

Order of Service: Sunday October 26, 2025 Reformation Sunday

Preaching and Presiding: Pastor Rick
Music Team: Erica's Team - Choral Music 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 SONG: By Faith / Great Is Thy Faithfulness

By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design,
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,
Who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave.

Chorus

We will stand as children of the promise;
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith the church was called to go
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost,
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In ev'ry corner of the earth.

By faith the mountain shall be moved
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail,
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name.

Chorus

We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight
(repeat chorus)

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

By faith we see the hand of God.
By faith this mountain shall be moved.
We'll walk by faith – and not by sight.

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OPENING HYMN: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (LBW #229)

A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation for us.
The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might, he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.

No strength of ours can match his might – we would be lost, rejected.
But now the champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son adored.
He holds the field victorious.

Though hordes of devils fill the land all threatening to devour us,
We tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot overpower us.
Let this world's tyrant rage; in battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.

God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it;
For God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house, goods, honour, child or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day.
The Kingdom's ours forever!

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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: Reformation Sunday

ALL: Almighty God, gracious Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S STORY: Pastor Rick

CHILDREN'S SONG: My Redeemer Lives

I know He rescued my soul, (woo-hoo!)
His blood has covered my sin.
I believe! (Say what?) I believe!

My shame He's taken away, (woo-hoo!)
My pain is healed in His name.
I believe! (Say what?) I believe!

I'll raise a banner, 'cause my Lord has conquered the grave!
My Redeemer lives (4x)
(Repeat song)

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FIRST READING: Revelation 14:6-7 NIV

⁶ Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people. ⁷ He said in a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

PSALM: 46 NIV

¹ God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.
² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
³ though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.
⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.
⁵ God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.
⁶ Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts.
⁷ The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.
⁸ Come and see what the LORD has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth.

⁹ He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰ He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

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SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28 NIV

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. ²⁰ Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.

²¹ But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. ²² This righteousness is given through faith in^[a] Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. ²⁵ God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— ²⁶ he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

²⁷ Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith. ²⁸ For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.

ALLELUIA

Alleluia! Lord to whom shall we go, shall we go? (2x)

You have the words of eternal life, O Lord (2x)

Alleluia! Lord to whom shall we go, shall we go, shall we go?

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GOSPEL: John 8:31-36 NIV

³¹ To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³² Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

³³ They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?" ³⁴ Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. ³⁵ Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

PRE-SERMON SONG: Ancient Words

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world;
They resound with God's own heart; O let the ancient words impart;

Words of life, words of hope give us strength, help us cope;
In this world where'er we roam, ancient words will guide us home.

CHORUS:

*Ancient words, ever true, changing me, changing you;
We have come with open hearts; O, let the ancient words impart.*

Holy words of our faith handed down to this age,
Came to us through sacrifice; O, heed the faithful words of Christ.

CHORUS:

Martyr's blood stains each page; they have died for this faith;
Hear them cry through the years; heed these words and hold them dear.

CHORUS:

We have come with open hearts; O, let the ancient words impart

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SERMON: Pastor Rick**OFFERTORY HYMN: The Church's One Foundation (LBW 369)**

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

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

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

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

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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

Installation Service for Cindy – Discipleship and Communication Ministry Leader

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

P: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them to the Lord

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise

PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy, God of pow'r and might

Heaven and earth are full of you glory (repeat)

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might

Heaven and earth are full of you glory

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION (LBW p. 110)

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

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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Christus Victor

O Most High, King of the ages,
Great I AM, God of wonders,
By the blood, You have redeemed us,
Led us through mighty waters,
Our strength, our song, our sure salvation.

Chorus

*Now to the Lamb upon the throne,
Be blessing, honor, glory, power,
For the battle You have won – Hallelujah! Amen!*

O Most High, dwelling among us
Son of man sent for sinners,
By Your blood, You have redeemed us,
Spotless Lamb, mighty Savior
Who lived, who died, who rose victorious.

Chorus 2

*Now to the Lamb upon the throne,
Be blessing, honor, glory, power
For the battle You have won.
Hallelujah!
With every tribe and every tongue,
We join the anthem of the angels
In the triumph of the Son – Hallelujah! Amen*

O Most High, King of the nations,
Robed in praise, crowned with splendor,
On that day, who will not tremble?
When You stand Christ the Victor,
Who was, and is, and is forever.

