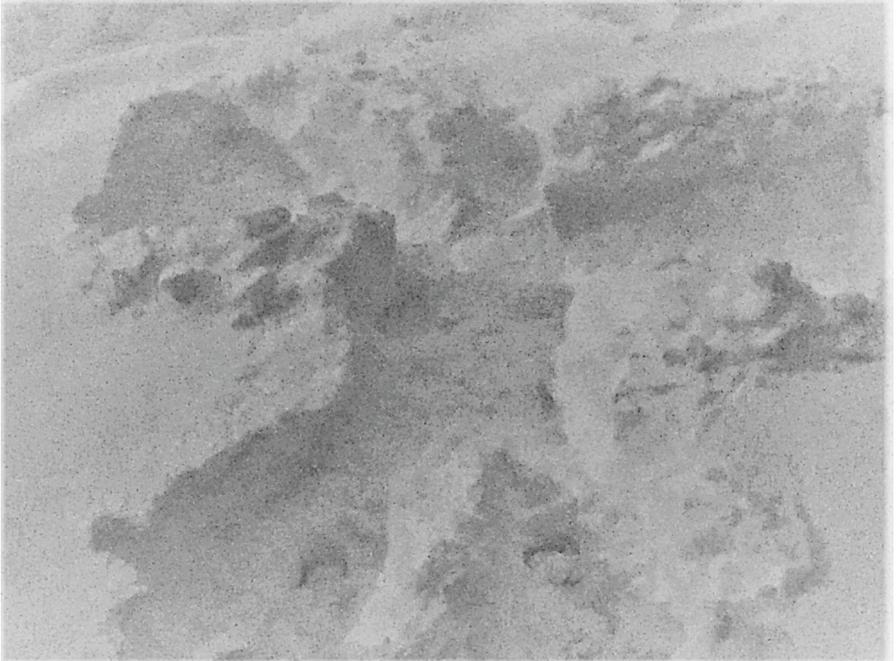


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Prelude Music

Pianist: Tamara Evens

***Opening Hymn** *“Arise, Your Light Has Come”* **ELW # 314**

Welcome

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***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

Leader



In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have



For the reign of God, and for



mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the



Lord.

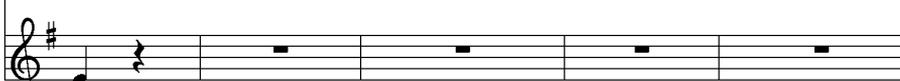
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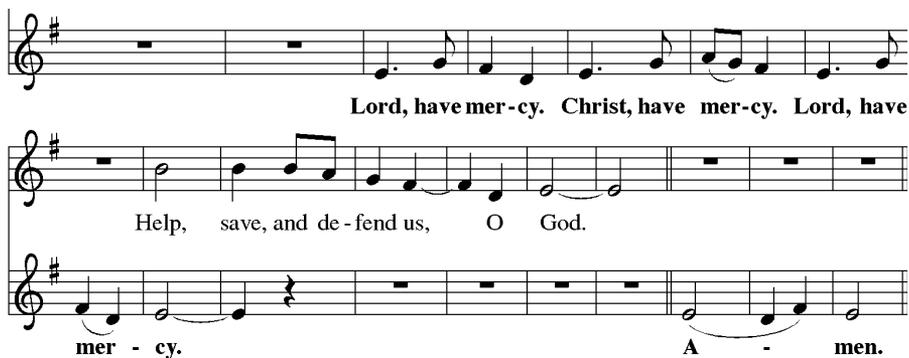
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



peo-ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your



word, let us pray to the Lord.

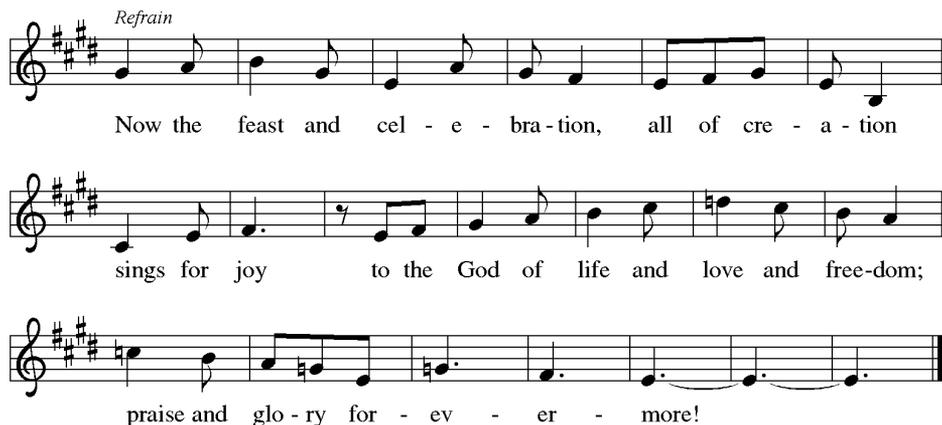


Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have
 Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.
 mer - cy. A - men.

