

**ORDER OF SERVICE – AUG 10, 2025 - 9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
“PETER STEPS OUT: KINGDOM COURAGE TO WALK BEYOND COMFORT”**

**Preaching & Presiding: Pastor Rick
Music Team: Elaine K's Team**

Welcome to Worship!

We're so glad you're here! If you're visiting today, stop by the **Welcome Table** in the narthex to pick up a gift bag and learn more about our programs. After the service, grab a coffee and enjoy some conversation.

If your child needs a quieter spot during the service, feel free to use the **narthex near the fireplace**, where quiet toys are available.

If you are **baptized in a Christian church**, you are welcome to come forward for **communion**. Children who have completed communion instruction are also welcome to participate. If your child is not receiving communion, you're encouraged to bring them forward for a **blessing**. Please have them **cross their arms over their chest** to indicate they would like a blessing.

If you would like **personal prayer**, our prayer team is available in the narthex either **before or after communion**. Individual prayer is also available **following the service**.

Please note: Today's service, including **Children's Time**, is being **live streamed and recorded** for St. Peter's YouTube channel. If you'd prefer not to be on camera, seating is available toward the back of the sanctuary.

PRELUDE

As the prelude begins, please take this time to quiet your hearts and prepare for worship. As the light is brought into the sanctuary, let us ready ourselves to receive God's Word and to come to His table, where we are fed by His grace.

PRELUDE CHORUS: Same God (Sung by music team)

I'm calling on the God of Jacob whose love endures through generations.
I know that you will keep your covenant. I'm calling on the God of Moses,
The one who opened up the ocean. I need you now to do the same thing for me.

CHORUS

Oh God, my God, I need You. Oh God, my God, I need You now.
Oh Rock, oh Rock of ages, I'm standing on Your faithfulness.

I'm calling on the God of Mary whose favour rests upon the lowly.
I know with You all things are possible. I'm calling on the God of David
Who made a shepherd boy courageous. I may not face Goliath,
But I've got my own giants.

CHORUS

You heard your children then; You hear your children now.
You are the same God, You are the same God.
You moved in power then; God move in power now.
You are the same God, You are the same God
You were a Savior then; You are a Savior now
You are the same God. You are the same God.

CHORUS

Oh God, my God, I need You. Oh God, my God, I need You now.
Oh Rock, oh Rock of ages, I'm standing on Your faithfulness.

I'm calling on the Holy Spirit. Almighty river, come and fill me again.
Come and fill me again. Come and fill me again.

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LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOMING

OPENING HYMN: Lift High the Cross LBW 377

CHORUS

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adores his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ the Son of God,

CHORUS

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine.

CHORUS

All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of him who died.

CHORUS

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

CHORUS

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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.

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

P: 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

Oh God, my God, I need You. Oh God, my God, I need You now.
Oh Rock, oh Rock of ages, I'm standing on Your faithfulness.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

ALL: Pour out upon us, O Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right, that we, who cannot even exist without you, may have the strength to live according to your will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE – Pastor Rick

CHILDREN'S SONG: The Water is Wide

The water is wide (children echo)
I cannot get o'er (echo)
And neither have (echo)
I wings to fly (echo)
Give me a boat (echo)
That can carry two (echo)
And both shall row (echo)
My Lord and I (echo)

When I survey (echo)
The wondrous cross (echo)
On which the prince (echo)
Of glory died (echo)
My richest gain (echo)
I count but loss (echo)
And pour contempt (echo)
On all my pride (echo)

Were the whole realm (echo)
Of nature mine (echo)
That were a present (echo)
Far too small (echo)
Love so amazing (echo)
So divine (echo)
Demands my soul, (echo)
My life my all. (echo)

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First Reading: Joshua 1:1-16 NIV

1 After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: **2** "Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites. **3** I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. **4** Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates—all the Hittite country—to the Mediterranean Sea in the west.

