

Order of Service – July 13, 2025, 10:00AM
NOAH's BLUEPRINT – Spirit Lead Innovation for God's Kingdom

Preaching and Presiding: Pastor Rick
Music Team: Erica's 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 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: As for Me and My House

Choose you this day whom you will serve:
The kingdom of heaven or the powers of earth.
Has He not spoken have you not heard?
There is but one true God.

The God of our fathers set us free.
His Son paid the price for our covenant peace.
Through generations His mercy speaks.
We trust in one true God.

Chorus

As for me and my house, we will serve, serve the Lord.
As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord our God.

This house is the Lord's and all within.
May it be pleasing and holy to Him.
Joined by His Spirit, His people sing:
"Great is the one true God.
Oh, great is the living God!"

Chorus

Praise the Father! Praise the Son! Praise the Spirit now in us!
Let every heart and every tongue praise the one true God

Chorus x 2

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OPENING HYMN: The Church's One Foundation (LBW #369)

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

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

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

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

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LIGHTING THE CANDLES • WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

All: Almighty God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – we welcome Your presence among us today. We set apart this time for You alone. May You be honored in every word spoken, every song sung, every prayer lifted, and every truth received from Your Word. Draw our hearts near and renew our spirits as we worship. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, beseeching Him, in the name of our Lord Jesus, to forgive the iniquity of our sin.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open
All desires known, from You no secrets are hid
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
By the power of your Spirit
That we love and magnify your name

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P: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

[Silence for reflection]

P: Most merciful God...

All: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. Amen

THE GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: and also with you.

KYRIE

Kyrie eleison, Lord have mercy (2x)
Christe eleison, Christ have mercy (2x)
Kyrie eleison, Lord have mercy (2x)
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy

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GLORIA

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria! Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria!
We praise you! We bless you! We worship you! We glorify you!
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria! Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria!
Amen! Amen! Amen! Amen!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY:

ALL: Lord God, Like Noah, help us trust Your call, even when we don't see the full plan. Speak to us in Your still small voice, and give us faith to obey. Guide us by Your Spirit, and keep us faithful in all things. In Jesus' name, Amen.

CHILDREN'S STORY

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: Genesis 6:6-22

6 When people began to multiply on the face of the ground, and daughters were born to them, ²the sons of God saw that they were fair, and they took wives for themselves of all that they chose. ³Then the LORD said, “My spirit shall not abide^[a] in mortals forever, for they are flesh; their days shall be one hundred twenty years.” ⁴The Nephilim were on the earth in those days—and also afterward—when the sons of God went in to the daughters of humans, who bore children to them. These were the heroes that were of old, warriors of renown.

⁵The LORD saw that the wickedness of humans was great in the earth and that every inclination of the thoughts of their hearts was only evil continually. ⁶And the LORD was sorry that he had made humans on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. ⁷So the LORD said, “I will blot out from the earth the humans I have created—people together with animals and creeping things and birds of the air—for I am sorry that I have made them.” ⁸But Noah found favor in the sight of the LORD.

⁹These are the descendants of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation; Noah walked with God. ¹⁰And Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

¹¹Now the earth was corrupt in God’s sight, and the earth was filled with violence. ¹²And God saw that the earth was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted its ways upon the earth. ¹³And God said to Noah, “I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence because of them; now I am going to destroy them along with the earth. ¹⁴Make yourself an ark of cypress^[b] wood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch. ¹⁵This is how you are to make it: the length of the ark three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. ¹⁶Make a roof^[c] for the ark, and finish it to a cubit above, and put the door of the ark in its side; make it with lower, second, and third decks. ¹⁷For my part, I am going to bring a flood of waters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die. ¹⁸But I will establish my covenant with you, and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons’ wives with you. ¹⁹And of every living thing, of all flesh, you shall bring two of every kind into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female. ²⁰Of the birds according to their kinds and of the animals according to their kinds, of every creeping thing of the ground according to its kind, two of every kind shall come in to you, to keep them alive. ²¹Also take with you every kind of food that is eaten, and store it up, and it shall serve as food for you and for them.” ²²Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.

PSALM: 127

Unless the LORD builds the house those who build it labor in vain.

Unless the LORD guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain.

²It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil, for he gives sleep to his beloved.

³Sons are indeed a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward.

⁴Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the sons of one’s youth.

⁵Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them. He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1-7

11 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. ⁴By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain’s. Through this he received approval as righteous,

God himself giving approval to his gifts; he died, but through his faith he still speaks. ⁵ By faith Enoch was taken so that he did not experience death, and “he was not found, because God had taken him.” For it was attested before he was taken away that “he had pleased God.” ⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would approach God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. ⁷ By faith Noah, warned by God about events as yet unseen, respected the warning and built an ark to save his household; by this he condemned the world and became an heir to the righteousness that is in accordance with faith.

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: Mark 2:2-11

² So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door, and he was speaking the word to them. ³ Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. ⁴ And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. ⁵ When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Child, your sins are forgiven.” ⁶ Now some of the scribes were sitting there questioning in their hearts, ⁷ “Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” ⁸ At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves, and he said to them, “Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? ⁹ Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Stand up and take your mat and walk’? ¹⁰ But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the paralytic— ¹¹ “I say to you, stand up, take your mat, and go to your home.”

