

PETERSBURG LUTHERAN CHURCH

July 19, 2020



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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**

Opening Hymn “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” ELW # 807



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt-or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev-er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.
 let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
 Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
 he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.



Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.
 Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

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: Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 44:6-8

There are no other gods besides God: the word of the LORD does not fail to come to pass. We can trust in God, through whom Israel—and we—are redeemed.

⁶Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. ⁷Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be.

⁸Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 86:11-17

¹¹Teach me your way, Lord, that I may rely on your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name.

¹²**I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name forever.**

¹³For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me from the depths, from the realm of the dead.

¹⁴Arrogant foes are attacking me, O God; ruthless people are trying to kill me—they have no regard for you.

¹⁵But you, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.

¹⁶Turn to me and have mercy on me; show your strength in behalf of your servant; save me, because I serve you just as my mother did.

¹⁷Give me a sign of your goodness, that my enemies may see it and be put to shame, for you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

Second Reading: Romans 8:12-25

For Paul, true spirituality means that we experience the reality of the Spirit, which enables us to pray as God's children, keeps us in solidarity with creation, and gives us unseen hope that God will liberate us and creation from bondage to death and decay.

¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Jesus tells a parable about the coexistence of good and evil in this world. God's judgment will remove all evildoers and causes of sin, but not until the end of human history.

²⁴[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field;²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ ²⁸He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

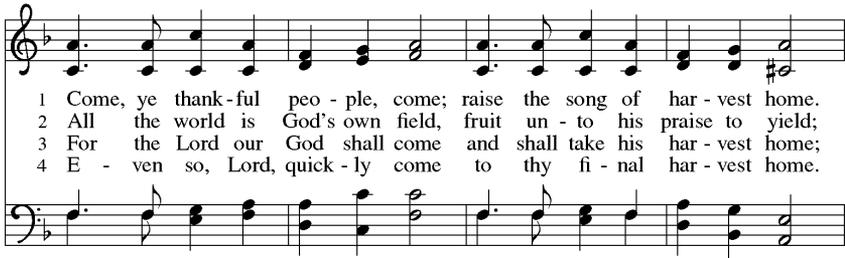
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Pastor Eric

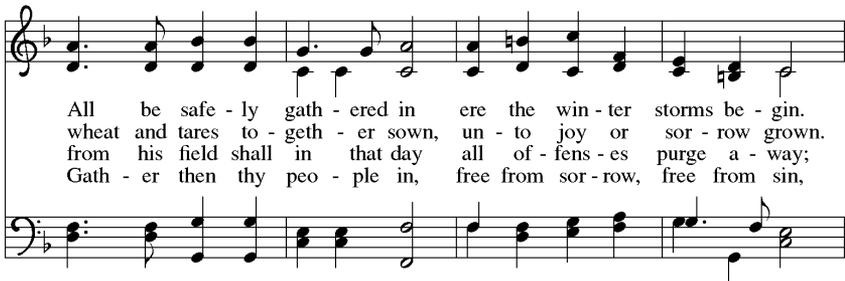
Hymn

"Come Ye Thankful People, Come"

ELW # 693



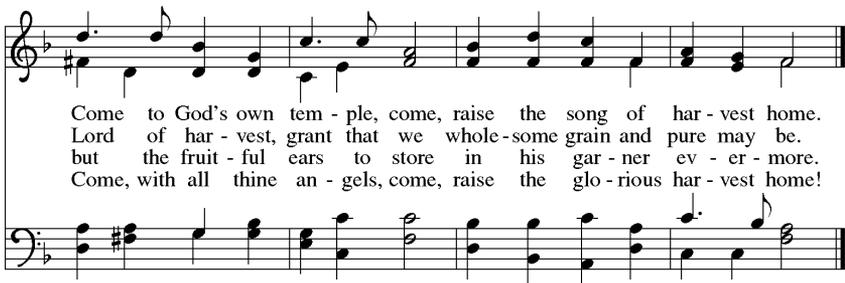
1 Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come; raise the song of har-vest home.
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un-to his praise to yield;
 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har-vest home;
 4 E-ven so, Lord, quick-ly come to thy fi-nal har-vest home.



