

# PETERSBURG LUTHERAN CHURCH

August 9, 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:** Sue Paulsen

**Welcome**

Dave Berg

**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**

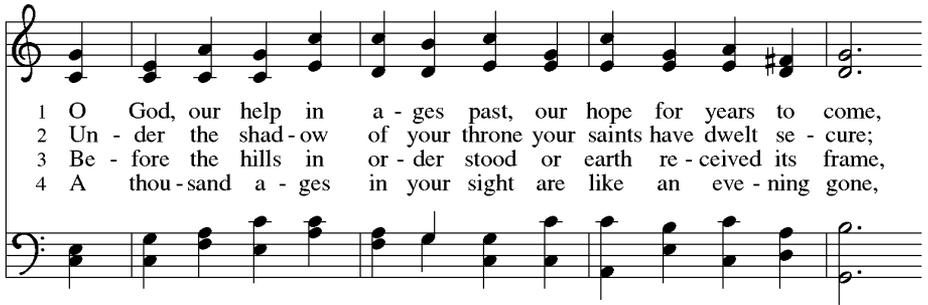
*Presider:* If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleans us from all unrighteousness.

*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:* God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn "O God, Our Help In Ages Past" ELW # 632



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,  
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.  
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
bears all our years away;  
we fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
still be our guard while troubles last  
and our eternal home!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.  
Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678-1727

**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:** O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9-18**

*On Mount Horeb, where God had appeared to Moses with typical signs of God's presence—earthquake, wind, and fire—Elijah now experienced God in "sheer silence." God assured Elijah that he is not the only faithful believer. Seven thousand Israelites are still loyal. God instructed Elijah to anoint two men as kings and to anoint Elisha as his own successor.*

<sup>9</sup>At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" <sup>10</sup>He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

<sup>11</sup>He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; <sup>12</sup>and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. <sup>13</sup>When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" <sup>14</sup>He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." <sup>15</sup>Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. <sup>16</sup>Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. <sup>17</sup>Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. <sup>18</sup>Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

## **Psalm 85:8-13**

<sup>8</sup>The LORD is gracious and compassionate,  
slow to anger and rich in love.

<sup>9</sup>**The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.**

<sup>14</sup>The LORD upholds all who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.

<sup>15</sup>**The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time.**

<sup>16</sup>You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

<sup>17</sup>**The LORD is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all he does.**

<sup>18</sup>The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

<sup>19</sup>**He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them.**

<sup>20</sup>The LORD watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

<sup>21</sup>**My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD. Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.**

## **Second Reading: Romans 10:5-15**

*A right relationship with God is not something we achieve by heroic efforts. It is a gift received in the proclamation whose content is Jesus Christ. This proclaimed word creates our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Hence Christian proclamation is an indispensable component of God's saving actions.*<sup>5</sup>Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them."<sup>6</sup>But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down)<sup>7</sup>"or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).<sup>8</sup>But what does it say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);<sup>9</sup>because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.<sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.<sup>11</sup>The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame."<sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.<sup>13</sup>For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

<sup>14</sup>But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him?<sup>15</sup>And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

## **Holy Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33**

*Matthew's gospel typically portrays Jesus' disciples as people of "little faith," who fail despite their best intentions. In this story, Matthew shows how Jesus comes to the disciples when they are in trouble and sustains them in their time of fear and doubt.* <sup>22</sup>[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go

on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup>And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup>but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup>And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. <sup>26</sup>But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup>But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

<sup>28</sup>Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." <sup>29</sup>He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" <sup>31</sup>Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup>When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup>And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

<sup>34</sup>And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennes'aret. <sup>35</sup>And when the men of that place recognized him, they sent round to all that region and brought to him all that were sick, <sup>36</sup>and besought him that they might only touch the fringe of his garment; and as many as touched it were made well.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn

“Eternal Father Strong to Save”

ELW # 756

1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the  
 2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -  
 3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os  
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - 'lers guard in

rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its  
 mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and  
 dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and  
 dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we  
 calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we  
 give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we  
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

Text: William Whiting, 1825-1878, alt.  
 Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

## **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**

### **Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

### **Offering**

#### **Offertory Prayer**

**Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us, our selves, our time and our possessions, sign of your gracious love. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them and throughout this week we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption off all that you have made, for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

### **Announcements**

#### **Benediction**

The Lord bless you and keep you  
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen**

Chord progression: A<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>7 A<sup>b</sup>

1. O - pen my eyes, that I may see Glimps - es of truth Thou hast for me;  
 2. O - pen my ears, that I may hear Voi - ces of truth Thou send - est clear;  
 3. O - pen my mouth, and let me bear Glad - ly the warm truth ev - 'ry-where;

Chord progression: C7 Fm C7 Fm C7 Fm B<sup>b</sup>7 E<sup>b</sup>

Place in my hands the won - der - ful key That shall un - clasp, and set me free.  
 And while the wave - notes fall on my ear, Ev - 'ry - thing false will dis - ap - pear.  
 O - pen my heart, and let me pre - pare Love with Thy chil - dren thus to share.