***Hymn of Praise: Now the Feast**

ELW # 167

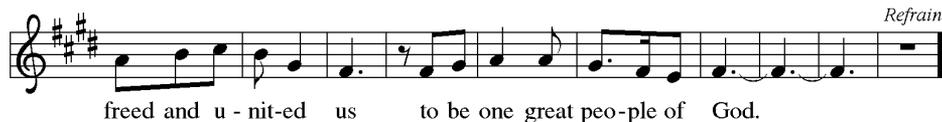
Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion
 sings for joy to the God of life and love and free - dom;
 praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and might, all hon - or and

Refrain



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of

God; to make all things new. *Refrain*

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Presider: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: and also with you.

***Prayer of the Day:**

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Exodus 24:12-18

At Mount Sinai, Moses experienced the presence of God for forty days and forty nights. The “glory of the LORD” settled on the mountain, and on the seventh day God called out to Moses. On the mountain God gave Moses the stone tablets inscribed with the ten commandments.

¹²The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in

the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 2

¹ Why do the nations conspire, and the peoples plot in vain?

² **The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and his anointed, saying,**

³ “Let us burst their bonds asunder, and cast their cords from us.”

⁴ **He who sits in the heavens laughs; the LORD has them in derision.**

⁵ Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying,

⁶ **“I have set my king on Zion, my holy hill.”**

⁷ I will tell of the decree of the LORD: He said to me, “You are my son; today I have begotten you.

⁸ **Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.**

⁹ You shall break them with a rod of iron, and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”

¹⁰ **Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.**

¹¹ Serve the LORD with fear, with trembling

¹² **kiss his feet, or he will be angry, and you will perish in the way; for his wrath is quickly kindled. Happy are all who take refuge in him.**

Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21

At the transfiguration, God’s voice was heard, declaring Jesus to be the beloved Son. By the activity of the Holy Spirit, God’s voice continues to be heard through the word of scripture.

¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹ So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰ First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, ²¹ because no

prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Verse

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Optional Repeat

*Holy Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to Peter, James, and John in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration. ¹Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Children's Message

*Hymn "Beautiful Savior" ELW # 838

Sermon Pastor Eric

*Hymn "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" ELW # 674

Apostles Creed

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.

Prayers

Sharing of the Peace

We Worship God with Our Offering

*Offertory Response: "As the Grains of Wheat"

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the melody for the first line of lyrics. The second staff continues the melody for the second line. The third staff concludes the melody for the third line. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.



1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,
 2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when



may we share the pres - ence of your love.
 all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

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Offertory Prayer

Let us pray... everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen

* Great Thanksgiving

Presider: *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Presider: *Congregation:*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: *Congregation:*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is

right to give God thanks and praise.

The preface appropriate to the day or season is sung or said.

Presider: It is our duty and delight... we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Holy

Congregation:

The musical score is written on five staves. The key signature has four sharps (F#, C#, G#, D#). The first staff is in 6/8 time. The second staff changes to 3/8 time. The third staff is in 6/8 time. The fourth and fifth staves are in 6/8 time. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

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glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
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P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat: this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
On earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Holy Communion Hymns: ELW # 480, 491, 631, 834

Prayer After Communion

Announcements

***Benediction**

***Closing Hymn** *“Shine Jesus Shine”* **ELW # 671**

***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*

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: Crackers and dry cereals

	This Week: February 23rd	Next Week: March 1st
Musician	Tamara Evens	Sandi Edgars
Reader	Chris Van Ettinger	
Counter	Sue Flint	Jennifer Bryner
Usher	Bev Siercks	Don Bieber
Acolytes	Tyler and Cadence	Cadence and Lexie
Altar	Susan Holmes	Brenda Norheim
Coffee Crew	Last Names P—Z	Last Names A—D

Congratulations to Pastor Eric!

