

## Order of Service - September 7, 2025 – 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

**Preaching and Presiding: Rick Bergh**  
**Music Team: Elaine'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. You can also ask a greeter for a *Kids Pack* to use during the service.

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 – Organ Elisa Korver and Piano Elaine Knudtson

#### OPENING HYMN: Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven (LBW 549)

Praise my soul, the King of heaven; To his feet your tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favor to our forebears in distress.  
Praise him still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness!

Tenderly he shields and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows.  
In his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels help us to adore him, who behold him face to face.  
Sun and moon bow down before him; all who dwell in time and space.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

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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:**

## **CHILDREN'S STORY: Pastor Rick**

### **Children's Song:**

Jesus loves me this I know  
For the Bible tells me so  
Little ones to Him belong  
They are weak but He is strong

### **Chorus**

Yes Jesus loves me (3X)  
The Bible tells me so

Jesus loves me, He who died  
Heaven's gate to open wide  
He will wash away my sin  
Let His little child come in

### **Chorus**

Jesus loves me He will stay  
Close beside me all the way  
On the cross You died for me  
I will ever live for Thee

### **Chorus**

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## **FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:15–20 NIV**

<sup>15</sup> See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. <sup>16</sup> For I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup> But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, <sup>18</sup> I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup> This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live <sup>20</sup> and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

## Psalm 1 NIV

- <sup>1</sup> Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers,  
<sup>2</sup> but whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night.  
<sup>3</sup> That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers.  
<sup>4</sup> Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.  
<sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.  
<sup>6</sup> For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,

## SECOND READING: Philemon 1:1–21 NIV

- <sup>1</sup> Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,  
To Philemon our dear friend and fellow worker— <sup>2</sup> also to Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier—and to the church that meets in your home:  
<sup>3</sup> Grace and peace to you<sup>[a]</sup> from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
<sup>4</sup> I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, <sup>5</sup> because I hear about your love for all his holy people and your faith in the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup> I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ. <sup>7</sup> Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people.  
<sup>8</sup> Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought to do, <sup>9</sup> yet I prefer to appeal to you on the basis of love. It is as none other than Paul—an old man and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus— <sup>10</sup> that I appeal to you for my son Onesimus,<sup>[b]</sup> who became my son while I was in chains. <sup>11</sup> Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me.  
<sup>12</sup> I am sending him—who is my very heart—back to you. <sup>13</sup> I would have liked to keep him with me so that he could take your place in helping me while I am in chains for the gospel. <sup>14</sup> But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that any favor you do would not seem forced but would be voluntary. <sup>15</sup> Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back forever— <sup>16</sup> no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother. He is very dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a fellow man and as a brother in the Lord.  
<sup>17</sup> So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. <sup>18</sup> If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to me. <sup>19</sup> I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. I will pay it back—not to mention that you owe me your very self. <sup>20</sup> I do wish, brother, that I may have some benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup> Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

## 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?

## **GOSPEL – Luke 14:25–35 NIV**

<sup>25</sup> Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: <sup>26</sup> “If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

<sup>28</sup> “Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? <sup>29</sup> For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, <sup>30</sup> saying, ‘This person began to build and wasn’t able to finish.’

<sup>31</sup> “Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won’t he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup> If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. <sup>33</sup> In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

<sup>34</sup> “Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? <sup>35</sup> It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile; it is thrown out.

“Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.”

### **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 love;  
As you have sought, so let us seek  
Your staying 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 hungering ones with manna sweet.

Oh teach us Lord that we may teach the precious truth 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 Am Thine, O Lord (HFFG 455)**

I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice and it told Thy love to me;  
But I long to rise in the arms of faith and be closer drawn to Thee.

#### **Chorus**

Draw me nearer, near, blessed Lord, To the cross where Thou hast died;  
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, To Thy precious bleeding side.

Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord, by the power of grace divine.  
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope and my will be lost in Thine.

#### **Chorus**

O the pure delight of a single hour that before Thy throne I spend,  
When I kneel in prayer and with Thee, my God, I commune as friend with friend.