Chorus 3

*Now to the Lamb upon the throne
Be blessing, honor, glory, power,
For the battle You have won – Hallelujah!
With every tribe and every tongue
We join the anthem of the angels
In the triumph of the Son.
Sing the victory of the Lamb – Hallelujah! Amen*

Amen, amen, amen
Amen, amen, amen

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BLESSING

COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS – SEE BELOW

CLOSING HYMN: Lift High the Cross

Refrain:

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

Come, Christian people! Sing your praise and shout!
If we are silent, e'en the stones cry out!

Refrain

Come, Christian, follow where our Captain trod,
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

Refrain

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw us unto Thee.

Refrain

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory!

Refrain

Words: George W. Kitchin, rev. Michael R. Newbolt | Music: Sydney H. Nicholson

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.

Reformation Sunday

Today we remember the Reformation — a movement that began in 1517 when Martin Luther called the church back to the truth of the Gospel: that we are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone. Reformation Sunday celebrates the freedom we have in Christ and the power of God's Word to renew His Church in every age.

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

Sunday • First Communion Instruction 12-1:30 Gateway

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, Hallowe'en Piano concert Sanctuary 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Wednesday • When the Spirit Moves Home Study 9:30 AM • Good Vibes Memory Choir – 1:30 PM • 3:30 PM • The Bible Project 7:00 PM

Thursday • Parables Study – 10:00 AM, wraps up until the new year

Friday • No scheduled events

Saturday • Men's Breakfast – 8:30 AM • Youth Group 6:30 PM, Young Adults Choir – Erica (Basement) 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM

Next Sunday • Confirmation - 8:30 AM • Worship – 10:00 AM • Sunday School - 10:15 AM

Today we are pleased to install Cindy Tester as 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.

Lutheranism 101 (downstairs) November 3 for four sessions

If you would like to learn about the Lutheran Traditions or would like a refresher course in the Lutheranism, come join Pastor Paul for 4 sessions on Thursday Mornings starting Nov 3 @ 10 AM.

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.

Our October sessions have been completed, but don't worry if you missed them — our next four sessions begin in November, starting November 5. All sessions meet in the church basement at 7 PM. We'll also have a special full-day Saturday event on November 15.

To sign up or learn more, contact: Jo Anne Mack at joannemack@saintpeters.ca Elaine Buss at elainebuss@saintpeters.ca

Men's Breakfast Fellowship – Next Saturday, 8:30 AM in the Gateway

Join Pastor Rick next Saturday as we study **Revelation 7:2–8, 9–17** and **Matthew 5:1–12 (NIV)**. Together we'll explore these passages in preparation for Sunday's **All Saints Day** sermon. Come ready to share your insights and be guided by the Holy Spirit.

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.

BAPTISM of Megan and Avery

Yesterday, we joyfully celebrated the gift of baptism for Avery and her mom, Megan. With her sponsors, Robin and Parker, we welcomed them into God's family. Praise God for this precious gift!!

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, **talk to Parker**. 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.

Looking Ahead: Building Our Alpha "A Team" for January 2026

We're excited to announce that we'll be offering the Alpha Course beginning in January 2026!

Why are we telling you about this now? Because great teams plan ahead—and we're hoping you might be part of this exciting opportunity. Together, we'll introduce people to the Christian faith in a welcoming, relational way through Alpha.

This Alpha initiative is the next step from *Life Shared*, and we encourage you to reach out to someone who does not yet know Jesus—and come along with them on this journey of discovery and faith.

There are many ways to be involved, and in the weeks to come, we'll share how you can take part. One key step will be our **A Team Training Event on Saturday, November 29, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.** During this time, we'll prepare together for an exciting plan focused on each of us reaching one other person and inviting them to explore the basics of the faith through Alpha.

Stay tuned for more details—we can't wait to see what God will do through this next season of outreach!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Materials available shortly at the church to pack Shoe Boxes for children of varying ages. Last collection day at St. Peter's is Sunday, Nov 16, 2025. Any questions, contact the church office.

PARABLE Study by Pastor Paul Wraps up until after Christmas this week.

The Parable study will wrap up this week (Oct 30) until after Christmas, come join the Luther 101 for the month of November..

Pray for a New Ministry Idea — Mental Health & Hope

The Kingdom Innovation Hub is exploring a new idea focused on **mental health and Christian hope**—helping us better understand and support those facing mental health challenges.

We're considering hosting a **guest speaker** to bring a Christian perspective and equip us with practical tools, with the potential to grow into an ongoing ministry of care and connection.

Please **pray** for this idea as it develops. If you're interested in being part of it, talk to someone from the **Kingdom Innovation Hub**. More details to come!