

**ORDER OF SERVICE: JUNE 8, 2025 – DAY OF PENTACOST**

**SPECIAL TEACHING: YOUR STORY MATTERS**

**Preaching & Presiding Pastor Rick**

**Music Team: Erica's Music Team**

**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: More Love, More Power**

More love, more power, more of You in my life.  
More love, more power, more of You in my life.

And I will worship You with all of my heart.  
And I will worship You with all of my mind.  
And I will worship You with all of my strength,  
For You are my Lord, You are my Lord.

More love, more power, more of You in my life.  
More love, more power, more of You in my life.

And I will seek Your face with all of my heart.  
And I will seek Your face with all of my mind.  
And I will seek Your face with all of my strength,  
For You are my Lord, You are my Lord.

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**OPENING HYMN: When Morning Gilds the Skies**

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries:  
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"  
Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair  
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find  
May Jesus Christ be praised  
When evil thoughts molest with this I shield my breast  
May Jesus Christ be praised

To God the Word on high the hosts of angels cry:  
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"  
Let mortals too upraise their voice in hymns of praise  
May Jesus Christ be praised

Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound  
May Jesus Christ be praised  
Let air and sea and sky from depth to height reply  
May Jesus Christ be praised

Be this while life is mine, my canticle divine  
May Jesus Christ be praised  
Be this the eternal song through all the ages long  
May Jesus Christ be praised

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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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## **THIS IS THE FEAST** (sung, LBW p. 60)

### **CHORUS**

*This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
Whose blood set us free to be people of God.

### **CHORUS**

Power, riches, wisdom and strength,  
And honour, blessing, and glory are his.

### **CHORUS**

Sing with all the people of God,  
And join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honour, glory and might  
Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

### **CHORUS**

For the Lamb who was slain  
Has begun his reign. Alleluia!

### **CHORUS**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

**All: Almighty and ever-living God, you fulfilled the promise of Easter by sending your Holy Spirit to unite the races and nations on earth and thus to proclaim your glory. Look upon your people gathered in prayer, open to receive the Spirit's flame. May it come to rest in our hearts**

and heal the division of word and tongue, that with one voice and one song we may praise your names in joy and thanksgiving; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE – 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.  
There's no one, there's no one like Jesus.  
There's no one, there's no one like Him.

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

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## FIRST READING – Genesis 11:1-9 NIV

**11** Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. <sup>2</sup> As people moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there. <sup>3</sup> They said to each other, "Come, let's make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. <sup>4</sup> Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth." <sup>5</sup> But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower the people were building. <sup>6</sup> The LORD said, "If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. <sup>7</sup> Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other." <sup>8</sup> So the LORD scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. <sup>9</sup> That is why it was called Babel—because there the LORD confused the language of the whole world. From there the LORD scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

## PSALM 143 NIV

- <sup>1</sup> LORD, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy; in your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief.
- <sup>2</sup> Do not bring your servant into judgment, for no one living is righteous before you.
- <sup>3</sup> The enemy pursues me, he crushes me to the ground; he makes me dwell in the darkness like those long dead.
- <sup>4</sup> So my spirit grows faint within me; my heart within me is dismayed.
- <sup>5</sup> I remember the days of long ago; I meditate on all your works and consider what your hands have done.
- <sup>6</sup> I spread out my hands to you; I thirst for you like a parched land.
- <sup>7</sup> Answer me quickly, LORD; my spirit fails. Do not hide your face from me or I will be like those who go down to the pit.
- <sup>8</sup> Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I entrust my life.
- <sup>9</sup> Rescue me from my enemies, LORD, for I hide myself in you.
- <sup>10</sup> Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

<sup>11</sup> For your name's sake, LORD, preserve my life; in your righteousness, bring me out of trouble.

<sup>12</sup> In your unfailing love, silence my enemies; destroy all my foes, for I am your servant.

## **SECOND READING – Acts 2:1-13 NIV**

<sup>2</sup> When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. <sup>5</sup> Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. <sup>7</sup> Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup> Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome <sup>11</sup> (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" <sup>12</sup> Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup> Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

## **RESPONSE**

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me (2x)

Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me

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## **GOSPEL – John 14:23-31 NIV**

<sup>23</sup> Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. <sup>24</sup> Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. <sup>25</sup> "All this I have spoken while still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. <sup>28</sup> "You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup> I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe. <sup>30</sup> I will not say much more to you, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold over me, <sup>31</sup> but he comes so that the world may learn that I love the Father and do exactly what my Father has commanded me.

## **PRE-SERMON HYMN: Holy Spirit (with *Gabriel's Oboe*)**

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul.

