

# Welcome to Petersburg Lutheran Church

April 2, 2017

*We are glad you are here!*

## Prelude

\*Opening Hymn      *"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"*      ELW#338

## Welcome

\*Confession and Forgiveness      ELW, p. 117

\*Kyrie      ELW, pg. 147

**Epistle Reading**      **Romans 8: 6-11**

<sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, <sup>8</sup>and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup> But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

**Reader:** The word of the Lord.

**Response:** **Thanks be to God.**

**\*Prayer of the Day:** Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Children's Sermon

\*Holy Gospel      **John 11: 1-45**

**Reader:** The gospel of the Lord.

**Response:** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Hymn**      *"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"* (x 2)      ELW#752

**Sermon**      *"When the End is the Beginning"*      Pastor Al

**Hymn**      *"My Lord, What a Morning"*      ELW#438

## Confession of Faith:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.**

**Worshiping with our Gifts**      ELW#686

*"We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee."*

## Prayers

**Holy Communion**      ELW#595, 592, 697, 267, 638

## Announcements

\*Closing Hymn      *"Beautiful Savior"*      ELW#838

## Benediction & Dismissal

## Postlude

*\* The Congregation is invited to stand.*