

# Welcome to Petersburg Lutheran Church

March 26, 2017

*We are glad you are here!*

## Prelude

**\*Opening Hymn**          *“Be Thou My Vision”*          **WOV#776**

## Welcome

**Confession and Forgiveness**          **WOV, p. 10**

**Epistle Reading**          **Ephesians 5: 8-14**

<sup>8</sup>For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—<sup>9</sup>for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. <sup>10</sup>Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; <sup>13</sup>but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,  
‘Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.’

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

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

**\*Prayer of the Day:** Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Children's Sermon

**\*Holy Gospel**          **John 9: 1-41**

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

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

**Hymn**          *“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”*          **WOV#731**

**Sermon**          *“Our Last Prayer . . . Plus One”*          Pastor Al

**Hymn**          *“There is a Balm in Gilead”*          **WOV#737**

## 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

## Announcements

**\*Closing Hymn**          *“I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry”*          **WOV#770**

## \*Benediction

## Postlude

*\* The Congregation is invited to stand.*