

Order of Service – November 9, 2025 – 22nd Sunday After Pentecost

Presiding: Rick Bergh, Preaching: Pastor Charles Jackson
Music Team: Erica'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 Gateway Room — a family-friendly space prepared just for you. 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.

OPENING HYMN: For All the Saints (Sine Nomine)

For all the saints who from their labours rest
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress and their Might
Thou Lord their Captain in the well-fought fight
Thou in the darkness drear their one true Light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

O may Thy soldiers, faithful true and bold
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
And win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song
And hearts are brave again and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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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: 22th Sunday After Pentecost

All: Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations. Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your name; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

CHILDREN'S STORY: Pastor Rick

CHILDREN'S SONG: We Are Walking in the Light of God

We are walking in the light of God (4x)
We are walking, walking, we are walking – Oooh!
We are walking in the light of God
We are walking, walking, we are walking – Oooh!
We are walking in the light of God

We are living in the love of God (4x)
We are living, living, we are living – Oooh!
We are living in the light of God
We are living, living, we are living – Oooh!
We are living in the light of God

We are moving in the power of God (4x)
We are moving, moving, we are moving – Oooh!
We are moving in the power of God
We are moving, moving, we are moving – Oooh!
We are moving in the power of God

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FIRST READING: Exodus 3:1-15 NIV

3 Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. **2** There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. **3** So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up."

4 When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am."

5 "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." **6** Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

7 The LORD said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. **8** So I have come down to

rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. ⁹ And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. ¹⁰ So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.”

¹¹ But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”

¹² And God said, “I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain.”

¹³ Moses said to God, “Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what shall I tell them?”

¹⁴ God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”

¹⁵ God also said to Moses, “Say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.’

“This is my name forever, the name you shall call me
from generation to generation.

Psalms 148 NIV

¹ Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights above.

² Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

³ Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.

⁴ Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.

⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD, for at his command they were created,

⁶ and he established them for ever and ever—he issued a decree that will never pass away.

⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,

⁸ lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding,

⁹ you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,

¹⁰ wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,

¹¹ kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth,

¹² young men and women, old men and children.

¹³ Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

¹⁴ And he has raised up for his people a horn, the praise of all his faithful servants, of Israel, the people close to his heart.

Praise the LORD.

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-8, 13-17 NIV

² Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers and sisters, ² not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by the teaching allegedly from us—whether by a prophecy or by word of mouth or by letter—asserting that the day of the Lord has already come. ³ Don’t let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. ⁴ He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God’s temple, proclaiming himself to be God.

⁵ Don’t you remember that when I was with you I used to tell you these things? ⁶ And now you know what is holding him back, so that he may be revealed at the proper time. ⁷ For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way. ⁸ And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming.

¹³ But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because God chose you as firstfruits to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁵ So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter.

¹⁶ May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, ¹⁷ encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

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 – Luke 20:27-40 NIV

²⁷ Some of the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus with a question. ²⁸ “Teacher,” they said, “Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies and leaves a wife but no children, the man must marry the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers. The first one married a woman and died childless. ³⁰ The second ³¹ and then the third married her, and in the same way the seven died, leaving no children. ³² Finally, the woman died too. ³³ Now then, at the resurrection whose wife will she be, since the seven were married to her?”

³⁴ Jesus replied, “The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. ³⁵ But those who are considered worthy of taking part in the age to come and in the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage, ³⁶ and they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God’s children, since they are children of the resurrection. ³⁷ But in the account of the burning bush, even Moses showed that the dead rise, for he calls the Lord ‘the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.’ ³⁸ He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive.”

³⁹ Some of the teachers of the law responded, “Well said, teacher!” ⁴⁰ And no one dared to ask him any more questions.

PRE-SERMON HYMN: How Great Is the Greatness of God

CHORUS

How faithful the Father above. How wondrous the work of the Son.

How sweet is the Spirit given to us. How great is the greatness of God.

Morning by morning with every dawn my soul with a new song awaits.

Still in the evening my praise goes on forever. My God is the same.

CHORUS

How faithful the Father above. How wondrous the work of the Son.
How sweet is the Spirit given to us. How great is the greatness of God.

When my heart gazes on Calvary, at all of your mercies arrayed.
“Oh, that my Savior would die for me!” I sing out with infinite thanks.

