

# Welcome to Petersburg Lutheran Church

August 6, 2017

*We are glad you are here!*

**Prelude** Sandi Edgars

**\*Opening Hymn** “*Lift High the Cross*” (v. 1-2) **TOSB#130**

**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: 1-5

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

**Response:** Thanks be to God.

**\*Prayer of the Day:** Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**Epistle Reading** **Romans 9: 1-5**

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

**Response:** Thanks be to God.

**Children's Sermon**

**\*Holy Gospel** **Matthew 14: 13-21**

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

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

**Hymn** “*Open Our Eyes*” **TOSB#157**

**Sermon** “*Eight to Go*” Pastor Al

**Hymn** “*For Those Tears I Died*” **TOSB#46**

**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** **TOSB#144, 198, 220, 227, 246**

**Announcements**

**\*Closing Hymn** “*Lift High the Cross*” (v. 3-5) **TOSB#130**

**Benediction & Dismissal**

**Postlude** Sandi Edgars

*\* The Congregation is invited to stand.*