

ORDER OF SERVICE – JULY 20, 2025 – 6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Abraham's Journey: Moving Without a Map. Would you go if you didn't know where?

Preaching & Presiding Pastor Rick

Music Team: Mel and Adeline'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 SONG: To You, O Lord

To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul. In You I trust, O my God.
Do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Chorus

No one whose hope is in You will ever be put to shame;
That's why my eyes are on You, O Lord.
Surround me defend me, O how I need You.
To You I lift up my soul, To You I lift up my soul

Show me Your ways and teach me Your paths. Guide me in truth, lead me on;
For You're my God, You are my Saviour. My hope is in You each moment of the day.

Chorus

Remember, Lord, Your mercy and love that ever flow from of old,
Remember not the sins of my youth or my rebellious ways,

Chorus

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LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

OPENING HYMN: Trust and Obey

When we walk with the Lord, in the light of His Word,
What a glory He sheds on our way;
While we do His good will, He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.

Chorus

Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies,
But His smile quickly drives it away;
Not a doubt nor a fear, not a sigh nor a tear,
Can abide while we trust and obey.

Chorus

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,
But our toil He doth richly repay;
Not a grief nor a loss, not a frown nor a cross,
But is blessed if we trust and obey.

Chorus

But we never can prove the delights of His love
Until all on the altar we lay;
For the favor He shows, and the joy He bestows,
Are for those who will trust and obey.

Chorus

Then in fellowship sweet, we will sit at His feet,
Or we'll walk by His side in the way;
What He says we will do, where He sends we will go;
Never fear only trust and obey.

Chorus

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WELCOMING

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

All: Lord God. You call us to step out in faith, just as You called Abram to leave his home and follow Your promise. Give us courage to trust Your guidance, even when the path is unknown. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CHILDREN'S SONG: I Walk by Faith

I walk by faith, each step by faith
To live by faith, I put my trust in You
(repeat)

Ev'ry step I take is a step of faith
No weapon formed against me shall prosper
And ev'ry prayer I make is a prayer of faith
If my God is for me who can be against me

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FIRST READING – Genesis 12:1-19

12 Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵ Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot and all the possessions that they had gathered and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran, and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan,

⁶ Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷ Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸ From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east, and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. ⁹ And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb. ¹⁰ Now there was a famine in the land, and Abram went down to Egypt to live there for a while because the famine was severe. ¹¹ As he was about to enter Egypt, he said to his wife Sarai, "I know what a beautiful woman you are. ¹² When the Egyptians see you, they will say, 'This is his wife.' Then they will kill me but will let you live. ¹³ Say you are my sister, so that I will be treated well for your sake and my life will be spared because of you." ¹⁴ When Abram came to Egypt, the Egyptians saw that Sarai was a very beautiful woman. ¹⁵ And when Pharaoh's officials saw her, they praised her to Pharaoh, and she was taken into his palace. ¹⁶ He treated Abram well for her sake, and Abram acquired sheep and cattle, male and female donkeys, male and female servants, and camels. ¹⁷ But the LORD inflicted serious diseases on Pharaoh and his household because of Abram's wife Sarai. ¹⁸ So Pharaoh summoned Abram. "What have you done to me?" he said. "Why didn't you tell me she was your wife? ¹⁹ Why did you say, 'She is my sister,' so that I took her to be my wife? Now then, here is your wife. Take her and go!"

PSALM 25:1-14

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
² O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.
³ Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.
⁴ Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.
⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.
⁶ Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.
⁷ Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!
⁸ Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
⁹ He leads the humble in what is right and teaches the humble his way.
¹⁰ All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.
¹¹ For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great.
¹² Who are they who fear the LORD? He will teach them the way that they should choose.
¹³ They will abide in prosperity, and their children shall possess the land.
¹⁴ The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him, and he makes his covenant known to them.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:8-10

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

P: The Holy Gospel according Matthew 4:18-22

All: Glory to you, O Lord! Alleluia! You have the words of eternal life.

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:18-22

¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. ¹⁹ And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to You, O Christ, our Living Word! Open our ears and hearts to the Holy Spirit's voice.

PRE-SERMON HYMN: In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then, bursting forth in glorious Day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand.
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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SERMON: Pastor Rick – ABRAHAM

OFFERTORY HYMN: This Is Amazing Grace

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder?
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

Chorus

This is amazing grace! This is unfailing love!
That You would take my place, that You would bear my cross.
You laid down Your life that I would be set free.
Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me.

Who brings our chaos back into order?
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?
The King of Glory, the King of Glory.

Who rules the nations with truth and justice?
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

Chorus

This is amazing grace! This is unfailing love!
That You would take my place, that You would bear my cross.
You laid down Your life that I would be set free.
Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave!
(3x)
Worthy worthy worthy

Chorus

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Blessed are you.

All: Gracious God, Creator of all life and source of every blessing, we bring these gifts before you with thankful hearts. May they be used to nurture your world and to serve your people. In offering ourselves alongside these gifts, we dedicate our lives to your purpose, working for healing, hope, and peace. All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, who gave all for us. 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

RESPONSE: Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Lord listen to Your children praying
Lord send Your Spirit in this place
Lord listen to Your children praying
Send us love send us pow'r send us grace

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LORD'S PRAYER

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COMMUNION SONGS

Come to the Table

We all start on the outside, the outside looking in.
This is where grace begins.
We were hungry, we were thirsty, with nothing left to give.
Oh, the shape that we were in.

