

PETERSBURG LUTHERAN CHURCH

February 16, 2020



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We are glad you are here!

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Prelude Music

Pianist: Sue Paulsen

***Opening Hymn**

“He Lives“

TOSB # 61

Welcome

Don Bieber

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Presider: If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Presider: Most merciful God,

Congregation: **have mercy on us.**

All: We confess to you that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen

Presider: With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

**Presider:* The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion with the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

*Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord

Lord have mercy

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy

Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen

*Hymn of Praise: Shout to the Lord



My Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Lord, there is none like you.



All of my days I want to praise the won - ders of your might - y love.



My com - fort, my shel - ter, tow - er of ref - uge and strength;



let ev - 'ry breath, all that I am nev - er cease to wor - ship you.



Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing pow - er and maj - es - ty, praise



to the King. Moun - tains bow down and the seas will roar at the



sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands;

for - ev - er I'll love you, for - ev - er I'll stand.

Noth - ing com - pares to the prom - ise I have in you.

Text: Darlene Zschech, b. 1965

Music: SHOUT TO THE LORD, Darlene Zschech

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*Prayer of the Day:

O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Installation of Good Beginnings/Kinderskrog Board

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

The LORD sets before the people of God a clear choice. Life and prosperity will come to the faithful; loss of the land will be the consequence of disobedience. Choosing life entails loving and holding fast to the Lord. Life in God's presence presupposes the promise made to the ancestors. [Moses said to the people:] ¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119:1-8

¹Happy are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the LORD.

²**Happy are those who keep his decrees,
who seek him with their whole heart,**

³who also do no wrong,
but walk in his ways.

⁴**You have commanded your precepts
to be kept diligently.**

⁵O that my ways may be steadfast
in keeping your statutes!

⁶**Then I shall not be put to shame,
having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.**

⁷I will praise you with an upright heart,
when I learn your righteous ordinances.

⁸**I will observe your statutes;
do not utterly forsake me.**

Special Music

Laurie Barnett

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Human leaders in the church are not the ones who control ministry. Rather they are coworkers who belong to God, the one who truly controls and continuously empowers the ministry of the church.

¹Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, ³for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? ⁴For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. ⁹For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

* Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:21-37

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus exhorts his followers to embrace standards of righteousness that exceed legal requirements and traditional expectations.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ²¹“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ ²²But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

³¹“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ ³²But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

³³“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ ³⁴But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Announcements

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn “Brighten the Corner Where You Are” TOSB # 22

*Dismissal

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

* *The Congregation is invited to stand*

Pew Cards

Welcome to Petersburg Lutheran Church! Cards are available for visitors. Please fill one out and place it in the offertory plate. We would love to learn about you and where you are from. These cards can also be used for prayer requests. *Evangelism Team*

Worship Leaders	This Week: February 16th	Next Week: February 23rd
Pulpit Supply	Mark Kubo	Pastor Eric
Reader	Don Bieber	Pastor Eric
Children’s Sermon	Leesa Murph	Pastor Eric
Musician	Sue Paulsen	Tamara Evens
Reader	Susan Holmes	Chris Van Ettinger
Counter	Pat Weaver	Sue Flint
Usher	Liv Perschon	Bev Siercks
Acolytes	Jillian and Cadence	Tyler and Scott
Altar	Susan Holmes	Susan Holmes
Coffee Crew	Last Names K—O	Last Names P—Z

Continuing Education

Pastor Eric is gone for a week of Continuing Education called “Theoprobe” and will be returning on February 19th. Professor Craig Koester will be lecturing on “Faith Formation and the Gospel of John”. He is preparing a major commentary on John’s Gospel for Eerdmans Publishing. Professor Kathryn Schifferdecker will be lecturing on “Encountering God: Stories from the Old Testament”. She is the author of *Out of the Whirlwind: Creation Theology in the Book of Job* (Harvard Univ. Press, 2008). Both teach at Luther Seminary.

Basement Sale

The annual Basement Sale is scheduled for
Saturday, April 25th!

