

# PETERSBURG LUTHERAN CHURCH

July 5, 2020



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**Welcome to Petersburg Lutheran Church**  
**Our mission is “To Know Christ, to Grow in Christ,**  
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*We are glad you are here!*

**Prelude Music**

**Pianist:** Lila Trask

**Welcome**

**Pastor Eric Olsen**

**Invocation**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

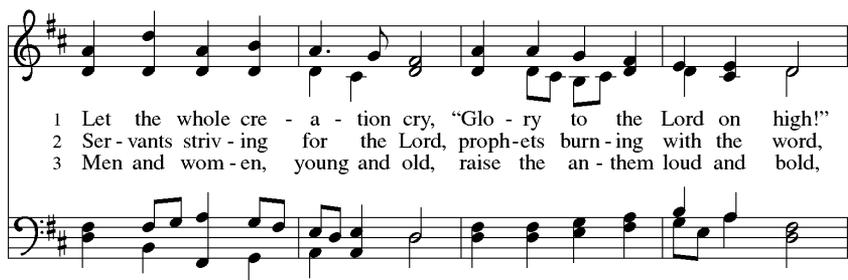
*Presider:* Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*Presider:* If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleans us from all unrighteousness.

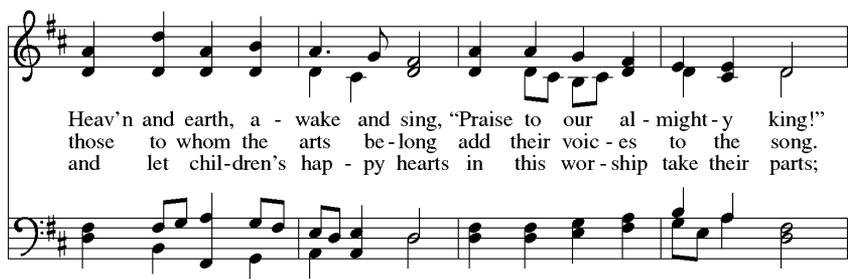
*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

**Most Merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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 loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

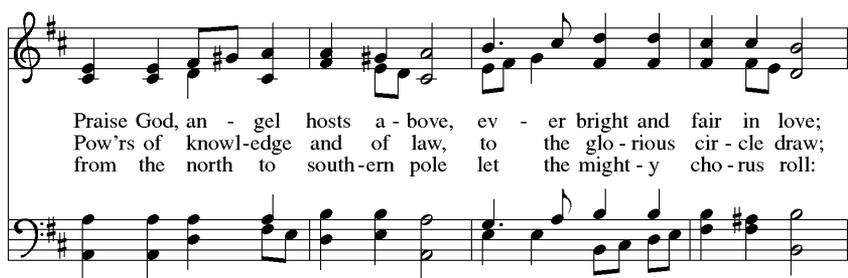
*Presider:* In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by Christ's authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen**



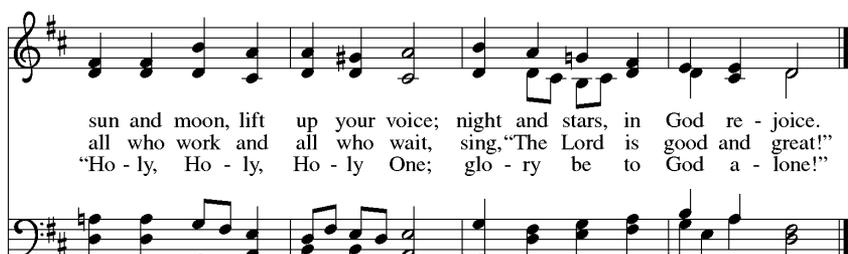
1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"  
 2 Ser - vants striv - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with the word,  
 3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,



Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y king!"  
 those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song,  
 and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;



Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;  
 Pow'rs of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;  
 from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:



sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.  
 all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"  
 "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

Text: Stopford A. Brooke, 1832–1916, alt.

Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750, adapt.

**Greeting:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of 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**

**Prayer of the Day:** You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12**

*The coming messianic king will inaugurate an era of disarmament and prosperity. Because of God's covenant with Israel, the people are designated as "prisoners of hope."*

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

<sup>10</sup>He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war-horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

<sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

<sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 145:8-14

<sup>8</sup> The Lord is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

<sup>9</sup> **The Lord is good to all,  
and his compassion is over all that he has made.**

<sup>10</sup> All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,  
and all your faithful shall bless you.

<sup>11</sup> **They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,  
and tell of your power,**

<sup>12</sup> to make known to all people your mighty deeds,  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

<sup>13</sup> **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.**

**The Lord is faithful in all his words,  
and gracious in all his deeds.**

<sup>14</sup> The Lord upholds all who are falling,  
and raises up all who are bowed down.

## Second Reading: Romans 7:15-25a

*Life captive to sin is a catch-22 existence in which we know good but do not do it and do things we know to be wrong. Through Jesus Christ, God has set us free from such a futile existence.*

<sup>15</sup>I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup>But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup>For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. <sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

<sup>21</sup>So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup>For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, <sup>23</sup>but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup>Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25a</sup>Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

## **Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

*Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.*

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] <sup>16</sup>“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

<sup>17</sup>“We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.”