CHORUS

Oh, what a comfort in every trial; His presence is all that I need.
Power that brought resurrection life, that power is living in me.
That power is living in me.

CHORUS

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SERMON: Pastor Charles Jackson

OFFERTORY HYMN: Take My Life and Let It Be

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee,
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King;
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee,
Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose,
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

Take my love my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself and I will be ever, only all for Thee,
Ever only all for Thee

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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.

INSTALLATION SERVICE

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 power and might

Heaven and earth of Your glory are full

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord

Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might

Heaven and earth of Your glory are full

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

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 HYMNS

Way Maker

You are here, moving in our midst; We worship You, we worship You.
You are here working in this place; We worship You, we worship You.

Chorus

*You are Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are
You are Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are*

You are here, touching ev'ry heart; We worship You, we worship You.
You are here healing ev'ry heart; We worship You, we worship You.

Chorus

You are here, turning lives around; We worship You, we worship You.
You are here mending ev'ry heart; We worship You, we worship You.

Chorus

*That is who You are
That is who You are*

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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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Post Communion Blessing

Communion Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

CLOSING HYMN: Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds (LBW #143)

Now all the vault of heav'n resounds in praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear! Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Eternal is the gift he brings, therefore our heart with rapture sings:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Now still he comes to give us life and by his presence stills all strife.
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love; set heart and will on things above
That we conquer through your triumph;
Grant grace sufficient for life's day that by our lives we truly say:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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THE SENDING

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

POSTLUDE

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Welcome to worship! Please take a few minutes to enjoy some coffee and conversation.

OUR MISSION: To be and make disciples for Jesus Christ

OUR VISION: To reach the next generation for Jesus Christ

Welcome Charles and Anita Jackson!

Today we warmly welcome **Charles and Anita Jackson** from the **World Mission Prayer League**!

They'll be sharing about their ministry—encouraging churches to pray for the harvest and inspiring a new generation to share the gospel.

Stay after worship for **lunch and fellowship** with the Jacksons and our mission team!

Three ways to give to the ministry of the World Mission Prayer League:

- Place your gift in the **donation box** in the narthex
- Use the **envelopes available** if you'd like a charitable receipt
- Give **online** through the World Mission Prayer League website

This Week at St. Peter's

Monday • Pastor Rick's Day Off • Lutheranism 101 – 7:00 PM

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

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

Thursday • No scheduled events

Friday • No scheduled events

Saturday • No scheduled events

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

Today's Installation – St. Peter's Youth Council and Youth Leader Parker

Today we are pleased to install our **St. Peter's Youth Council**. Please keep these young leaders in your prayers as they work together with **Cindy** to guide and inspire our youth ministry.

We also give thanks for **Parker**, who is being installed as a youth leader today. We are grateful for his gifts, his heart for ministry, and the time he shares with our youth.

Our Youth Council Members:

Ezekiel, Solomon, Liam, Logan, Cortana, Jesse, Leland, Jane, Lucas

May God bless them with wisdom, joy, and a deep sense of purpose as they serve!

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. Membership Sunday is scheduled for December 7.

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 next four sessions began this past Wednesday. 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: joannemack@saintpeters.ca or elainebuss@saintpeters.ca

Forming a Young Adult Community: A Journey of Calling and Purpose

What does it mean to hear God's call in a noisy world?

Join a nine-month experience where young adults grow together through Scripture, story, service, and reflection.

You'll journey with others who are asking similar questions — about faith, vocation, and what it means to follow Jesus in today's culture. Through mentoring, mission, and community, you'll help shape a model that could inspire young adult ministry for years to come.

This is your invitation to discover — in community — who God is calling you to be. Speak with Cindy Testers about this opportunity. We meet today at 4 PM at Pastor Rick's and Erica's home.

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!

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!

Kids Helping Kids Christmas Sale--November 16th

Calling all youth and children for a Christmas Sale! We have an opportunity to support the work of the ministry in Uganda that serves children in need, Father of Hope Outreach Ministries. Following the service on Sunday, November 16th, we will have many donated gifts in the basement that our children and youth can buy to give as Christmas gifts to family members and friends. Each gift will cost \$2 (please bring cash). Leftover gifts will be available for adults to purchase on November 23rd. Children and youth, please consider inviting a friend to join for church that Sunday and then participate in the Sale. This could be a good opportunity to invite someone who doesn't go to church.

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.