Just when all hope seemed lost,
Love opened the door for us.

Chorus

(He said) come to the table. Come join the sinners who have been redeemed.
Take your place beside the Savior. Sit down and be set free.
(Come to the table.)

Come meet this motley crew of misfits, these liars and these thieves.
There's no one unwelcome here.
So that sin and shame that you've brought with you, you can leave it at the door
And let mercy draw you near.

Chorus

To the thief and to the doubter, to the hero and the coward,
To the pris'ner and the soldier, to the young and to the older.
All who hunger, all who thirst, all the last and all the first,
All the paupers and the princes, all who've failed you've been forgiven.
All who dream and all who suffer, all who've loved and lost another,
All the chained and all the free, all who follow all who lead.
Anyone who's been let down, all the lost you have been found.
All who've been labeled right or wrong, to ev'ryone who hears this song.

Chorus

Woah sit down and be set free. Come to the table. Come to the table
Just sit down and rest awhile. Just sit down and rest awhile. Come to the table.

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Arms of Love

I sing a simple song of love to my Savior, to my Jesus.
I'm grateful for the things You've done, my loving Savior, oh precious Jesus.
My heart is glad that You've called me Your own.
There's no place I'd rather be

Chorus.

Than in Your arms of love, in Your arms of love.
Holding me still, holding me near
In Your arms of love.

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Breathe

This is the air I breathe: (2x)
Your holy presence living in me.
This is my daily bread: (2x)
Your very word spoken to me.

Chorus

And I, I'm desperate for You.
And I I'm lost without You.
(Repeat All)

This is the air I breathe (2x)

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COMMUNION BLESSING & POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please see below for details)

CLOSING HYMN: Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer (LBW 343)

Guide me ever, Great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but you art mighty; hold me with your pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me now and evermore, feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain where the healing waters flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
Shield me with your mighty arm, shield me with your mighty arm.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs and praises, songs and praises,
I will raise forevermore, I will raise forevermore.

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THE SENDING

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Peter's Office is closed next week July 21-25, 2025

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.

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.

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?

Pray for your church and prayer for the leaders of your church.

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 20 — *Abraham's Journey*: Moving Without a Map. Would you go if you didn't know where?

August 3 — *Nehemiah's Mission*: Rebuilt, Resist. Rise. How do you rebuild when the rubble's still smoking?

August 10 — *Peter's Steps Out*: Faith on the Edge. Will you step out — stay in the boat?

August 17- *Paul's Turnaround*: From Wreckage to Revival. What if your worst moment became your Launchpad?

Serving in the Church

We encourage you to pray about how God might use your gifts in service to Him and to the church body. Everyone's contribution makes the load lighter for all, and as we take time to reflect over the summer, please ask God where He might be calling you to serve. Your involvement is a vital part of our community and ministry.

Future Directions Task Force — Shape the Next Chapter!

We stand at a pivotal moment — a time to prayerfully seek God's guidance for what's next. This summer, join us through surveys, conversations, and reflections. Your voice and faith are vital as we listen together for God's leading.

Our mission remains: Go and make disciples.

Our vision: Reaching the next generation for Jesus Christ.

Now, how can we move forward boldly, united and empowered by God's plan? The Future Directions Task Force is here to help us explore how we can grow together, what kind of leadership and teamwork will equip us, and how each of us can be part of God's unfolding story.

This is our moment to dream, listen, and prepare for the next chapter — impacting lives and transforming hearts. Let's move forward with faith, hope, and love.

Please pray for our committee:

Fred N, Mel, Elaine, George, Gary, and Fred S.

Celebrate the Joy of Baptism This Fall!

This September, we celebrate baptism — a powerful sign of new life, God's grace, and a fresh start in Christ!

Your baptism day is like a spiritual birthday, marking when God claimed you and invited you into a lifelong faith journey.

If you've been baptized, please send your baptism date to Tim in the office. We'll celebrate these milestones during worship and community moments throughout the year.

Baptism isn't just a ritual — it's a gift of new identity, belonging, and purpose, connecting you forever to God's family.

If someone asks why baptism matters, you can say it offers hope, forgiveness, and a fresh start in God's love.

This fall, let's joyfully share the meaning of baptism and invite others into this life-changing journey!

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 anyone interested in being part of the conversation.

Fall Program & Serving Opportunities – We're Planning Ahead!

As we prepare our fall schedule and calendar, we're excited to hear about the programs and serving opportunities you may be planning for the upcoming season. If you're organizing something this fall, we'd love to include it!

Please send us a brief description of your opportunity, along with your proposed start and end dates, and the specific date(s) and time(s) you're hoping to reserve.

Kindly email the details to Tim in the office at your earliest convenience so we can make sure it fits into the fall calendar. We would like all the information to us by August 15.

Looking forward to a full and meaningful season together!