

Order of Service – October 19, 2025 - 19th Sunday After Pentecost

Preaching and Presiding: Pastor Paul

Music Team: Parkers 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 Gateway Room — a family-friendly space prepared just for you.

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: Music Team

OPENING HYMN: How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds, thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r thru'out the universe displayed!

Chorus

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee:
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, My Savior God to Thee:
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

Chorus

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin!

Chorus

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee:
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, My Savior God to Thee:
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim my God how great Thou art!

Chorus

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LIGHTING THE CANDLES

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: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

P: In Holy Baptism, we were buried with Christ into death,
that just as He was raised from the dead,
we too might walk in newness of life.

Yet, we daily struggle with sin and forget the promises of our baptism.

Let us now return to the font of grace — confessing our sins and clinging to the mercy that is ours in Christ.

(Silence for reflection)

P: Most merciful God,

All: We confess that 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 trusted the promises made to us in Baptism. 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.

Renew us in the grace of our baptism. Cleanse us, and lead us by Your Spirit so that we may walk in newness of life to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God, in His mercy,
has given His Son to die for you
and, for His sake, forgives you all your sins.
By water and the Word, you were joined to Christ —
buried with Him in death and raised with Him to new life. 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.
All: 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: God of love, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them:
keep us from those things that harm us; and guide us in the ways of salvation; through your
Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

CHILDREN'S STORY: Youth

CHILDREN'S SONG - Soon And Very Soon

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!

Chorus

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
We're going to see the King!

No more crying there, we are going to see the King!
No more crying there, we are going to see the King!
No more crying there, we are going to see the King!

Chorus

No more dying there, we are going to see the King!
No more dying there, we are going to see the King!
No more dying there, we are going to see the King!

Chorus

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FIRST READING: Genesis 32:22-30 NIV

²² That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. ²⁴ So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak.

²⁵ When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. ²⁶ Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak."

But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."

²⁷ The man asked him, "What is your name?" "Jacob," he answered.

²⁸ Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome."

²⁹ Jacob said, "Please tell me your name." But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there.

³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared."

PSALM 121 NIV

¹ I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from?

² My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

³ He will not let your foot slip—he who watches over you will not slumber;

⁴ indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

⁵ The LORD watches over you—the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

⁶ the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.

⁷ The LORD will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life;

⁸ the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 NIV

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God^[a] may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

⁴ In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: ² Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. ³ For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.

⁴ They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. ⁵ But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-14 NIV

¹⁸ Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. ² He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. ³ And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.'

⁴ "For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care what people think, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!'"

⁶ And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? ⁸ I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?" ⁹ To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down

on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: ¹⁰ “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’ ¹³ “But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’ ¹⁴ “I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

PRE-SERMON HYMN: Oh Lord You're Beautiful

Oh Lord, You're beautiful, Your face is all I seek;
And when Your eyes are on this child, Your grace abounds to me.

I want to take Your Word and shine it all around.
First help me just to live it Lord; and when I'm doing well,
Help me to never seek a crown, for my reward is giving glory to You.

Oh Lord, please light the fire that once burned bright and clear;
Replace the lamp of my first love that burns with holy fear.

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SERMON – Pastor Paul

OFFERING – During below Hymn

OFFERTORY Hymn: Change My Heart Oh God

Change my heart, O God. Make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God. May I be like You.

You are the Potter. I am the clay.
Mould me and make me. This is what I pray.
(Repeat All)

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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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER: Our Father, who art in Heaven...

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COMMUNION SONGS: Show Me Your Face Lord

Chorus

Show me Your face Lord, Show me Your face
Then gird up my legs that I might stand in this holy place
Show me Your face Lord, Your power and grace
I could make it to the end, If I can just see Your face

Moses stood on the mountain waiting for You to pass by
You put Your hand over his face, So in Your presence he wouldn't die
All of Israel saw the glory, and it shines down through the age
Now You've called me to boldly seek Your face

Chorus

Show me Your face Lord, Show me Your face
Then gird up my legs that I might stand in this holy place
Show me Your face Lord, Your power and grace
I could make it to the end, If I can just see Your face

David knew there was something more, than the Ark of Your Presence
And in a manger a baby was born among kings and peasants.
All of Israel saw the glory and it shines down through the age.
Now you call us to boldly seek Your face!

