

Welcome to Petersburg Lutheran Church

July 16, 2017

We are glad you are here!

Prelude

Lila Trask

*Opening Hymn "My Life Flows on in Endless Song" **WOV#781**

Welcome

Confession

Lord, we confess our lack of faith. We see a glimpse of what we ought to be and we know we fall short of the goal. We desire faith that is solid and unchanging, yet we crumble under trials and temptations. We want to be strong, but we know our own weakness. Our sinful condition strips us of any spiritual gain that we humanly devise. Lord, forgive us. Accept us as we are, unworthy for the task, yet gifted for Your purposes. Give us Your gift of faith.

Absolution

Our God is a great God and knows our needs for all areas of our life. God knows our weakness and our unbelieving hearts, yet loves us enough to die on a cross and provide forgiveness of our sin. Now the focus is not on the faith that we can muster, but on the great gifts that our Lord gives daily as we live in trust. God has given us the gift of faith, faith for the moment, faith for every trial, faith for every temptation, faith for every difficult situation. Praise God for this inexpressible gift of faith.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55: 10-13

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Children's Sermon

*Holy Gospel **Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23**

Reader: The gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn "O Lord, Hear My Prayer" **WOV#772**

Sermon "LISTEN" Pastor Al

Hymn "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore" **WOV#784**

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 **WOV#699, 705, 710, 711, 746**

Announcements

*Closing Hymn "O Christ the Same" **WOV#778**

Benediction

Postlude Lila Trask

* *The Congregation is invited to stand.*