<sup>18</sup>For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; <sup>19</sup>the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

<sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup>“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

Pastor Lisa Smith Fiegel  
Director for Evangelical Mission, Alaska Synod ELCA

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for  
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for  
 3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,  
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,  
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

*Refrain*

watch - ing for you and for me.  
 mer - cies for you and for me? “Come home, come home!  
 par - don for you and for me. Come home, come home!

You who are wea - ry, come home.” Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, “O sin - ner, come home!”

Text: Will L. Thompson, 1847-1909  
 Music: THOMPSON, Will L. Thompson

## **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 Of The People**

### **Offering**

*If You But Trust in God to Guide You*

**Katie Gilpin**

### **Offertory Prayer**

### **Announcements**

### **Benediction**



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,  
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,  
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,  
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:  
 whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
 your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:  
 whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,  
 be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,  
 be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,  
 be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
 your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
 your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
 your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Text: Jan Struther, 1901–1953

Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

Text © Oxford University Press 1931.

## Sending Response

We are welcomed into God's love,

**Just as we are**

We are sent into God's world,

**To be a reflection of Christ.**

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

### ZOOM WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP TIME

Join us Today (June 28th) for Worship and Fellowship time on ZOOM.  
 Please log in using the information below. You can join online  
 by [Clicking Here](#) Password: 874950 or Call: 1 253-215-8782 ~if busy  
 call 1 669-900-9128 At prompt enter Meeting ID: 846 0569 4721

### **Devotional Booklets**

If you would like to receive the "Christ In Our Home" devotional for July-September devotional booklets, please call the church office at 772-3144 or email [plcakoffice@gmail.com](mailto:plcakoffice@gmail.com) and we will get one delivered to you.

### **Face Coverings**

The Church is in need of some cloth and/or disposable face coverings to have on hand. Please call the office if you can help.

### **Your Offerings**

Offering Year to Date \$97,988

Monthly General Budget \$20,162

### **Viewing Facebook Live Worship Services**

You can still view our worship services on Facebook even if you do not have a Facebook account. Click [HERE](#) or go to PetersburgLutheranChurch2018+. Just ignore the sign in/log in prompt.

### **Church Bulletins**

If you would like to receive the Church Bulletin electronically or by mail, please call the church office at 772-3144 and we will put you on the email list or arrange a way for you to receive the bulletin.

### **Lectionary Bible Study on ZOOM**

Join us for the Lectionary Bible Study on ZOOM at 10:00 am Thursday Morning. [Click HERE](#) to join us on ZOOM. Your audio and video will be muted automatically when you join. To dial in by phone call 1 (253) 215-8782 Meeting ID: 414 101 024



**Thurs. July 9<sup>th</sup>**; Barb Freeman

### **Sermon audio/video:**

<https://www.petersburglutheran.com/sermons-2/>

Service is broadcast on 88.5 FM Radio

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## **Prayers for Health & Healing**

Stan Hjort   Mike Harai   Joan Shilling   Char Hoiosen  
Tim Fisk   Renee Volk   Marjorie Marzolf   Marcy Gelhaus  
Fred & Karen Haltiner   Sandi Edgars   Maryanne Solmonson  
Matthew Espeseth

## **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, serving on the Great Lakes  
Joe Zarlengo   USCG, serving at Sector Juneau

## **Prayers for Our Church Council**

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

## **This Week at Petersburg Lutheran Church**

**Sunday, July 5th**

9:00 am... "Sing for Joy" St. Olaf Choir, Northfield, MN

10 am... Worship Service 88.5 FM

Facebook: Petersburg Lutheran Church 2018+

9:30 am and 2 pm ... 'The Lutheran Hour' on 88.5 FM

**Thursday** 10 am... Lectionary Bible Study via Zoom

**Sunday, July 12th** 10 am ...Worship Service 88.5 FM

## **Petersburg Lutheran Church**

Pastor Eric Olsen ~ [plcakupastor@gmail.com](mailto:plcakupastor@gmail.com)

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**Salvation Army Pantry Needs:** canned baked beans

**July Prayer Partner:** Sitka Lutheran Church, Sitka

**July Mission Support:** Lutheran Disaster Response

## GOSPEL MESSAGE

July 5, 2020

### LECTIONARY 14

#### Work That Restores

What kind of rest is Jesus promising when he says, “Come to me, all you that are weary” (Matt. 11:28)? It isn’t about a day off, though given Jesus’ faithfulness to the Jewish Torah, sabbath rest is surely part of his vision for human life. But Jesus says, “Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me” (Matt. 11:29). These are words that mean work: a yoke is what you put on oxen so they can pull a plow. These words don’t sound like rest! But they invite us to do the work that really matters, instead of the work that only wearies our bodies and souls.

Jesus invites us to take on his teaching and his way of working for the kingdom. He is gracious to those who follow him in this labor. He does not put impossible tasks on people or reject people because they are not perfect. This is how he brings rest for weary souls. This is what makes his burden light.

Jesus also invites his followers to join him in doing the work that matters, the labor that satisfies: loving our neighbor, caring for the needy, seeking justice for those excluded, feeding the hungry, forgiving those who do harm, seeking liberation for people who are oppressed, teaching others that God is love for all. This is work that might make your body weary but will give life to your soul. This work might make you tired by the end of the day, but it is the kind of tired that feels satisfying and leads to good, restful sleep.

To follow Jesus is to find ourselves working for the things that matter to our hearts and to God. What a gift to follow such a gracious, gentle, and humble Lord.

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Next week’s readings: Isaiah 55:10-13, Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13, Romans 8:1-11  
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23