Chorus

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Hymn: Breathe On Me Breath Of God (Trentham)

Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, breath of God, Until my heart is pure,
Until with Thee I will one will, to do and to endure

Breathe on me, breath of God, till I am wholly Thine,
Till all this earthly part of me glows with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, breath of Gods so shall I never die,
But live with Thee the perfect life of Thine eternity

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BLESSING

COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN: How Deep The Father's Love For Us

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything: No gifts no pow'r no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ: His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

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THE SENDING

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to worship! Please take a few minutes to enjoy some coffee and conversation. Pastor Rick and Erica are away in Montreal for the celebration of life service for Erica's mom, Edith Phare. We thank Pastor Paul for preaching and presiding at our worship service this morning.

OUR MISSION

To be and make disciples for Jesus Christ

OUR VISION

To reach the next generation for Jesus Christ

This Week at St. Peter's

Monday • Pastor Rick's Day Off

Tuesday • Morning Prayer – 8:00 AM • Staff Meeting – 9:00 AM • Pastor Rick's Office Hours – 10:00 AM–4:00 PM • Heaven Study 10:00 AM

Wednesday • When the Spirit Moves Home Study 9:30 AM • Good Vibes Memory Choir – 1:30 PM • The Bible Project 7:00 PM

Thursday • Parables Study – 10:00 AM • Widows Group - 1-3 PM • Life Shared – 7:00 PM

Friday • No scheduled events

Saturday • Youth Group 6:30 PM

Next Sunday • Confirmation - 8:30 AM • Worship – 10:00 AM • Sunday School - 10:15 AM
• First Communion Instruction – 11:30 AM

Installation of Cindy Tester – Next Sunday

Please join us for the installation service for Cindy Tester, St. Peter's Ministry Leader for Discipleship and Communication. We are blessed to welcome Cindy to our staff and invite you to pray for her as she joins the team alongside Pastor Rick and Tim.

First Communion Instruction- Next Sunday

Interested in First Communion for your child? Parents and children are invited to a teaching session on Sunday, October 26, following worship in the Gateway. Please bring a lunch. We'll spend about an hour together, after which parents will receive materials to review with their child at home. Once you've spoken again with Pastor Rick, your child will be invited to participate in the First Communion service on Sunday, November 30. *Recommended age: Grade 4 and up. Let Pastor Rick know if you will be attending.*

LIFE SHARED

Life Shared is a 4-session class on living out God's call to share our lives and faith with those around us. Together we'll explore praying for friends, neighbors, and colleagues, and discover practical ways to reach out with God's message.

Sessions began in October, but don't worry if you missed them — our November dates are available, including a special full-day Saturday event on **November 15**. All sessions meet in the church basement at 7 PM.

To sign up or learn more, contact: Joannemack@saintpeters.ca or orelinebuss@saintpeters.ca

Ecumenical Worship Night at Saint Peter's

Saturday, Nov 8 | 7:00 PM

Join us for a night of worship, communion, prayer, **and a** clear gospel message about who Jesus is.

Vision for the Night:

"If Christ is everything, then whatever doesn't point to only Christ and Christ crucified is worth nothing at all."

— Philippians 3:8-9

Helpers Needed:

- Prayer Team (8–10 people): 1-on-1 prayer with attendees
- Communion Helpers (2 people)
- Communion Ushers (2 people)
- Snacks & Refreshments (3 people)

Jesus is King, Jesus is Lord.

For more info or to volunteer, **contact the church office** We'd love to have you involved in any way!

Guest Speakers and Lunch and Learn Sunday, November 9th

Please make plans to be here on November 9th, when Charles and Anita Jackson come to preach and share about the mission work they are involved in with World Mission Prayer League (WMPL). Charles and Anita "want to encourage churches in North America to pray for the harvest. As God answers these prayers, they hope to empower a new generation of workers to go and share with those who have limited or no access to the gospel" (WMPL website). Please join us after the service, when we will enjoy lunch and also learn more about the work Charles and Anita are engaged in.

Church Membership

If you are considering church membership, there are two ways to be welcomed at St. Peter's. If you have been involved in another Lutheran church, you can request a transfer—Tim can assist you in the office.

The second way is through Lutheranism 101, where Pastor Paul will teach the most important aspects of Lutheran theology. These four classes will be held on Mondays, November 2, 9, 16, and 23 at 7:00 PM. This course is a great refresher for all of us, led by a theologian and pastor whom we are blessed to have here at St. Peter's.