

ORDER OF SERVICE – NOVEMBER 16, 2025 – 23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Preaching & Presiding Pastor Pastor Rick

Music Team: Brock and Merry Jo's Smith & Elaine Knudtson

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

PRELUDE SONG: Music team interlude

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

OPENING HYMN: Come Now Is The Time To Worship

Chorus

Come, now is the time to worship. Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship. Come just as you are before your God. Come.

One day every tongue will confess You are God. One day every knee will bow.
Still, the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose You now.

Chorus

Willing we choose to surrender our lives, Willingly our knees will bow.
With all our heart, soul, mind and strength, we gladly choose You now

Chorus

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WELCOMING

OPENING PRAYER

All: Almighty God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—we welcome Your presence among us today. We set apart this time for You alone. May You be honored in every word spoken, every song sung, every prayer lifted, and every truth received from Your Word. Draw our hearts near and renew our spirits as we worship. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, beseeching Him, in the name of our Lord Jesus, to forgive the iniquity of our sin.

P: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

[Silence for reflection]

P: Most merciful God...

All: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. Amen

THE GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: and also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

All: Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE – Youth

CHILDREN'S SONG: Oh, Sing to the Lord WOV 795

Oh, Sing to the Lord, oh sing God a new song, Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song,
Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song. Oh, sing to our God, oh sing to our God.

For Jesus is the Lord! Amen! Alleluia! For Jesus is the Lord! Amen! Alleluia!
For Jesus is the Lord! Amen! Alleluia! Oh, sing to our God, Oh sing to our God.

FIRST READING – Malachi 4:1-6 NIV

4 “Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire,” says the LORD Almighty. “Not a root or a branch will be left to them. **2** But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays. And you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves. **3** Then you will trample on the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I act,” says the LORD Almighty.

4 “Remember the law of my servant Moses, the decrees and laws I gave him at Horeb for all Israel.

5 “See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the LORD comes. **6** He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents; or else I will come and strike the land with total destruction.”

Psalm 98 NIV

1 Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

2 The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

3 He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

4 Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music;

5 make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing,

6 with trumpets and the blast of the ram’s horn—shout for joy before the LORD, the King.

7 Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

8 Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy;

9 let them sing before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in Righteousness and the peoples with equity.

SECOND READING – 2 Thessalonians 3:1-13 NIV

3 As for other matters, brothers and sisters, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you. **2** And pray that we may be delivered from wicked and evil people, for not everyone has faith. **3** But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one. **4** We have confidence in the Lord that you are doing and will continue to do the things we command. **5** May the Lord direct your hearts into God’s love and Christ’s perseverance.

6 In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers and sisters, to keep away from every believer who is idle and disruptive and does not live according to the teaching^[a] you received from us. **7** For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, **8** nor did we eat anyone’s food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, laboring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. **9** We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you to imitate. **10** For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: “The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat.”

11 We hear that some among you are idle and disruptive. They are not busy; they are busybodies. **12** Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the food they eat. **13** And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good.

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 – Luke 21:5-36 NIV

⁵ Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, ⁶ “As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down.”

⁷ “Teacher,” they asked, “when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?”

⁸ He replied: “Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am he,’ and, ‘The time is near.’ Do not follow them. ⁹ When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away.”

¹⁰ Then he said to them: “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹ There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven.

¹² “But before all this, they will seize you and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name. ¹³ And so you will bear testimony to me. ¹⁴ But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. ¹⁵ For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ Everyone will hate you because of me. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ Stand firm, and you will win life.

²⁰ “When you see Jerusalem being surrounded by armies, you will know that its desolation is near. ²¹ Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those in the city get out, and let those in the country not enter the city. ²² For this is the time of punishment in fulfillment of all that has been written. ²³ How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! There will be great distress in the land and wrath against this people. ²⁴ They will fall by the sword and will be taken as prisoners to all the nations. Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

²⁵ “There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. ²⁶ People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. ²⁷ At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹ He told them this parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees. ³⁰ When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. ³¹ Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

³² “Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

³⁴ “Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵ For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.”

