

PETERSBURG LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 1, 2020



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to Grow in Christ,
and to Show the Love of Christ.”

Welcome to Petersburg Lutheran Church

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We are glad you are here!

Prelude Music

Pianist: Sue Paulsen

Welcome and Invocation

Pastor Eric Olsen

Opening Hymn

"In Heaven Above"

ELW # 654

1 In heav'n a - bove, in heav'n a - bove, where God our Fa - ther dwells:
2 In heav'n a - bove, in heav'n a - bove, what glo - ry deep and bright!
3 In heav'n a - bove, in heav'n a - bove, no tears of pain are shed,
4 In heav'n a - bove, in heav'n a - bove, God has a joy pre - pared,

how bound - less there the bless - ed - ness! No tongue its great - ness tells.
The splen - dor of the noon - day sun grows pale be - fore its light.
for noth - ing there can fade or die; life's full - ness round is spread,
which mor - tal ear has nev - er heard, nor mor - tal vi - sion shared,

There face to face, and full and free, the ev - er -
The might - y sun that goes not down, be - fore whose
and like an o - cean, joy o'er - flows, and with im -
which nev - er en - tered mor - tal thought, in mor - tal

liv - ing God we see, our God, the Lord of hosts!
face clouds nev - er frown, is God, the Lord of hosts!
mor - tal mer - cy glows our God, the Lord of hosts!
dreams was nev - er sought, O God, the Lord of hosts!

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

ELW #157



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.

For your

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: Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, 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: Micah 3:5-12

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

¹ I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

² **My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.**

³ O magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together.

⁴ **I sought the LORD, and he answered me,
and delivered me from all my fears.**

⁵ Look to him, and be radiant;
so your faces shall never be ashamed.

⁶ **This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD,
and was saved from every trouble.**

⁷ The angel of the LORD encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.

⁸ **O taste and see that the LORD is good;
happy are those who take refuge in him.**

⁹ O fear the LORD, you his holy ones,
for those who fear him have no want.

¹⁰ **The young lions suffer want and hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.**

²² The Lord redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

¹ See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³ And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

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.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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



1 “Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 “Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 “Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 “Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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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.

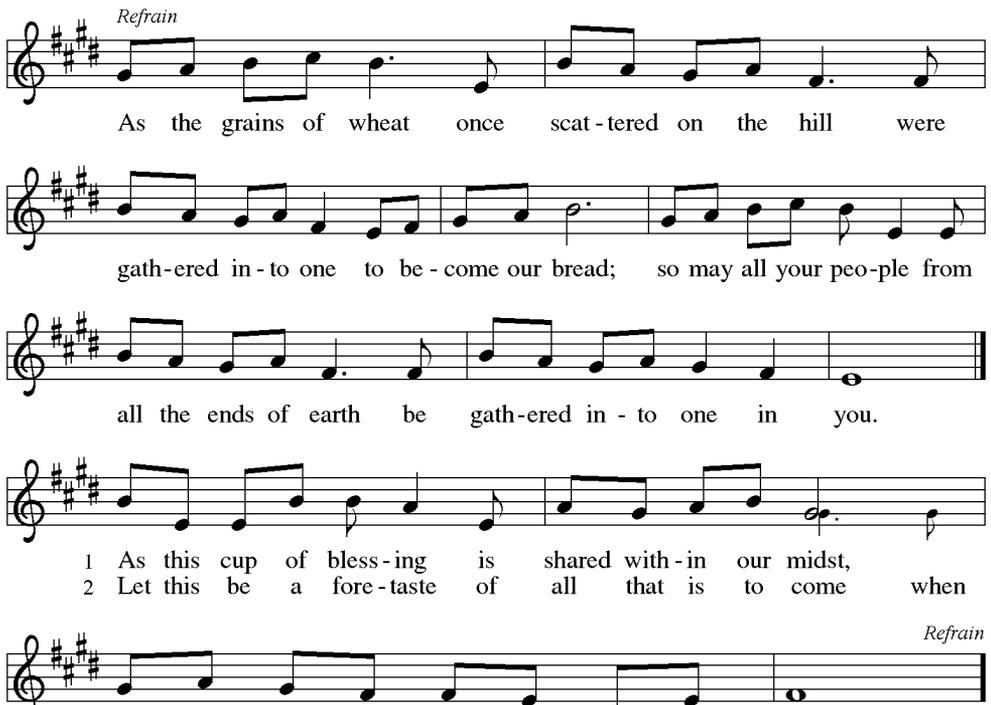
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Offering

Offertory Response: “*As the Grains of Wheat*” ELW #465

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.

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

Refrain

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

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen
Music: Marty Haugen

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Offertory Prayer

Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us, ourselves, our time and our possessions, signs 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 of all that you have made, for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution

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 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, 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.**

Musical Selection (If you are communing in your home, the person sharing the bread and the wine may use these words)

**The body of Christ given for you
The blood of Christ shed for you**

P: Post Communion Blessing

Recognition of Saints

As we sing these hymns, you are invited to come forward and “Light a Candle” (say a prayer) for a special Saint in your life who has nurtured you in faith and life through their words or acts.