⁵ No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. ⁶ Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them. ⁷ “Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. ⁸ Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. ⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.” ¹⁰ So Joshua ordered the officers of the people: ¹¹ “Go through the camp and tell the people, ‘Get your provisions ready. Three days from now you will cross the Jordan here to go in and take possession of the land the LORD your God is giving you for your own.’” ¹² But to the Reubenites, the Gadites and the half-tribe of Manasseh, Joshua said, ¹³ “Remember the command that Moses the servant of the LORD gave you after he said, ‘The LORD your God will give you rest by giving you this land.’” ¹⁴ Your wives, your children and your livestock may stay in the land that Moses gave you east of the Jordan, but all your fighting men, ready for battle, must cross over ahead of your fellow Israelites. You are to help them ¹⁵ until the LORD gives them rest, as he has done for you, and until they too have taken possession of the land the LORD your God is giving them. After that, you may go back and occupy your own land, which Moses the servant of the LORD gave you east of the Jordan toward the sunrise.” ¹⁶ Then they answered Joshua, “Whatever you have commanded us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go.”

Psalm 90 NIV

¹ Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.
² Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
³ You turn people back to dust, saying, “Return to dust, you mortals.”
⁴ A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.
⁵ Yet you sweep people away in the sleep of death—they are like the new grass of the morning:
⁶ In the morning it springs up new, but by evening it is dry and withered.
⁷ We are consumed by your anger and terrified by your indignation.
⁸ You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.
⁹ All our days pass away under your wrath; we finish our years with a moan.
¹⁰ Our days may come to seventy years, or eighty, if our strength endures; yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away.
¹¹ If only we knew the power of your anger! Your wrath is as great as the fear that is your due.
¹² Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.
¹³ Relent, LORD! How long will it be? Have compassion on your servants.
¹⁴ Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.
¹⁵ Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, for as many years as we have seen trouble.
¹⁶ May your deeds be shown to your servants, your splendor to their children.
¹⁷ May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us—yes, establish the work of our hands.

SECOND READING – Philippians 3:1-21 NIV

3 Further, my brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord! It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you again, and it is a safeguard for you. ² Watch out for those dogs, those evildoers, those mutilators of the flesh. ³ For it is we who are the circumcision, we who serve God by his Spirit, who boast in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh— ⁴ though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh,

I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless. ⁷ But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in^[a] Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. ¹⁶ Only let us live up to what we have already attained. ¹⁷ Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. ¹⁸ For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

ALLELUIA

Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? Shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life, O Lord.
You have the words of eternal life, O Lord.
Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?
Shall we go? Shall we go?

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GOSPEL John 6:1-21 NIV

6 Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), ² and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed by healing the sick. ³ Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. ⁴ The Jewish Passover Festival was near. ⁵ When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, “Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?” ⁶ He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do. ⁷ Philip answered him, “It would take more than half a year’s wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!” ⁸ Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, spoke up, ⁹ “Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?” ¹⁰ Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). ¹¹ Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. ¹² When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, “Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted.” ¹³ So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten. ¹⁴ After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, “Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world.” ¹⁵ Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself. ¹⁶ When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, ¹⁷ where they got into a boat and set off across the lake for Capernaum. By now it was dark,

and Jesus had not yet joined them. ¹⁸ A strong wind was blowing and the waters grew rough. ¹⁹ When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the water; and they were frightened. ²⁰ But he said to them, "It is I; don't be afraid." ²¹ Then they were willing to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the shore where they were heading.

PRE-SERMON HYMN: LORD, SPEAK TO US, THAT WE MAY SPEAK! LBW 403

Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in living echoes of your tone;
As you have sought, so let us seek Your straying children, lost and lone.

Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead The wand'ring and the wav'ring feet;
Oh, feed us, Lord, that we may feed Your hung'ring ones with manna sweet.

Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach The precious truths which you impart;
And wing our words, that they may reach The hidden depths of many-a heart.

Oh, fill us with your fullness, Lord, Until our very hearts o'erflow
In kindling thought and glowing word, Your love to tell, your praise to show.