This is your reminder to start that spring cleaning and save for the basement sale! We need clothes, housewares, furniture, electronics, books etc. As long as it’s in pretty good shape, we’ll take it! Thanks so much and call if you have any questions! Stacey 518-1493



Sun. Feb. 16: John Jensen

Mon. Feb. 17: Aileen Eilenberger

Tues. Feb. 18: Joan Shilling

Thurs. Feb. 20: Hunter Conn, Jim Roberts

3% Monthly Missionary Support

Each month Petersburg Lutheran gives 3% of the offerings received to a special ministry identified by the Church Council and approved by the congregation at the Annual Meeting. The February offering goes to Prince of Wales Island Ministry.

Prayers for Health & Healing

Lee Ribich	Stan Hjort	Mike Harai	Bill Moulton
Joan Shilling	Char Hoiosen	Tim Fisk	Renee Volk
Sandra Edgars	Fred & Karen Haltiner	Robert Armstrong	

Prayers for those Serving our Country

Jesse Anderson	serving in Bangor, WI
Ryan Beale	US Marine, serving in San Diego, CA
Dave Chapman	serving in Honolulu, HI
Shania Dahlberg	serving at Camp Pendleton, CA
Jon Floyd	serving in San Diego, CA
Trinity Dunham Parker	serving in Bangor, WA
Michael Gardner	serving in Fort Meade, MD
Alan McCay	USCG, serving in Port Angeles, WA
Erik Paulson	US Marines, serving in Pensacola, FL
Michael Serafini	serving at Ft Irwin, CA
John Small	US Army Ranger, Ft Richardson, AK
Kevin Thynes	serving in South Korea
Peter Vermeer	USCG, serving in Connecticut
Ben Zarlengo	USCG, training in Connecticut
Joe Zarlengo	USCG, serving on the Great Lakes

February Prayer Partner: Trapper Creek Ministry

February Mission Support: Prince of Wales Island Ministry, AK

Salvation Army Pantry Need: Canned baked beans

This Week at PLC

Sunday, February 16th

8:30 am ... Adult Bible Class –Study in Revelations

10 am ... Worship

10:20 am... Youth Sunday School

2 pm ... 'The Lutheran Hour' on 88.5 FM

7 pm ... AA, Big Book Study, Youth Room



Tuesday

7 pm ... AA, 12 x 12 Study, Youth Room

Wednesday

10 am – 2 pm... Sewing Group, Youth Room

Thursday

10 am ... Lectionary Bible Study, HCH

1 pm... Communion at the Manor

Sunday, February 23rd

10 am ...Worship & Communion

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GOSPEL MESSAGE Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

The Way of We

We. This is the word for today. Each of us is an essential member of much larger realities—families, congregations, communities, nations, relationships of all types. How we speak and act affects whether each “we” to which we belong is a heaven or a hell, whether it is life-giving or life-harming.

Jesus calls us to walk the way of *we*, not the way of *me*, that our life together may be seasoned with the blessing and joy of God’s kingdom. He lays out a way for us that is gracious and faithful to God’s will.

Anger and hatred must not be indulged, neither lust nor lying. These sentiments poison the soul and rip apart families, communities, and nations. They lace human care and nurture with bitterness and mistrust.

Measure words and actions by whether they nurture relationships of mutual care and concern. Resist the insatiable demands of ego to get your own way.

Seek unity with others. Take the first step to reconcile and make peace where differences divide. Speak simply and clearly that your words may be trustworthy and true (and few), avoiding all deception.

In today’s gospel, Jesus does not commend certain actions in order to gain God’s favor. Christ has already named us blessed and beloved. Everything that is in him is ours—overflowing grace, unlimited welcome, unconditional forgiveness, living water when we despair that life is gone.

Through Christ, the Holy One is creating a new world, the kingdom of heaven. We are invited to participate in this community of divine love, where the blessings of creation and the fullness of God’s favor are freely shared among everyone and everything. Walking the way of Jesus, we are Christ’s partners in this holy endeavor, essential members of the great *We* our Lord is creating.

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Next Sunday’s Readings

Exod 24:12-18, Ps 2, 2 Peter 1:16-21, Matt 17:1-9