### **Chorus**

Draw me nearer, near, blessed Lord , To the cross where Thou hast died;  
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, To Thy precious bleeding side.

There are depths of love that I cannot know 'til I cross the narrow sea.  
There are heights of joy that I may not reach 'til I rest in peace with Thee.

### **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**

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 your 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 your glory

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## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION (LBW p. 110)**

**LORD'S PRAYER:** 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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## **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

## **COMMUNION SONGS:**

### **Let Us Break Bread Together (LBW 212)**

Let us break bread together on our knees;  
Let us break bread together on our knees.

#### **Chorus**

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
Let us drink wine together on our knees.

#### **Chorus**

Let us praise God together on our knees;  
Let us praise God together on our knees.

#### **Chorus**

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### **There Is a Redeemer**

There is a Redeemer Jesus, God's own Son;  
Precious Lamb of God Messiah, Holy One.

## **Chorus**

Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,  
And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names;  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, O for sinners slain.

## **Chorus**

When I stand in glory, I will see His face;  
There I'll serve my King forever, In that holy place.

## **Chorus**

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Melody Green  
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## **Have Thine Own Way, Lord (HFFG 400)**

Have Thine own way, Lord, have Thine own way.  
Thou art the potter, I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me after thy will,  
While I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have Thine own way, Lord, have Thine own way.  
Search me and try me, Master today.  
Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now,  
As in Thy presence humbly I bow.

Have Thine own way, Lord, have Thine own way.  
Wounded and weary, help me, I pray.  
Power, all power, surely is Thine.  
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine.

Have Thine own way, Lord, have Thine own way  
Hold o'er my being absolute sway.  
Fill with Thy spirit 'til all shall see  
Christ only, always, living in me.

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## **BLESSING**

### **Communion Prayer**

### **Benediction**

### **Announcements**

## **CLOSING HYMN: Blessed Assurance (WOV 699)**

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine.  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his spirit, washed in his blood.



## CHORUS

This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long. (repeat)

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight.  
Angels descending bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

## CHORUS

Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest.  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

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## THE SENDING

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

## POSTLUDE: Piano and Organ

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Don't rush off after worship! Grab a cup of coffee, enjoy some treats, and share meaningful conversation. Reconnect with old friends and make some new ones — laughter, stories, and community await!

### **We are excited to share the results of our recent survey on: Sunday, September 7, following worship!**

During this time, we'll highlight the key findings that emerged. For those who would like to explore the details more fully find links in the Care & Info email.

### **Special Congregational Meeting**

A special congregational meeting will take place on **September 21 following worship**. At this meeting we will:

- Review, discuss and Approve **Pastor Bart's financial package**
- Establish a **Call Committee**
- Discuss a proposal for **Cindy Tester to expand her work at St. Peter's**

Details and an update on our pending financial commitments will be available.  
Please plan to attend this important meeting.

### **Kingdom Innovation Hub – September 7**

The Kingdom Innovation Hub is a space where Spirit-led ideas take shape. Throughout Scripture, God entrusted people with bold visions — and we believe He still does today. Whether you have a ministry idea, a mission dream, or simply want to listen and pray with others, the Hub is here to help you discern and take the next step. Learn more during worship on September 7, and meet the team ready to walk with you from idea to action.

## **Rally Day – ABIDE and Go – September 14**

This year's theme, *Abide and Go*, reminds us to stay rooted in Christ while stepping out to serve. On Rally Day we will focus on being connected to Christ and the importance of growing deeper in our relationship with Him. We will celebrate together with a BBQ after worship!

## **SERVE 1 – September 21**

On this Sunday we will introduce the second part of our theme, *Go*. Our focus will be on the many areas where we can serve and share our gifts. We will also launch the exciting concept of *SERVE 1* — a new call to action inviting each person to commit to one act of service this fall in three different and unique ways.