Let the presence of the risen Lord come renew my heart and make me whole.

Cause Your word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see,

Give me passion for Your purity, Holy Spirit breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within, may Your joy be seen in all I do.

Love enough to cover ev'ry sin, in each thought and deed and attitude

Kindness to the greatest and the least, gentleness that sows the path of peace

Turn my strivings into works of grace, Breath of God< show Christ in all I do

Holy Spirit from creation's birth giving life to all that God has made  
Show Your power once again on earth, cause Your church to hunger for Your ways  
Let the fragrance of our pray'rs arise; lead us on the road of sacrifice  
That in unity the face of Christ may be clear for all the world to see

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## **SERMON: PASTOR RICK – *Your Story Matters***

### **OFFERTORY HYMN: *Spirit of Gentleness* (WOV #684)**

#### **CHORUS**

*Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.*

You moved on the waters; You called to the deep  
Then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep  
And over the eons you called to each thing:  
“Awake from your slumber and rise on your wings.”

#### **CHORUS**

You swept through the desert; You stung with the sand  
And you goaded your people with a law and a land  
And when they were blinded with idols and lies  
Then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.

#### **CHORUS**

You sang in a stable; You cried from a hill  
Then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still  
And down in the city you called once again  
When you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.

You call from tomorrow; You break ancient schemes  
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams  
Our women see visions, our men clear their eyes  
With bold new decisions your people arise

#### **CHORUS**

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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 (LBW p.88 Sung)

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 (LBW p.110)

## 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 (LBW p.113): **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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## DISTRIBUTION

## COMMUNIONS SONGS

### **Worthy Is the Lamb**

Thank You for the cross, Lord  
Thank You for the price You paid  
Bearing all my sin and shame  
In love You came and gave amazing grace  
Thank You for this love, Lord  
Thank You for the nail-pierced hands  
Washed me in Your cleansing flow  
Now all I know Your forgiveness and embrace

*Worthy is the Lamb seated on the throne  
Crown You now with many crowns  
You reign victorious  
High and lifted up Jesus Son of God  
The Darling of heaven crucified  
Worthy is the Lamb (2x)*  
**(REPEAT SONG)**

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### **Breathe on Me, Breath of God**

Breathe on me breath of God, fill me with life anew  
That I may love what Thou dost love and do what Thou wouldst do

Breathe on me breath of God until my heart is pure  
Until with Thee I will one will to do and to endure

Breathe on me breath of God till I am wholly Thine  
Till all this earthly part of me glows with Thy fire divine

Breathe on me breath of God so shall I never die  
But live with Thee the perfect life of Thine eternity

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## COMMUNION BLESSING & POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

## BENEDICTION

## ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please see below for details)



CLOSING HYMN: I Feel the Winds of God Today

I feel the winds of God today; today my sail I lift  
Though heavy oft with drenching spray and torn with many a rift  
If hope but light the water's crest and Christ my bark will use  
I'll seek the seas at his behest and brave another cruise

It is the wind of God that dries my vain, regretful tears  
Until with braver thoughts shall rise the purer, brighter years  
If cast on shores of selfish ease or pleasure I should be  
Lord, let me feel thy freshening breeze and I'll put back to sea

If ever I forget thy love and how that love was shown  
Lift high the blood-red flag above, it bears Thy name alone  
Great Pilot of my onward way, Thou wilt not let me drift  
I feel the winds of God today; today my sail I lift

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THE SENDING

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Pastor Rick:       Tues 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM  
Tim Admin:        Mon & Tues 1:00–3:30 PM  
Staff Meeting:     Wed 10:30 AM –11:30 AM

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE:

8	Sun	10:00	AM	Sunday Service & Teaching - Your Story Matters
14	Sat	5:00 - 8:00	PM	Youth & Family BBQ
15	Sun	10:00	AM	Sunday Service, Fathers Day and SS windup & lunch

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15	Sun	10:00	AM	Sunday Service, Fathers Day and SS windup & lunch
22	Sun	10:00	AM	Sunday Service, Teaching - On the Road Again
24	Tues	7:00	PM	The Cabin Mens Ministry
28	Sat	Noon to 4	PM	Celebration of Life Darek Lee
29	Sun	10:00	AM	Sunday Service
30	Mon	All Day		Tim on Vacation Mon June 30 - Fri July 4 2025
July 1	Tues			Canada Day Holiday - Office Closed

### **Youth Group Meetings**

- Sat. Jun. 14, 5-8 pm Youth & Family BBQ at Riverfront Park Gazebo
  - You are always welcome to bring a friend or family in grades 5-12
- Any Questions contact Cindy Tester at [cindytester@saintpeters.ca](mailto:cindytester@saintpeters.ca)

### **VBC Snack Signup for August 11 - 15**

Our Vacation Bible Camp (VBC) needs to provide snacks each day for the children and volunteers. If you would like to bring something, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex, on the shelf between the mailboxes. We appreciate donations of cookies, muffins, Rice Krispie squares, and fruit. We just ask that there be NO NUTS in any of the baking, due to some severe allergies. You can bring the snacks in either before or during the week of VBC - please label them for VBC, and put them in the downstairs fridge or freezer.

