

¹⁴ May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 NIV

¹² Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For we were all baptized by^[a] one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. ¹⁴ Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many. ¹⁵ Now if the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. ¹⁹ If they were all one part, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many parts, but one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you!” And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don’t need you!” ²² On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, ²⁴ while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, ²⁵ so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. ²⁶ If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. ²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. ²⁸ And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers?

Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ Now eagerly desire the greater gifts.

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?

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GOSPEL: Luke 4:16-30 NIV

¹⁶ He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” ²⁰ Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. ²¹ He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.” ²² All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. “Isn’t this Joseph’s son?” they asked. ²³ Jesus said to them, “Surely you will quote this proverb to me: ‘Physician, heal yourself!’ And you will tell me, ‘Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.’”

²⁴ “Truly I tell you,” he continued, “no prophet is accepted in his hometown. ²⁵ I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah’s time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. ²⁶ Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. ²⁷ And there were many in Israel with leprosy^[b] in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed—only Naaman the Syrian.” ²⁸ All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. ²⁹ They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. ³⁰ But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

PRE-SERMON HYMN: Christus Victor

O Most High, King of the ages, Great I AM, God of wonders,
By the blood You have redeemed us, led us through mighty waters,
Our strength, our song, our sure salvation.

Chorus 1

Now to the Lamb upon the throne, be blessing, honor, glory, power,
For the battle You have won.
Hallelujah! Amen!

O Most High, dwelling among us, Son of man sent for sinners,
By Your blood You have redeemed us, Spotless Lamb, mighty Savior
Who lived, who died, who rose victorious.

Chorus 2

Now to the Lamb upon the throne be blessing, honor, glory, power
For the battle You have won
Hallelujah! Amen
With every tribe and every tongue we join the anthem of the angels
In the triumph of the Son
Hallelujah! Amen

O Most High, King of the nations, robed in praise, crowned with splendor
On that day who will not tremble when You stand Christ the Victor?
Who was, and is, and is forever.

Chorus 3

Now to the Lamb upon the throne be blessing, honor, glory, power
For the battle You have won
Hallelujah! Amen
With every tribe and every tongue we join the anthem of the angels
In the triumph of the Son
Sing the victory of the Lamb
Hallelujah! Amen

Amen, amen, amen
Amen, amen, amen

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SERMON: Pastor Rick

OFFERTORY HYMN: Arise, Your Light Has Come (WOV #652)

Arise, your light has come! The Spirit's call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God which shines on your today.

Arise, your light has come! Fling wide the prison door;
Proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light has come! All you in sorrow born.
Bind up the broken-hearted ones and comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light has come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wind, God's pow'r will make us strong

Lyrics by Ruth Duck, b. 1947 | Music by William H. Walter, 1825-1893 | Text © 1992 GIA Publications, Inc.

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 us, have mercy upon us and grant us, grant us peace.

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COMMUNION SONGS

Take My Life and Let It Be

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee,
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King;
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee,
Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose,
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it Thine, it shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne,
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be ever, only all for Thee,
Ever, only, all for Thee.

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Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

What a fellowship, what a joy divine: Leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine: Leaning on the everlasting arms.

CHORUS

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way: Leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day: Leaning on the everlasting arms.

CHORUS

What have I to dread, what have I to fear: Leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near: Leaning on the everlasting arms.

CHORUS

COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please see below for details)

CLOSING HYMN: Lift High the Cross

Chorus

Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

Come, Christian, people, sing your praise and shout
If we are silent, e'en the stone cry out

Chorus

Come, Christians follow where our Captain trod,
Our King victorious, Christ the Son of God.

Chorus

O Lord once lifted on the glorious Tree,
As thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee.

Chorus

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory!

Chorus

THE SENDING

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Pastor Rick: Mon, 10:30 AM– 1:30 PM
Tim Bauer: Mon & Tues, 1:00–3:30 PM
Pastor Bart: Wed, 1:00–4:00 PM
Staff Meeting: Wed, 10:30 AM –11:30 AM

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE:

Jan. 26 Sun 10:00 AM Worship
Jan. 29 Wed 1:30 PM Good Vibes Memory Choir
Jan. 30 Thur 10:00 AM Genesis Mixed Bible Study lead by Pastor Paul
Feb. 1 Sat 5:00 PM Youth Alpha Study and supper at the church lead by Cindy Tester