PRE-SERMON HYMN: I Walk By Faith

Chorus

I walk by faith each step by faith
To live by faith I put my trust in You
I walk by faith each step by faith
To live by faith I put my trust in You

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

Chorus

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SERMON: Pastor Rick

OFFERTORY HYMN: Abide With Me (Eventide) LBW 272

Abide with me fast falls the eventide
The darkness deepens Lord with me abide
When other helpers fail and comforts flee
Help of the helpless O abide with me

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day
Earth's joys grow dim its glories pass away
Change and decay in all around I see
O Thou who changest not abide with me

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness
Where is death's sting where grave thy victory
I triumph still if Thou abide with me

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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.**

GOD STORY – Linda Zoethout

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**

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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 (LBW p.113): 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

I Come, O Savior, to Your Table

LBW 213

I come, O Savior, to Your table,
For weak and weary is my soul;
You, Bread of Life, alone are able
To satisfy and make me whole.

Chorus

Lord, may Your body and blood
Be for my soul the highest good!

Your body, giv'n for me, O Savior;
Your blood, which once for me was shed;
These are my life and strength forever,
By them my hungry soul is fed.

Chorus

With you, Lord, I am now united;
You live in me and I in you.
No sorrow fills my soul;
Delighted It finds its deepest joy in you.

Chorus

My heart has now become your dwelling,
O blessed, holy Trinity.
With angels I, your praises telling,
Shall live in joy eternally.

Chorus

Text: Friedrich C. Heyder, 1677-1754; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1951, alt.
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Above all Else, I love You Lord

Lord I love you with all my heart I trust from me, you will never depart
Walk with me Lord through strife and trouble Oh guide my feet Lord
I will not stumble Lord, grant that I, in every place
will glorify your wondrous grace. Above all else, Above all else,
I love You, Lord.

All I've needed, has come from you All I see, you made to view
Worldly pleasures are my temptation But you my Lord are my salvation
Sorrow, my heart, might painfully break
But still my trust it will not break Above all else, Above all else,
I love You, Lord.

Lord I love you with all my heart I trust from me, you will never depart
Walk with me Lord through strife and trouble Oh guide my feet Lord
I will not stumble Lord, grant that I, in every place
will glorify your wondrous grace. Above all else, Above all else,
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Above All

Above all powers, above all kings, above all nature and all created things;
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man, You were here before the world began.

Above all kingdoms, above all thrones, above all wonders the world has ever known;
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth, there's no way to measure
What You're worth.

Chorus

Crucified, laid behind the stone; You lived to die, rejected and alone;
Like a rose, trampled on the ground, You took the fall, and thought of me,
Above all.

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COMMUNION BLESSING & POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please see below for details)

CLOSING HYMN: What A Friend

Everybody has trials and temptations. Everybody knows heart break isolation.
But we can lay our burdens down. Lay our burdens down.

Chorus

What a friend we have in Jesus. East to west, my sins are gone.
I see grace on every horizon. And forever and ever His heart is my home.

Everybody has fears, everybody got worries. Everybody knows sorrow, devastation.
But we can lay our burdens down, Lay our burdens down.

Chorus

Bridge

No more betrayal for He is faithful.
He fills me up and my cup runneth over.
No more betrayal for He is faithful.
How He has proven it over and over (over and oh)
(Repeat Bridge)

Chorus

Everybody has trials and temptations. Everybody knows heart break isolation.
But we can lay our burdens down. Lay our burdens down.
(Repeat Chorus)
forever and ever His heart is my home

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THE SENDING

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

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Welcome to worship, Please join us for coffee and conversation

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 • Mission Fundraiser 12-2 PM

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

Today Kids Helping Kids Christmas Sale

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 from 12-2 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

This is the last day to bring your shoe boxes in for Operation Christmas Child. Forgot to bring them, drop them off at the church tomorrow morning at AM. After that drop them off at the Alliance church yourself. Thanks to all who participated.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

If you are considering becoming a member of our church family, we would love to walk with you through the process. To join, you will need to have completed **Lutheranism 101** with Pastor Paul or requested a transfer from your previous Lutheran church. Tim in the office is happy to assist you with any questions or paperwork. We warmly invite you to join **Pastor Rick** on **Monday, November 24 at 7:00 PM** for a brief, friendly introduction to the joys, benefits, and responsibilities of church membership. This is a great opportunity to get to know one another and learn more about what it means to be part of our church family.

