

Welcome to Petersburg Lutheran Church

July 30, 2017

We are glad you are here!

Prelude

*Opening Hymn "Gather Us In" Tamara Evens

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness ELW, p. 117

***Prayer of the Day:** Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Epistle Reading Romans 8: 26-39

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon

*Holy Gospel Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

Reader: The gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn "The Spirit Intercedes for Us" (x 3) ELW#180

Sermon "Our Prayer Helper" Bev Siercks

Hymn "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" ELW#800

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 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" ELW#547

Benediction

Postlude

Tamara Evens

* The Congregation is invited to stand.