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Feb. 6	Thur	10:00 AM	Genesis Mixed Bible Study in the basement lead by Pastor Paul
Feb. 8	Sat	8:00 AM	Men's Breakfast
Feb. 8	Sat	5:00 PM	Youth Alpha Study and supper at St. Peter's lead by Cindy Tester
Feb. 13	Thur	10:00 AM	Genesis Mixed Bible Study lead by Pastor Paul's
Feb. 18	Tues	10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study in Gateway Room lead by Rhonda Osness
Feb 20	Thur	10:00 AM	Genesis Mixed Bible Study in the basement lead by Pastor Paul
Feb. 20	Thur	7:30 PM	Steve Bell Concert
Feb. 23	Sun	11:30 AM	AGM (following worship)
Feb 27	Thur	10:00 AM	Genesis Mixed Bible Study in the basement lead by Pastor Paul
Feb. 27	Tues	7:00 PM	The Cabin- Men's Discussion

GENESIS BIBLE STUDY – Thur 10 AM

Pastor Paul's Thursday morning study of Genesis has resumed at 10 AM on Thursdays. All welcome to this mixed study. For more info contact Pastor Paul.

YOUTH ALPHA STUDY and supper Saturday Feb 1 and 8th in basement of St. Peter's

Come join the other youth of St. Peters for supper and Youth Alpha program 5:00 to 7:00 PM In the basement of St. Peter's

MEN'S BREAKFAST – Saturday, February 8 at 8 AM

Join as we continue our bible study on Discipleship. On this Saturday we reflect upon the concept of Allusion coming out of John 21:9. We ask, "Why a fire of burning coals?" "Why do I know that?" Discover how exciting it is to read God's word and the message of the Grand Story still needing to be told today.

THE CABIN – MEN'S DISCUSSION AND BIBLE STUDY

Join Pastor Rick and other men as they begin to discuss "We Who Wrestle with God," by Jordan Peterson. Pick up the book on Amazon and come prepared to discuss chapter. It all takes place on Tuesday, February 27 at 7 PM at Pastor Ricks home, 26 Bow Meadows Drive. Our first time together we will be looking at the creation story, so please read pages 1-36. It's not light reading so work ahead and bring your thoughts and insights.

IN CONCERT – STEVE BELL

St. Peter's on February 20th at 7:30 PM. Don't be disappointed. Get your tickets at stevebell.com/events

Last time Steve Bell came to St. Peter's, we enjoyed an entire weekend of teaching and music. It was an amazing experience for all who attended. We know that it's difficult to commit to an entire weekend, but how about one evening? We would like to encourage you to purchase tickets and to invite a friend along. Steve is so engaging and presents the gospel in a manner that unbelievers enjoy. Do you know someone one who is on the edge of faith? They are wondering about this God who you have come to believe in? They won't come to church quite yet? Invite them to one evening of music. How about inviting a friend to come with you? Purchase tickets at

www.stevebell.com/events

GUITAR LESSIONS

Beginner guitar classes are resuming Sundays after church. Come if you have any interest. Bring your own guitar, but you can also borrow one from the church if you have need. Contact Pastor Bart.

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY– BOOK OF JAMES

If you've ever wondered what the Christian life should look like, James tell it like it is. In this five-session video Bible study, Dr. Lina Abujamra shares with her signature energy what it means to be the real deal, and how to live authentically and victoriously through the challenges of life. If you do this study you will grow in your walk with the Lord. You will get stronger in your fight against temptation. You will better understand what it means to be a true follower of Jesus. You will be challenged to leave the status quo and become more like Christ. You will have zero regrets. I promise you that. **This study begins February 18th for 5 weeks. All you need is your Bible.** We meet in the Gateway at 10:00 am - 11:30 am. Any questions email rhondaosness@saintpeters.ca or call the church office. See you in February, Rhonda.

GOOD VIBES MEMORY CHOIR

Wednesday's at 1:30 PM.

Do you know someone experiencing memory loss? Please invite them and come with them. Get them connected to a wonderful community. Whether you or your loved one has memory loss or not, singing in a choir improves brain health. There is NO CHARGE for this choir. This is an opportunity to reach out to people with (or without) dementia and let them know that our church community cares about them and their family members. For more information, please go to:

www.goodvibesmemorychoir.com OR email Erica at goodvibesmemorychoir@gmail.com.

CHRISTIANITY 101 CLASS

Christianity 101. 5 sessions, Sundays 8:45 am in the walkway. Beginning January 26. We cover three topics: 1) Why trust the Bible? 2) How did we get here? A brief history of Christianity. 3) What is the Lutheran contribution to Christian faith? This class can also double as a new members class.

Contact Pastor Bart for further details.