

# Welcome to Petersburg Lutheran Church

August 13, 2017

*We are glad you are here!*

**Prelude**

Tamara Evens

**\*Opening Hymn** “*My Life Flows on in Endless Song*” **ELW#763**

**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**

**1 Kings 19: 9-18**

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

**Response:** Thanks be to God.

**\*Prayer of the Day:** O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people

from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**Children’s Sermon**

**\*Holy Gospel**

**Matthew 14: 22-33**

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

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

**Hymn**

“*O Lord, Hear My Prayer*”

**ELW#751**

**Sermon**

“*What About Next Sunday?*”

Pastor Al

**Hymn**

“*You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore*”

**ELW#817**

**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**

“*Borning Cry*”

**ELW#732**

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

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*\* The Congregation is invited to stand.*