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**

8For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light.
Live as children of light— 9for the fruit of the light is found in all
that is good and right and true. 10Try to find out what is pleasing
to the Lord. 11Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness,
but instead expose them. 12For it is shameful even to mention
what such people do secretly; 13but everything exposed by the
light becomes visible, 14for 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 Borning Cry"* **WOV#770**

***Benediction**

Postlude

** The Congregation is invited to stand.*