Looking Ahead: Building Our Alpha “A Team” for January 2026

We’re excited to announce that the Alpha Course will be offered starting **January 2026!**

Why are we letting you know now? Because great teams plan ahead—and we hope you’ll consider being part of this exciting opportunity. Together, we can 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.**

You’ve received a handout with information about how you can serve. **Take a look at the handout and the see where you can fit in. Come to the A Team Training Event on Saturday, November 29, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.** This will give you an overall picture of our vision and the role of Alpha at St. Peter’s.

We need you! Let’s make this an opportunity to share faith, hope, and community with those around us.

Pop-Up Choir Season Is Here!

It’s that wonderful time again as we prepare for our **Advent by Candlelight Service** on **Saturday, December 7 at 7:00 PM.**

Once again, we’re excited to join with our friends from the Baptist Church as together we share the joyful message of Christmas through music and worship.

Rehearsal Dates: Thur, December 4 — 7:00–9:00 PM and Sat, December 6 — 9:30 AM–1:30 PM
Everyone is welcome—**no choir experience necessary!**

For more information or to sign up, contact **Erica** at epharebergh@shaw.ca.

Good Vibes Memory Choir

Join us for the Good Vibes Memory Choir Holiday Concert! This year’s theme, “All Creatures Great and Small,” celebrates animals from all over the world through joyful songs and music. With **85 singers**, we’ve moved to a larger venue, and we invite you to attend on Thursday, December 12 or Friday, December 13. **Don’t miss this uplifting holiday experience!** Tickets & info: goodvibesmemorychoirs.org

Youth Group Christmas Party

Get ready for Christmas goodies, games, carols, and hot chocolate around the bonfire at the firepit. It’s going to be cozy, fun, and festive — don’t miss it! Meet **Sat. Dec. 6. 6:30-8:30 pm** in the Gateway.

Advent Devotional Videos & Booklets

Available at the church starting **November 30th!** Pick up your copy and use it in your daily family devotions as we journey through Advent together. Follow along with the **daily videos**, released each day from **November 30th to December 25th**. Make sure you're on our current mailing list to receive each video directly in your inbox. Feel free to **share** the devotionals and videos with friends and family. May the Lord bless and encourage you throughout this Advent season!

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!

“Alpha Team” Serving Opportunities

Please review the roles described below and consider which one would be best for you

Small Group Hosts: The small group hosts maintain a safe environment for guests to share openly. They are warm and caring. Their goal is not to teach during the small group time but to facilitate the conversation; they are okay with silence in the group. They are willing to pray for the small group regularly.

Small Group Helpers: Each small group has a **host** and a **helper**. Like the hosts, the small group helpers work to create a safe environment for guests to share their thoughts. They are warm and caring. They seek out the quieter guests to befriend them. They are willing to pray quietly while the small group is meeting and to pray for the group on a regular basis.

Set Up/Tear Down Crew: This crew sets up tables and chairs before guests arrive, and assists with tear down and clean up after Alpha.

Meal Set Up and Clean Up: This group will set up the serving table and put out the food, as well as clean up the meal after Alpha.

Greeters: The greeters are there early to welcome guests as they come. They work to make others feel welcome, knowing that some people will not be used to coming into a church. They also help guests find their small group.

Tech Support: This role ensures the right audio and visual gear are set up and tested so that everything goes smoothly.

Prayer Team: This group prays regularly for Alpha, including praying for each guest, host, and helper. This group may meet together to pray as the Alpha session is happening each week.

Important dates

Team training days:

- Saturday, November 29th, 9:00am-12:00pm
- Saturday, January 3rd, 2026, 9:00am-12:00pm
- Location: Church basement

Alpha Sessions:

- Tuesday evenings, beginning January 6th. Last session on March 24th. Location: Church
- February 21st-22nd: Alpha Holy Spirit weekend retreat at Rivers Edge Camp and Retreat Centre, Cremona, AB

We encourage you to consider one person you could invite to participate with you in Alpha—someone who does not yet follow Jesus or needs to come back to faith