All be safe-ly gath-ered in ere the win-ter storms be-gin.
 wheat and tares to- geth-er sown, un-to joy or sor-row grown.
 from his field shall in that day all of-fens-es purge a-way;
 Gath-er then thy peo-ple in, free from sor-row, free from sin,



God, our mak-er, doth pro-vide for our wants to be sup-plied.
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap-pear.
 give his an-gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
 there, for-ev-er pu-ri-fied, in thy gar-ner to a-bide.



Come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home.
 Lord of har-vest, grant that we whole-some grain and pure may be.
 but the fruit-ful ears to store in his gar-ner ev-er-more.
 Come, with all thine an-gels, come, raise the glo-rious har-vest home!

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.
 Music: ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR, George J. Elvey, 1816-1893

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

Offertory Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

Hymn

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

ELW # 733

1 Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no
2 Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear

shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-
stars in their cours-es a-bove join with all na-ture in
pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright

pas-sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for-ev-er wilt be.
man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.
hope for to-mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by
 morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy
 hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

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 Music: FAITHFULNESS, William M. Runyan, 1870-1957
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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 (July 19th) 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 772-3144 or email plcakoffice@gmail.com and we will get one delivered to you.

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.

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

Your Offerings

Offering Month to Date \$9873

Offering Year to Date \$105,240

Monthly General Budget \$20, 162



Sun. July 19th Stan Hjort, Al Peeler

Mon. July 20th: Emma Peeler, Brennan Skeek

Thurs. July 23rd: Eric Olsen, Susan Harai, Tamara Evens

Fri. July 24th: Dick Greseth

Sat. July 25th: Pamela Jensen

Salvation Army Pantry Needs: canned pasta products

July Prayer Partner: Sitka Lutheran Church, Sitka

July Mission Support: Lutheran Disaster Response

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
Kenna Sue Gillen		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 19th

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

10 am... Worship Service 88.5 FM

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

Thursday 10 am... Lectionary Bible Study via Zoom

Sunday, July 26th 10 am ... Worship Service 88.5 FM

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GOSPEL MESSAGE

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LECTIONARY 16

Impossible Purity

Maybe you have bought or been offered bottled water recently. Did it say “purified” on it? Did you assume that meant the water was totally pure? What if you learned that bottled water, even purified, always has some contaminants in it? Would you still drink it? You probably did.

Jesus’ parable of the weeds among the wheat reminds us of our desire for purity. It is tempting on first reading the parable to immediately ask ourselves, *So, who is a weed and who is wheat?* We might wonder if the people we don’t like much are weeds. We might also be anxious to know whether *we* are wheat, children of the kingdom. Sorting it all out now and purifying the field would make things simpler.

Except everything in the parable says we don’t get to sort things out! Surprisingly, Jesus lowers our sense of urgency to sort out good from bad in life. Jesus says it is better to live with ambiguity, better to accept impurity, than to try so hard to clean everything up now. Why? Because we risk great harm to others in trying to obtain a level of purity we can never have in this life.

The desire for purity, especially among religious persons, can be strong. For some, this means getting rid of people who fail to live up to certain moral standards. For others, it means judging people based on who we label them to be. But total purity never exists in nature, nor in humanity as a whole, nor in any single person.

Rather than worrying about whom to get rid of, with Jesus’ help we trust that we are children of the kingdom by God’s grace. We are included. When we know we are included and loved, we don’t need to worry about another’s status. That’s for God to worry about. We are free to love others and ourselves, and to let God sort out the rest.

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Next week’s readings: 1 Kings 3:5-12, Psalm 119:129-136, Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52