On the 35th anniversary of his ordination on February 17th.

Good Beginnings Preschool

Good Beginnings is now accepting applications for the upcoming 2020-21 school year. Please call 772-3044, 518-0133, or email: goodbeginnings@gci.net for more information.

Birthday Dinner, Next Sunday, 5 pm~March 1st

Join us in celebrating all of our birthdays at the annual PLC Birthday Dinner on Sunday, March 1st, at 5 pm in the Holy Cross Hall. Please bring a side dish to go with ham. No need for extra desserts. We will have lots of cake to share! You can sign up to bake a cake and/or decorate a table. The sign up sheet is in the basement or call the office at 772-3144 to sign up. We still need January, April and July for table decorations. Cakes are needed for: January, February, April, July, August, October and December.

Come and share the fun!!

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

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.



Sun. Feb. 23: Nathaniel Lenhard

Wed. Feb. 26: Dave Berg, Lito Skeek, Sarah Larson

Fri. Feb. 28: Bridget Wittstock

Sat. Feb. 29: Sandy Reid



Ash Wednesday Service:

Please join us for the Ash Wednesday service February 26th at 7:00pm. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. As we journey through this 40 day season (not counting Sundays) of the Church year we will gather together each Wednesday. Lent is a season of reflection, introspection and preparation before we celebrate the Jesus resurrection on Easter. Traditionally, the Ash Wednesday Service includes an opportunity to be marked with the sign of the cross on our forehead with ashes, remembering your humanity and the cross through which you will be made new for all eternity.

Lenten Devotional Resource

A free Lenten Devotional "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross" through Luther Seminary can be download at: www.luthersem.edu/lent/2020LentenDevotionall.pdf. You can also sign up for a daily email devotion from Luther Seminary called "God Pause" at this same web site. During the season of Lent, the daily God Pause devotion will be taken from "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross". If you would like to receive a printed copy of the Lenten Devotional, please contact the church office.

Lenten Soup/Bread Supper & Holden Evening Prayer

Please join us for a simple meal of bread and soup and Holden Evening Prayer each Thursday during Lent in the Holy Cross Hall, starting March 5th. We will start with the meal at 5:45pm followed by the Holden Evening Prayer Service from approximately 6:20 to 6:45. March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9.

This Week at Petersburg Lutheran Church

Sunday, February 23rd

8:30 am ... Adult Bible Class –Study in Revelations
10 am ... Worship and Communion
10:20 am... Youth Sunday School: Multi-age Craft Day
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 ~ Ash Wednesday

10 am – 2 pm... Sewing Group, Youth Room
10 am—2 pm... Ruth Circle Quilters
7 pm... Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday

10 am... Lectionary Bible Study, HCH
1 pm... Communion at the Manor

Sunday, March 1st

10 am ...Worship & Communion
5 pm... Annual Birthday Dinner, HCH



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Listen, Just Listen

“This is my Son, the Beloved; . . . listen to him!” A thunderous, divine voice directed the disciples on the Mount of Transfiguration to listen to Jesus. Peter, James, and John had seen the light of eternity shining in Jesus’ face, only to fall to the ground in fear, little understanding what it meant.

And to this, Jesus says, “Get up and do not be afraid.” That’s all. There is no denunciation, no condemnation, no call to repent of their fears and failure to understand. There is only his healing touch and words of assurance: “Do not be afraid.”

Only much later would the disciples start to grasp the significance of the holy moment they had shared on the mountain. Like us, they are just beginners when it comes to understanding the light of God shining in the face of Jesus. Sometimes the light of Christ warms and illumines our hearts to overflowing. The wonder of his loving presence fills and lifts us above our doubts and fears into the joy of simply knowing him. That feeling of overflowing is the mountaintop. We don’t live there, and can’t—just like the disciples couldn’t remain on the mountain where Jesus shone like the sun. But we should listen and savor what we hear and know, lest we forget.

Listen as Jesus speaks of his suffering and death. You will hear the voice of an everlasting love, calling you “beloved.” Listen to Jesus’ voice after the resurrection. You will know he will be with you “always, to the end of the age” (Matt. 28:20). Listen to the voice of gentle strength saying, “Do not be afraid.” Listen to his voice, and then walk into your future knowing a great love holds you and always will, through all the highs and lows of living.

Just listen to what he is saying.

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Next Weeks Readings:

Gen 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Ps 32; Rom 5:12-19; Matt 4:1-11