Chord progression: A<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>7 E<sup>b</sup>7 A<sup>b</sup>

Si - lent - ly now I wait for Thee, Read - y, my God, Thy will to see;  
 Si - lent - ly now I wait for Thee, Read - y, my God, Thy will to see;  
 Si - lent - ly now I wait for Thee, Read - y, my God, Thy will to see;

Chord progression: A<sup>b</sup>7 D<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>7 A<sup>b</sup>

O - pen my eyes, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!  
 O - pen my ears, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!  
 O - pen my heart, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!

**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 (August 9th) 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

### **Monday Night Meals**

Monday Night Meals have been serving between 60 and 70 persons during the last few weeks. Dinners are being packed and delivered to the Narrows each week. Food can be dropped off at the Trasks, 400 2nd St. N. by 4:00 in the afternoon.

Hamburgers are being grilled and individually wrapped, so any other type of food is fine to be added to the box. It can be a salad, vegetables, casseroles or desserts. If you need a foil pan let me know. Thanks for helping. Lila

### **Your Offering**

Thank you for continuing to bring your offering to church and mailing it in. Some have started to contribute electronically by giving from their checking account or a credit card. You can access the secure giving site through our web page click [HERE](#) and clicking the words GIVING along the top of the web page. You can also go directly to the secure site by clicking [HERE](#) .

### **Your Offerings**

Offering Month to Date \$4143

Offering Year to Date \$19,049

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.

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

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

Service is broadcast on 88.5 FM Radio

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**Salvation Army Pantry Needs:** Pasta and Pasta Sauces

**August Prayer Partner:** Shishmaref Lutheran Church, Shishmaref

**August Mission Support:** Kuwaa Mission Project, Liberia

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

**Sunday, August 2nd**

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, August 13th**

3:45 pm... Executive Meeting

**Sunday, August 9th** 10 am ... Worship Service 88.5 FM

### **Petersburg Lutheran Church**

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### **Birthdays This Week**

Aug. 10: Rob Swanson, Cindy Lynn

Aug. 11: Phil Meeks

Aug. 12: Ken Madsen

Aug. 13: Dave Riemer, Sandy Volk, Miranda Carr

Aug. 15: Anders & Charles Christensen

### **Prayers for Health & Healing**

Stan Hjort	Joan Shilling	Tim Fisk	Renee Volk
Marjorie Marzolf	Marcy Gelhaus	Fred & Karen Haltiner	
Sandi Edgars	Maryanne Solmonson	Kenna Sue Gillen	

### **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
Shane 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

## GOSPEL MESSAGE

August 9, 2020

### LECTIONARY 19

#### Take Heart

We who gather for worship each week know what it is like to feel terrified. We may not be on a literal boat being tossed by the waves, as are the disciples in the gospel story today, but our lives are often rocked by the circumstances we experience. Sometimes the howling wind that buffets our boat is a terrifying health diagnosis. The waves that batter us about might be financial ruin, marital struggles, the demands of caregiving, or a myriad of other issues. We are not strangers to feeling out of control or scared.

Some of us barely made it here today. We are out of energy and exhausted by living in fear. Jesus meets us in the midst of our worry and says, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid” (Matt. 14:27). He sings it to us in the hymns of our faith, speaks it to us in scripture, and feeds us with it in the meal.

As we turn to a hymn and open our weary lips to sing, Jesus is present in the words and melodies that God’s people have been singing for a very long time. We sing these hymns in the chapters of our lives when the seas are calm, and when we are certain we are about to capsize.

When someone stands to read a piece of scripture we have heard dozens of times, Jesus comes to us afresh as we hear that word with troubled or peaceful hearts. Christ meets us in the ancient texts that never get old, offering us stability when our little boats seem dwarfed by the raging sea.

We approach the table, steady or perhaps trembling; when we feel beloved and when we are deeply aware of our captivity to sin. Each time, we reach out with our cupped beggar hands, and Jesus offers himself to us: “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

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Next week’s readings: Isaiah 51:1-6, Psalm 138, Romans 12:1-8, Matthew 16:13-20