

## ORDER OF SERVICE – MAY 18, 2025 – 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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: 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.  
Worthy is the Lamb.*

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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:

**All: O God, form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found; 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: This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine (3x)  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Hide it under a bushel. No! I'm gonna let it shine (3x)  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Don't let Satan blow it out! I'm gonna let it shine (3x)  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Let it shine till Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine (3x)  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

## **FIRST READING – Acts 11:1-18 NIV**

**11** The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. <sup>2</sup> So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him <sup>3</sup> and said, “You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them.”

<sup>4</sup> Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story: <sup>5</sup> “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance, I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was. <sup>6</sup> I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles and birds. <sup>7</sup> Then I heard a voice telling me, ‘Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.’

<sup>8</sup> “I replied, ‘Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’

<sup>9</sup> “The voice spoke from heaven a second time, ‘Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.’ <sup>10</sup> This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again.

<sup>11</sup> “Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying. <sup>12</sup> The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man’s house. <sup>13</sup> He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. <sup>14</sup> He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved.’

<sup>15</sup> “As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup> Then I remembered what the Lord had said: ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>17</sup> So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God’s way?”

<sup>18</sup> When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, “So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

## **PSALM 150 NIV**

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.

<sup>2</sup> Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.

<sup>3</sup> Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre,

<sup>4</sup> praise him with timbrel and dancing, praise him with the strings and pipe,

<sup>5</sup> praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals.

<sup>6</sup> Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD.

## **SECOND READING – Revelation 21:1-7 NIV**

**21** Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. <sup>2</sup> I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. <sup>4</sup> ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

<sup>5</sup> He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

<sup>6</sup> He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. <sup>7</sup> Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

## 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 – John 16:12-22 NIV

<sup>12</sup> “I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. <sup>13</sup> But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. <sup>15</sup> All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.” <sup>16</sup> Jesus went on to say, “In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me.” <sup>17</sup> At this, some of his disciples said to one another, “What does he mean by saying, ‘In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me,’ and ‘Because I am going to the Father’?” <sup>18</sup> They kept asking, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We don’t understand what he is saying.” <sup>19</sup> Jesus saw that they wanted to ask him about this, so he said to them, “Are you asking one another what I meant when I said, ‘In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me’?” <sup>20</sup> Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy. <sup>21</sup> A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world. <sup>22</sup> So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy.

## PRE-SERMON HYMN: What a Beautiful Name It Is

You were the Word at the beginning, one with God the Lord Most High.  
Your hidden glory in creation, now revealed in You, our Christ.

*What a **beautiful** Name it is, (2x)*  
*The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.*  
*What a beautiful Name it is, nothing compares to this.*  
*What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.*

You didn't want heaven without us, so Jesus You brought heaven down.  
My sin was great, Your love was greater; what could separate us now?

*What a **wonderful** Name it is, (2x)*  
*The Name of Jesus Christ my King.*  
*What a wonderful Name it is, nothing compares to this.*  
*What a wonderful Name it is, The Name of Jesus. (2x)*

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You.  
You silence the boast of sin and grave.  
The heavens are roaring, the praise of Your glory  
For You are raised to life again.  
You have no rival, You have no equal. Now and forever God, You reign.  
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory, Yours is the Name above all names.

*What a **powerful** Name it is, (2x)*  
*The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.*  
*What a powerful Name it is, nothing can stand against.*  
*What a powerful Name it is, The Name of Jesus. (3x)*

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## **SERMON: Pastor Rick**

## **OFFERTORY HYMN: Create in Me**

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
And put a new and righteous spirit within me  
Cast me not away from thy presence  
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
And put a new and righteous spirit within me  
Cast me not away from thy presence  
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me

Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
Uphold me now with your free spirit  
Then I'll be able to teach the world your ways  
So all can turn from sin and dark to light

Create in me a clean heart, O God  
And put a new and righteous spirit within me  
Cast me not away from thy presence  
And take not your Holy Spirit from me

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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 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**

## **COMMUNION HYMNS**

## **COMMUNIONS SONGS**

## **We Were Made to Praise Our Maker**

We were made to praise our Maker, worship Him and Him alone  
But exchanged His love for bondage, separated from His throne

We were dead in sin and sickness, bound by idols and by pride  
But the Cross of Christ has freed us, paid the price and death defied

*Praise the Father of Creation! Praise the Song whose scars atone!  
Praise the Spirit ever present! Worthy is God's name alone!*

But we ask: "How long, Our Father, 'til we see your kingdom come?  
All the earth awaits with groaning the return of Christ, your Son."

When at last our eyes behold Him in His glory and His might  
Every knee will bow in worship at the radiance of His Light

*Praise the Father of Creation! Praise the Song whose scars atone!  
Praise the Spirit ever present! Worthy is God's name alone!*

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Tune: Watts Cradle Hymn

## **O Living Bread from Heaven (LBW #197)**

O living Bread from heaven, how well you feed your guest!  
The gifts that you have given have filled my heart with rest.  
O, wondrous food of blessing; O, cup that heals our woes!  
My heart, this gift possessing, with praises overflows!