PRE-SERMON HYMN: Ancient of Days

Though the nations rage, kingdoms rise and fall, there is still one King reigning over all.
So, I will not fear for this truth remains; that my God is the Ancient of Days.

CHORUS:

*None above Him, none before Him, all of time in His hands
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand
All the power, all the glory – I will trust in His name
For my God is the Ancient of days*

Though the dread of night overwhelms my soul, He is here with me. I am not alone.
O, His love is sure and He knows my name. For my God is the Ancient of Days.

CHORUS:

Though I may not see what the future brings, I will watch and wait for the Saviour King.
Then my joy complete standing face to face in the presence of the Ancient of Days.

CHORUS:

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SERMON: Pastor Rick

OFFERTORY HYMN: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto Me and rest
Lay down thou weary one, lay down thy head upon My breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, weary and worn and sad
I found in Him a resting place and He has made me glad

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold I freely give
The living water, thirsty one, stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus and I drank of that life-giving stream
My thirst was quenched my soul revived and now I live in Him

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's Light
Look unto Me thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright."
I looked to Jesus and I found in Him my Star my Sun
And in that light of life I'll walk till travelling days are done

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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...

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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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There is but one true God

The God of our fathers set us free
His Son paid the price for our covenant peace
Through generations His mercy speaks
We trust in one true God

Chorus

As for me and my house, we will serve serve the Lord
As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord our God

This house is the Lord's and all within
May it be pleasing and holy to Him
Joined by His Spirit His people sing:
"Great is the one true God
Oh, great is the living God!"

Chorus

Praise the Father! Praise the Son! Praise the Spirit now in us!
Let every heart and every tongue praise the one true God

Chorus

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Chorus x 2

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BLESSING

COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

Announcements

CLOSING 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

*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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THE SENDING

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Sundays at St. Peter's

Summer is here, and as many volunteers take holidays, we'll use printed bulletins and serve "simplified coffee" hosted by our Church Council — a relaxed way to connect.

Neighborhood Prayer Walks — Join the Movement!

Our Summer Neighborhood Prayer Walks began July 1, and we're already seeing God's movement as we pray for neighbors.

Pick a time this week to walk and pray quietly with friends. Prayer cards are at the Welcoming Table. Check your inbox for Monday's devotional email — a great guide.

Consider praying for one person nearby — maybe God's already putting someone on your heart. What if He's waiting for you to notice?

New Summer Sermon Series: Divine Designs — Hearing God's Call to Advance His Kingdom

We're exploring what it means to say "yes" to God's call and build something meaningful.

July 13 — *Noah's Blueprint*: Radical obedience and Spirit-led creativity reshaping the world.

July 20 — *Abraham's Journey*: Trusting the Caller more than the plan — a timely word for uncertainty.

Invite someone curious about faith in action!

Join Pastor Rick for Prayer Before Worship

Sundays at 8:45 AM in the board room (trailer) for a short, meaningful prayer time. Supporting Pastor Rick and praying for attendees prepares the way for God's work in our church.

Future Directions Task Force — Help Shape Our Next Chapter!

We're prayerfully preparing for what's next, including the call of a new pastor. This summer, you'll be invited to participate in surveys, conversations, and more. Your input is vital as we seek God's guidance for the future.

The committee includes Elaine Knudston, George Forster, Fred Nelson, Fred Schickedanz, and Gary Buss. Feel free to reach out to any of them for a conversation.

Kingdom Innovation Hub — Spirit-Led Creativity & Collaboration

A safe space for sharing Spirit-led ideas, explored through a simple ministry development process focused on passion, gifting, and resources.

Next Sunday, look for an "Idea Form" to reflect on what God's stirring in you for His Kingdom in Cochrane.

We want to be a church open to God-ideas—where creativity, discernment, and faith grow. Interested? Talk to Pastor Rick!

Celebrating Baptism This Fall

This September, we're focusing on the beautiful gift of baptism — a joyful reminder of new life in Christ!

If you've been baptized, please send your baptism date to Tim in the office. Throughout the year, we'll honor these special milestones during worship, Children's Time, Prayers of the People, and our Caring Email—keeping God's faithfulness at the heart of our community.

Baptism marks our response to God's love and our invitation into life with Him. It's the beginning of our spiritual journey.

Have you ever talked with someone outside the church who's been baptized? If they ask, "*Why would I want that?*" — what would you say?

Let's be prayerful and bold, ready to share the meaning and benefits of baptism with friends, neighbors, and colleagues. Your conversation might just open the door to someone's new beginning in Christ.

Confirmation This Fall

Do you have a son or daughter in 7th grade or older who's ready to go deeper in their faith? This fall, we're launching a confirmation program and inviting families to join this meaningful journey.

We are particularly interested in finding a co-teaching method so that a few people can be with our teenagers, engage them from their perspective, and develop relationships as part of our confirmation program.

Cindy Tester and Pastor Rick are partnering to shape this ministry and would love to hear from you if you're interested in being part of the conversation.

Serving in the Church

Could you please pray about how God might use your gifts in service to Him and the church body?

We need everyone to contribute so that the load is lighter for all.

As we take time to reflect over the summer, please ask God where He might use your gifts in service to Him and the church.