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SERMON: Pastor Rick

OFFERTORY HYMN: I, the Lord of Sea and Sky WOV 752

"I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry,
All who dwell in deepest sin My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"

CHORUS

Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

"I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them, Whom shall I send?"

CHORUS

"I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

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

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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 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

Hymn: I Am the Bread of Life WOV 702

"I am the Bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger,
And who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me unless the Father beckons."

CHORUS

"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
And I will raise you up on the last day."

"The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world,
And if you eat of this bread, You shall live forever, You shall live forever."

CHORUS

"I am the resurrection, I am the life.
If you believe in me, even though you die, You shall live forever."

CHORUS

Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ,
The Son of the living God, who has come into the world, To give us hope eternal.

CHORUS

Hymn: Once Again

Jesus Christ, I think upon Your sacrifice; You become nothing, poured out to death.
Many times I've wondered at Your gift of life, and I'm in that place once again.
And I'm in that place once again.

CHORUS

Once again I look upon the cross where You died.
I'm humbled by Your mercy and I'm broken inside.
Once again I thank You, once again I pour out my life.

Now You are exalted to the highest place, King of the heavens, where one day I'll bow.
But, for now, I marvel at this saving grace, And I'm full of praise once again.
And I'm full of praise once again.

CHORUS

Thank you for the cross. Thank you for the cross. Thank you for the cross, my Friend. (X2)

CHORUS

COMMUNION BLESSING & POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

INSTALLATION OF VBS TEAM

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please see below for details)

CLOSING HYMN: On Our Way Rejoicing LBW 260

On our way rejoicing, gladly let us go. Christ our Lord has conquered; Vanquished is the foe.
Christ without, our safety; Christ within, our joy; Who, if we be faithful, Can our hope destroy?

REFRAIN

On our way rejoicing; As we forward move,
Hearken to our praises, O blest God of love!

Unto God the Father, joyful songs we sing; Unto God the Savior, thankful hearts we bring.
Unto God the Spirit, bow we and adore, On our way rejoicing now and evermore.

REFRAIN

THE SENDING

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

Postlude: "Same God" – by the Music team

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fall Program Schedule Submission

Urgent: We need a short sentence or two about your program schedule for this coming fall. Please include the **dates, time, duration**, and the **part of the church** where you plan to host your program or event.

All scheduling must be approved through the church office.

Please submit this information **by Wednesday August 13, 2024.**

EXAMPLE (for reference only):

Our fall Bible study on Discipleship will run from September 18 to November 20, meeting Wednesdays from 6:30–8:00 PM for a total of 10 weeks. We plan to host it in the Gateway. Please email Rick at rbergh@shaw.ca for more information and registration.

Thank you so much,

Your church team

Pastor Rick, Tim, and Cindy

Please send your information to: **office@saintpeters.ca**

SUMMER SUNDAYS AT ST. PETER'S

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

NO YOUTUBE BROADCAST SUNDAY AUGUST 24, 2025

Due to planned maintenance, St. Peter's will not be broadcasting the service on August 24, 2025. Join the congregation for service in the Sanctuary that day.

CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY – HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF ST. PETER'S!

As we prepare to call our next senior pastor, we invite everyone actively involved in our faith community to take a short, anonymous survey. Your input will help us reflect on who we are and where God is leading us. The survey began **August 3** and will be open until **August, 24**.

How to Take the Survey:

See the Care and Info email for directions

In Person Help: Available in **The Gateway** after worship on **August 10, 17, and 24**.

Who Should Participate?

Everyone actively involved in our faith community - please complete one survey per person.

Survey Results Reveal: Sunday, September 7 – Join us **downstairs after worship** to hear what we've learned and celebrate the next steps!

If you would like to speak with any of our committee members feel free to reach out to them for further conversations: Fred Nelson, Mel Gawryletz, Elaine Knudtson, George Forster, Gary Buss, and Fred Schickedanz.

DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL- Begins tomorrow Please pray our team and children

It takes a big team to make Daily Vacation Bible School happen, and we are so grateful for all our amazing volunteers! Special thanks to our leaders Betty Klics and Donna Bradley; meal provider and registrar Millie Holmes; snack and lunch helpers Annick St-Onge-Klics and Marjatta Laurel; group helpers Doreen Budden, Laurie Hnatuk, Florence Toth, Cindy Tester, Shelley Kirkpatrick, and Lynn Neumann; youth helpers Raynor St-Onge-Klics, Leland Tester, and Solomon Ohler; and our substitutes Betty Porter, Marg Bowen, Elaine Malcolm, and Donna Bradley. Thank you also to all those who are contributing snacks and offering support behind the scenes—you are helping make this week a blessing for our children! Please join us for a final concert at 2PM on Friday.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY GATHERING – August 31

Are you between the ages of 18 and 30? We're dreaming big at St. Pete's and would love to invite *you* to be part of it! Join us for **pizza and conversation** right after worship on **Saturday, August 31** as we explore the possibility of launching a Young Adult Ministry.

Come share your thoughts, connect with others, and help us shape a vision to reach the next generation for Jesus Christ. For more details, talk to **Parker** or **Cindy**. We hope to see you there!

DIVINE DESINGS: Hearing God's Call

Next week we conclude the last message in our summer series, *Divine Designs — Hearing God's Call to Advance His Kingdom*.

This summer, we've explored what it means to say "yes" to God's call and build something meaningful. Through the stories of Noah, Abram, Nehemiah, and Peter, we've seen how God uses ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary things for His kingdom.

Next week we conclude with **August 17 – Paul's Turnaround: From Wreckage to Revival**
What if your worst moment became your launchpad?

If you missed any of the previous sermons, you're welcome to request a complete set of the printed messages. In response to interest, Pastor Rick has begun writing out his sermons for this series and is including follow-up questions to help guide your personal reflection and devotional time.

To receive the sermons by email or as a printed packet, please contact the church office.

As we bring this series to a close, we encourage you to continue digging deep into how God is speaking to you—and how you can better hear His voice as you live out your faith. Together, let's listen for how God may be leading us forward in mission, even into unfamiliar places, for the sake of reaching those who don't yet know Christ.

Missions Sunday – August 24

Join us on Sunday, August 24, as we welcome Derryl and Karen Friesen, a missionary couple supported by St. Peter's. They will be preaching during the morning service, and you are invited to stay for a Lunch and Learn immediately afterward.

The Friesens serve in Thailand with Wycliffe Bible Translators Canada, overseeing 11 initiatives across Mainland Southeast Asia. These projects impact members of 30 language groups and include developing alphabets for unreached languages, Bible translation, and more.

JOIN THE MOVEMENT — NEIGHBORHOOD PRAYER WALKS ARE UNDERWAY!

Our Summer Prayer Walks kicked off July 1, and God is already on the move! Stories of hope, connection, and answered prayer are beginning to unfold — and we want YOU to be a part of it.

Grab a few friends, pick a time that works this week, and take a quiet walk through your neighborhood — eyes open, hearts lifted. Prayer cards are waiting for you at the Welcoming Table to help guide your time.

Don't forget to check your inbox for Monday's devotional email — it's packed with encouragement and prayer prompts to fuel your walk.

And here's a challenge: Ask God to highlight just *one person* nearby — a neighbor, a coworker, someone at the park. Maybe He's already nudging your heart. What if all He's waiting for is *you* to take the first step?

Let's walk. Let's pray. Let's see what God will do.