My Lord, you here have led me within your holiest place,  
And here yourself have fed me with treasures of your grace;  
For you have freely given what earth could never buy,  
The bread of life from heaven, that now I shall not die.

You gave me all I wanted; this food can death destroy.  
And you have freely granted the cup of endless joy.  
My Lord, I do not merit the favor you have shown,  
And all my soul and spirit bow down before your throne.

Lord, grant me that, thus strengthened with heav'nly food, while here  
My course on earth is lengthened, to serve with holy fear.  
And when you call my spirit to leave this world below,  
I enter, through your merit, where joys unmingled flow.

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Words by Johann Rist (1607-1667); translated by Catherine Winkworth (1829-1878) | Music by Samuel Wesley (1810-1876)

## **COMMUNION BLESSING & POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

### **BENEDICTION**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please see below for details)**



## **CLOSING HYMN: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of Heav'n, to Earth come down!  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;  
Let us all in thee inherit; let us find thy promised rest.  
Take away our love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning, wet our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver; let us all thy grace receive;  
Suddenly return, and never, never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy host above,  
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee!  
Changed from glory into glory, till in Heav'n we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise!

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## **THE SENDING**

P: Go in Peace.

C: 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**

### **Remainder of the of May 2025**

May	18 Sun	10:00 AM	Sunday, Sunday School and Youth Study
May	20 Tues	10:00 AM	Ladies End of Life Conversations lead by Pastor Rick
May	24 Sat	5:00 PM	Youth Group supper & Study
May	25 Sun	10:00 AM	Sunday, Sunday School and Youth Study
May	27 Tues	10:00 AM	Ladies End of Life Conversations lead by Pastor Rick

### **Youth Group Meetings**

- Sat May 24, 2025 - 5:00 PM Youth Group supper and study
  - Sat June 7, 2025 - 5:00 PM Youth Group supper and study
  - Sat June 14, 2025 - 5:00 PM Youth Group supper and study
  - 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)

### **ST. PETERS SPRING CLEAN-UP May 24, 2025 9 AM to NOON**

Its that time, the Annual Spring Clean-up at St. Peter's. Rob has posted a list of jobs you can sign up for on the top of the bookshelf between the two sets of mailboxes in the Narthex. Pick one or several, do then anytime including on May 24. Any quests speak with Rob Thorneycroft or Tim.

### **NEW MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY**

St. Peter's is planning on hosting a new membership Sunday either on May 25 or June 1. Please contact the office or Pastor Bart if you are interested in becoming a member of St. Peter's.

### **END OF LIFE DISCUSSIONS**

Let's face it, we are all getting older and many of our neighbors and friends are aging as well. Although it's difficult at times to have conversations about dying, it's important. Actually significant. Pastor Rick has written two books on end of life and has given many lectures and workshops on the topic and is pleased to share 4 studies on the subject at the Tuesday morning ladies bible study. Hope you can attend beginning on May 6 at 10:00 am.

### **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.

May 18	Faithful Presence: A non-violent apologetic in your conversations
June 8	Your Story Matters: The language we speak to a post-Christian world
June 22	On the Road Again: Engaging strangers in conversation like Jesus did

### **VACATION BIBLE CAMP (VBC) 2025 IS COMING UP ON AUG 11-15!**

We are excited to host Hastings Lake leaders again, who will provide the fun and faith-filled Day Camp program for children in Grades 1 – 6 and runs from 8:40 - 3:00 PM each day. There will be no Preschool program this year. There is a maximum number of 45 children.

Registration is via Hastings Lake Bible Camp website [hastingslake.com](http://hastingslake.com), and the registration cost to families is \$65 per child. Registration is open now, so don't delay!

A host of volunteers are needed. Please see detailed update in this weeks Care & Info email.

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

**Walk. Pray. Bless. Believe.**

Starting sometime in July, we'll be launching *Neighborhood Prayer Walks* throughout Cochrane. Here's how it works:

1. Let us know where you live in Cochrane
2. Join a prayer team of 2–4 people from your area
3. Go for a walk—and pray over your neighborhood

### **Why We Walk & Pray**

To bless our neighbors, invite the Holy Spirit to move, and ask God to bring transformation through prayer.

We'll also be intentionally praying for the future of our church, including God's leading in the search for a new pastor.

## **What to Expect**

- A master map of Cochrane to help organize neighborhood teams
- Designated team leaders to help coordinate walks
- Prayer cards to help guide your time in prayer
- Optional hangouts afterward to connect with your team

## **Weekly Sunday Sharing**

Each week, we'll hear how God is moving:

- How many were out praying?
- What stories came from the walk?
- What is God stirring in your heart?

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!