## **Sunday School**

Our Sunday School program kicks off September 14 and runs through June, taking place during the church service after the Children's Message. Open to children ages 3 through Grade 6, it offers a warm, welcoming space where they can grow in faith, make friends, and feel part of our church family. Please contact Whitney at [whitneyedworthy@saintpeters.ca](mailto:whitneyedworthy@saintpeters.ca) for more details or registration.

## **Join Our Sunday School Team**

We're looking for compassionate, kind individuals who are willing to be mentors and positive influences in the lives of children. This is a once-a-month commitment, with plenty of guidance and support along the way—no need to feel nervous! If you have a heart for helping kids grow in faith and friendship, we'd love to have you join our Sunday School team. Please see Whitney [whitneyedworthy@saintpeters.ca](mailto:whitneyedworthy@saintpeters.ca) for more details.

## **Celebrate Baptism**

Share your baptism date with the office so we can celebrate together.

If you've never been baptized, this fall is the perfect time to explore this gift of grace.

## **Confirmation**

For students Grade 7 and up. We are excited to be offering confirmation starting in September. It begins each Sunday at 8:30 am with a breakfast bar, followed by Christian instruction led by Cindy Tester. It's a program that includes much more than Sunday mornings. Talk to Cindy for more information.

## **LADIES BIBLE STUDY**

Rhonda will be leading a study on Tues mornings 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM in the Gateway room. When Faith Becomes Sight – Heaven, book by Jennifer Rothschild.

## **LIFE SHARED**

Life Shared is a 4-session class on how to live out God's call to share our lives and our faith with those around us. **We believe it is vital that we pray for our friends, neighbours, and colleagues, and that we consider how we can reach out to them with God's message. Our hope is that this class will help us do that.** We will be offering the Life Shared class three separate times this fall, and you can choose whichever option works best with your schedule. The first option is Thursdays in October (starting October 2nd) at 7:00pm. The second option is Wednesdays in November (starting November 5th) at 7:00pm. And the final option is an all-day event with all four sessions on November 15th, from 9:30am-3:00pm. The sessions will meet in the church basement. For more information or to sign up, contact Jo Anne at [joannemack@saintpeters.ca](mailto:joannemack@saintpeters.ca) or Elaine at [elainebuss@saintpeters.ca](mailto:elainebuss@saintpeters.ca).

### **Good Vibes Memory Choir**

Now open to youth! Homeschoolers are especially welcome. Contact Erica (epharebergh@shaw.ca). This unique, intergenerational choir brings joy through music and memory. We begin a new season on Wednesday, September 17 at 1:30 pm. Come and learn about the choir and the benefits of singing together on Monday, September 22 at 7 pm at St. Peter's.

### **"It Starts with a Simple Invitation"**

What if the key to changing someone's life is a simple invitation? *Life Shared* is a 4-session video series that explores how ordinary people—just like you—can be part of God's extraordinary work in the world. Join us and discover how small steps of faith can help us reach out to our family, friends, neighbours, and colleagues.

Starts October 2 at Saint Peters, 7 PM. For more info or to sign up, contact Jo Anne at [joannemack@saintpeters.ca](mailto:joannemack@saintpeters.ca) or Elaine at [elainebuss@saintpeters.ca](mailto:elainebuss@saintpeters.ca). Missions Committee will also be available in the narthex following the service to answer questions and help people sign up.

Everyone is welcome.

### **Serving at St. Peter's**

Did you know that we have identified almost 90 serving roles in our church — and the list is still growing? Take some time to review the list posted on the big bulletin board in the narthex, add any roles we might have missed, and share your comments. We're preparing everything so you can explore where you might want to serve in the coming year.

### **Father of Hope Missions in Uganda**

Would you consider supporting Father of Hope, a ministry to children in Uganda, Africa? Father of Hope serves children who cannot afford to pay for all their necessities, including school fees. They also teach them about Jesus. You can support them and also enjoy a painting class taught by Diana Scott and produce a painting of your own. Saturday, September 27th from 1-4 PM in the church basement. We will also learn a little more about the ministry. This could be a good opportunity to invite a friend who does not go to church! All painting materials supplied. Cost is \$35 and all the funds raised will go directly to the ministry.