If you have any questions, please contact Betty Klics at 403-613-3929.

Thank you so much!

### **Welcome Pastor Rick**

Beginning on Monday June 02, Pastor Rick will be serving as our full-time pastor. His day off will be Monday, and he will be available by appointment on Tuesdays from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

As we look ahead, Church Council will be sharing more about our moving forward plans. Please keep Pastor Rick in your prayers as he gently leads our congregation through this time of transition while we continue to seek our next pastor.

Thank you for your ongoing support and prayers during this important season.

### **Assistance needed for Pastor Bart's Fellowship Lunch June 22, 2025**

Millie and Florence are organizing the upcoming fellowship lunch for Pastor Bart and his family on June 22, 2025. If you would be able to help with setting up, serving or clean up from the lunch please contact the ladies.

### **Pastor's Prayer Time**

We're looking for a few people to join Pastor Rick for prayer each Sunday morning before worship. We'll meet at 8:45 AM in the board room located in the trailer. This time of prayer is a powerful way to center our hearts, invite the Holy Spirit, and lift up our church family and worship team. Your presence matters—prayer prepares the way for what God wants to do through our service together. If you're able to commit to this, please let Pastor Rick know. He would love to have different people praying with him each Sunday.

### **Living with Purpose: Perspectives on Life & Death – June 11**

I'm honored to be participating in the **14th Annual World Religions Conference in Cochrane**, where we'll explore the profound themes of life, purpose, and death through the lenses of various faith traditions and secular worldviews.

As a Christian representative, I look forward to sharing insights on how Christian teachings shape our understanding of death and dying, and how they invite us to live with purpose, hope, and compassion.

This well-attended gathering is a unique space for dialogue, reflection, and mutual respect. I'm genuinely excited for the opportunity to engage in meaningful conversations that enrich our shared human experience.

I hope you'll be able to attend—and feel free to bring a friend who may be curious about faith. This might be just the kind of event that encourages them to explore Christianity as a meaningful alternative.

Please pray for me as well. Thanks. Pastor Rick

Locations and time to be determined.

### **Life Interrupted- June 21 at Rock Pointe Church- 2PM- 6PM**

You're Invited: An Afternoon of Stories and Hope.

**Join us for an inspiring afternoon featuring powerful stories of families and their life-changing journeys, including the special premiere of the short film *A Broken Beat*—based on the true story of a family whose child was born with a heart condition.**

Pastor Rick will also share a deeply personal testimony of his first wife's battle with cancer, her passing, and how—even in the deepest moments of brokenness—God's presence remained unwavering.

Bring a friend and be encouraged by testimonies of God's faithfulness in the midst of life's hardest trials.

For more information, visit [rockpoint.ca](http://rockpoint.ca)

### **OUTREACH FOUNDATIONS - A Preaching Series**

As Pastor Rick continues to move forward in the outreach initiative at St. Peter's, a clear biblical and theological foundation is helpful. During the months of May and June, he will be sharing these outreach foundations through a four-part preaching series.

June 8	Your Story Matters: The language we speak to a post-Christian world
June 29	On the Road Again: Engaging strangers in conversation like Jesus did

### **COMING SOON: Summer Neighborhood Prayer Walks**

Neighborhood Prayer Walks are a simple but powerful way for small groups of two or three people to walk through their local community, praying quietly and intentionally for the people who live there. As participants walk through their neighborhoods, they offer prayers of blessing over homes, families, and individuals—asking God to bring peace, hope, and love into each household. These walks also include focused prayers for the future of St. Peter's as we transition into the next chapter of our life together, seeking God's guidance, unity, and renewal. A special part of the prayer is asking God to bring into our lives those who are spiritually curious, so that we might befriend them and gently share the love and truth of Jesus through relationship and community. If you would like to help Erica with this ministry beginning in July, please email her at [epharebergh@shaw.ca](mailto:epharebergh@shaw.ca).

Let's come together in faith to cover Cochrane—and our church's future—in prayer.

*"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."* – Matthew 18:20  
Sign-up begins soon!