ANNUAL CHURCH SUMMER BBQ

Join us for our **Annual Summer Church BBQ** at the Schickedanz Ranch on **Thursday, August 28 at 6:00 PM!** This is one of the best nights of the summer — a chance to enjoy delicious food, warm fellowship, and meaningful connection with others in our church family. Whether you've been here for years or are just getting to know us, this evening is all about building relationships and having fun together. **Cost is \$10 per individual or \$30 per family**, and it includes everything you need for a great BBQ meal. Just **bring a lawn chair** and your appetite for good food and even better company. **Don't miss it — it's way too much fun!**

Come hear how God is at work, and enjoy a light lunch as we learn more about their ministry!

Introducing The KINGDOM INNOVATION HUB — Spirit-Led Creativity & Collaboration Sunday, August 30

Welcome to a safe, inspiring space where Spirit-led ideas come to life!

Throughout Scripture, we see God stirring bold, creative ideas in the hearts of His people — from Abraham and Noah to Nehemiah, Paul, and Peter. These were ordinary people entrusted with extraordinary vision. What about us? Could God be placing ideas in our hearts today?

At the **Kingdom Innovation Hub**, we believe He is.

This fall, as we come out of a summer focused on how God speaks through His Word and how we can hear His voice, we're taking the next step: **creating a space where you can begin to share the ideas God may be stirring in you.**

The Kingdom Innovation Hub exists to ensure that God-inspired ideas don't get lost — that they're shared, prayed through, and discerned in community. We're here to help you explore what the Lord may be birthing in your heart, through a simple ministry process centered on your passions, gifts, and resources.

Come be part of something exciting — let's bring God's creative plans to life!

More information will be shared on **Sunday, August 30 during our worship time.**

Our team — Robin, Parker, Matt, and Don — are here to support, encourage, and collaborate with you as we seek God's will together.

GOOD VIBES MEMORY CHOIR – NOW WELCOMING STUDENTS

One of the *Good Vibes Memory Choirs* will continue this fall at St. Peter's, conducted by Erica Phare-Bergh. Exciting news: the choir is expanding to include an **intergenerational component!**

Do you know any children or teens who might enjoy and benefit from this unique experience? We believe **homeschool students** may find it easiest to participate, as our rehearsals typically take place in the **morning or afternoon** at various locations. If you know students or families who might be interested in this opportunity, please connect with Erica directly:

CELEBRATE THE GIFT OF BAPTISM THIS FALL

This September, we celebrate the gift of Holy Baptism — where God acts first, claiming us as His own, forgiving our sin, and giving us new life in Christ. Baptism isn't something we do for God — it's something God does for us. Through water and the Word, He welcomes us into His family and begins a lifelong journey of grace.

If you've been baptized, we invite you to share your baptism date with Tim in the office so we can mark these spiritual birthdays in worship and in community throughout the year. It's a chance to remember that your identity is rooted not in what you've done, but in what God has done for you.

If you haven't been baptized — or want to learn more about what baptism means — this is a wonderful time to explore. In baptism, God gives the promise of hope, forgiveness, and a new beginning, grounded not in our feelings or efforts, but in His unchanging Word.

This fall let's rejoice in this means of grace and invite others to discover the comfort, assurance, and joy of baptismal life.

CONFIRMATION THIS FALL

Do you have a son or daughter in 7th grade or older who is ready to go deeper in their faith? This fall, we are excited to launch a Confirmation program and invite families to join this meaningful journey. We are especially looking for a co-teaching team so that a few dedicated individuals can spend time with our teenagers, engage them from their perspective, and build strong relationships as part of the Confirmation program. Cindy Tester and Pastor Rick are partnering to shape this ministry and would love to hear from you.

Rally Day Theme: *Abide and Go – September 14 with BBQ to follow*

Join us as we explore how abiding in Christ empowers us to grow in faith and go into the world with purpose. This Rally Day, we'll introduce new opportunities for spiritual growth and unveil an exciting new mission initiative: **Serve 1**.

Serve 1 is a call to action — inviting each of us to step out in service and live out our faith in tangible ways. Whether you're new to missions or ready for your next challenge, this is your moment.

Mark your calendar: August 14

Let's gather, grow, and go together.