

PETERSBURG LUTHERAN CHURCH

March 22, 2020



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We are glad you are here!

Prelude Music

Pianist: Sue Paulsen

Welcome

Pastor Eric

Opening Hymn

“Let Us Go Now to Banquet”

ELW # 523

Refrain / Estribillo

Va - mos to - dos al ban - que - te, a la
 Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the

me - sa de la crea - ción; ca - da cual con su ta - bu -
 feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is

re - te tie - ne un pues - to yu - na mi - sión.
 wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.

1 Hoy me le - van - to muy tem - pra - no; ya me es -
 1 I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -
 2 God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the
 3 May we build such a place a - mong us where all

pe - ra la co - mu - ni - dad; voy su - bien - do a - le - gre la
 mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a spring in my step I'm
 ban - quet of jus - tice and good where the har - vest will not be
 peo - ple are e - qual in love. God has called us to work to -

Refrain / Estribillo

cues - ta, voy en bus - ca de tu a - mis - tad.
 walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.
 hoard - ed so that no one will lack for food.
 geth - er and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

Text: Guillermo Cuéllar, b. 1955, *Misa popular salvadoreña*; tr. Bret Hesla, b. 1957, and William Dexheimer Pharris, b. 1956
 Music: VAMOS TODOS AL BANQUETE, Guillermo Cuéllar, b. 1955
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Reading: 1 John 1:5-10

Confession

Absolution: 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. **Thanks be to God!**

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

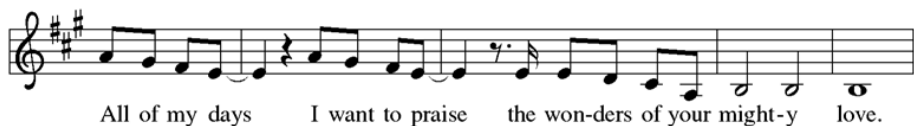
Lord have mercy

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

Amen

Hymn of Praise: Shout to the Lord

ELW # 821





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: Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 23

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
- 2 **He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;**
- 3 he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
- 4 **Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me.**

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

Holy Gospel: John 9:1-41

Jesus heals a man born blind, provoking a hostile reaction that he regards as spiritual blindness to the things of God.

¹As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁶When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, ⁷saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” ⁹Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” ¹⁰But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” ¹¹He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” ¹²They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.” ¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” ²⁰His parents

answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” ²²His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

²⁴So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” ²⁵He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” ²⁶They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” ²⁷He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” ²⁸Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” ³⁰The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” ³⁴They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” ³⁶He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” ³⁷Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” ³⁸He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” ⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” ⁴¹Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn

"Precious Lord"

ELW # 773

1. Precious Lord, take my hand Lead me on, let me stand
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light.
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home.
2. When my way grows drear, precious Lord linger near,
when my life is almost gone, hear my cry, hear my call,
hold my hand lest I fall.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
3. When the darkness appears and the night draws near,
and the day is past and gone, at the river I stand,
guide my feet, hold my hand.
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home.

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Gospel Reflection

Hymn

"Amazing Grace"

ELW # 779



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4: anonymous, st. 5
 Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

Lutheran Worship Reflection

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

Offertory Prayer

Announcements

Closing Hymn

"When Peace Like a River"

ELW # 785



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less - e - ate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Benediction

Postlude

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	
Floyd Thompson			

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

Church Council: Desi Burrell, Ginger Evens, Secretary; Susan Holmes, President; Leesa Murph, Youth; Tom Parker, Liv Perschon, Vice President; John Small; John Swanson; Chris Van Ettinger, Treasurer

Salvation Army Pantry Needs: powdered and canned milk

March Prayer Partner ~Thornton Memorial Lutheran Church in Wales, Alaska

March 3% Mission Support - Glacier Bible Camp

Basement Sale Canceled

The annual basement sale has been canceled for this year. Stacey will be calling all of you next year who volunteer for the basement sale.



Sun. March 22: Wally Swanson, Karen Malcom

Tues. March 24: Irene Roundtree

Thurs. March 26: Jill Williams

Fri. March 27: Lachlan Boiter

Sat. March 28: Sawyer Bryner

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.

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 Holden Evening Prayer

Please join us for Holden Evening Prayer each Thursday during Lent on 88.5 FM at 6:15 pm. Thursdays, March 26, April 2 and 9th.

This Week at Petersburg Lutheran Church

Sunday, March 22nd

10 am ... Worship Service 88.5 FM

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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

Thursday

5:45 pm... Lenten Soup and Bread, HCH

6:15 pm Holden Evening Prayer ~ 88.5 FM

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Sunday, March 29th

10 am ... Worship Service 88.5 FM

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GOSPEL MESSAGE ~ FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Eyes Opened

Toward the end of today's lengthy gospel reading, religious leaders summon, for a second time, the man who was blind from birth and whose sight Jesus restored one sabbath day. Confounded by Jesus' disregard for the sabbath, they judge him a sinner and ask how a sinner could have worked such healing. They cry to the newly sighted man, "Give glory to God! We *know* that this man is a sinner.' He answered, '*I do not know* whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see'" (John 9:24-25; emphasis added).

It is such a radically simple answer. But this clear testimony does not align with the preconceived judgment of the religious leaders, who won't rejoice that the man's eyes have been opened. Instead, the blame game initiated by Jesus' disciples rages on in altered form. While the disciples wondered if it was the man's or his family's *fault* that he was blind to begin with, the religious leaders focused on a way to discredit the one who had restored his sight. Neither the disciples nor the religious leaders seem empathetic about the man's blindness, nor joyful about the new possibilities for his life and participation in community now that he can see.

As we listen to the narrative unfold, perhaps we recognize some of the voices blaming, accusing, or (as with the man's parents) seeking to withdraw from the controversy. The story stands in John's gospel as another important sign, identifying Jesus as "light of the world" (John 9:5). But it also serves to remind us of ways we are blinded by our judgments and critiques of others and of ourselves. To what and whom are our eyes closed? What mixture of mud and washing might open us to see differently and, in so doing, restore us in and to community?

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Next Weeks Readings: Ezek 37:1-14; Ps 130; Rom 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