“How Great Thou Art”

ELW # 856

“Abide With Me”

ELW # 629

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**

Closing Hymn “I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me” **ELW #860**



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad Je - sus lift - ed me,
When I was in trou - ble, Sa - tan had me bound,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual

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 FELLOWSHIP TIME

Join us Today (Nov 1st) 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

Saints We Remember Today

We remember today those who have died this past year who have a connection to this congregation. Ken Hagerman, Linda Larvik, Betty Pederson, Lorraine Thompson. We give thanks for their lives and the lives they touched and we entrust them to God's care.

This Week at Petersburg Lutheran Church

Sunday, November 1st

8:30 am... Adult Bible Class, Fellowship Hall

Revi Zacharius~ Questions of A Man In Agony

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 on Zoom

Sunday, November 8th

10 am~ Worship Service 88.5 FM

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Sermon audio/video:

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

Service is broadcast on 88.5 FM Radio

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November Prayer Partner: Mat Su Latino Ministry

November Mission Support: "Crocheting Their Way" Ministry;
Wildwood Women's Prison, Kenai, Alaska

Salvation Army Pantry: crackers & dry cereals

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

Education Wing Foundation Information Meeting

Next Sunday, November 8th at 11:30am, an informational meeting will be held in the HCH (and simultaneously on ZOOM) to learn about the condition of the foundation and the plan to address the needed repairs. To join via ZOOM [Click Here](#) or join by phone 1 253 215 8782 and follow the prompts: Meeting ID: 867 2729 5248
Passcode: 480218

Prayers for Health & Healing

Tom Parker Tim Fisk Marcy Gelhaus Roald Norheim

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

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

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
Offering Year to Date \$
Monthly General Budget \$20, 162

Thank You Becky!

Unfortunately, Becky Regula will be leaving her position as the Office Administrator for Petersburg Lutheran Church after two and a half years. We will miss Becky's dedicated, efficient work as well as the friendly, welcoming presence she brought to the position. The church has been blessed through her service and we wish her all the best in her new full-time position with the Borough! If you know of someone interested in applying for this position, please contact the church office 772-3144 or plcakoffice@gmail.com

Holy Communion

The church is anywhere people gather in Jesus' name whether that happens in the Church Sanctuary or in your homes.

We will be celebrating Holy Communion this Sunday and again on again on November 15th. If you are not comfortable worshipping in-person, you are invited to join in celebrating this meal in your home. In order to be prepared, please have bread, wine or grape juice available. It is part of our tradition that Christ is fully present in the wine and in the bread, so if you do not have access to wine or grape juice you can commune using the bread alone.

Holy Communion is a special meal we normally celebrate when we worship. We believe that in the eating of the bread and the drinking of the wine (grape juice), together with Christ's words and by Christ's command, Jesus is present for you, offering you the forgiveness of sin and uniting you with all the saints for the journey of faith.

Worship in the Home

“[Worship in the Home](#)” continues to be available each week on the ELCA Worship blog. You are encouraged to worship as you are able in homes on Sunday and throughout the week. In addition to Sunday worship resources, [resources for Daily Prayer](#) are available, including simplified forms of Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer and Night Prayer, as well as table prayers

Good Beginnings Preschool Wreath Fundraiser

It's time for the annual preschool wreath fundraiser! You can place an order with any Good Beginnings Board Member, contact Bradee Axmaker at 518-0575 or pick up order forms from the church office or the sanctuary. In town wreath price is: \$65. Drop ship wreath price is: \$85.

All orders must be in by Saturday, November 14th.

Wreaths will be available for pick-up the week of Thanksgiving.

Thank you for supporting our preschool!

Birthdays This Week

Fri. Nov 1: Harry Rogers

Tues. Nov. 3: Svea Burrell

Wed. Nov. 4: Joshua Thynes

Thurs. Nov. 5: Molly Volk and Sam Volk

Fri. Nov. 6: Cadence Flint

Sat. Nov. 7: Colleen Nicholson
Holli Flint

GOSPEL MESSAGE

November 1, 2020

ALL SAINTS DAY

Blessed Are You

When Jesus sits on the mountain and begins his long sermon in Matthew's gospel, he begins with these statements of blessing. Blessed are the poor in spirit, those who mourn, the meek, those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, and so on. Jesus speaks of the positive outcomes of these conditions: they will be comforted, they will inherit the earth, they will be filled. "Blessed are you now," Jesus is saying, as well as "Blessed you will be."

God's promises are for today as much as they are for after we die. We trust that baptized into a death like Jesus' death, we are also baptized into a resurrection like Jesus' resurrection. In baptism we are clothed with the righteousness of Christ, sealed with the Holy Spirit, and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Proclaimed on a mountain or in the valleys that can come in daily life, our identity as blessed, baptized saints moves us to live in ways that give thanks to God for God's many gifts and blessings.

All Saints Day isn't just about remembering those who have died and whose names may be read during worship today. All Saints Day is about all the saints, the ones who have gone before, those living now, and those still to come. Today we remember with thanksgiving our brothers and sisters in Christ who have died within the past year, and we also give thanks for the saints who labor and worship on this side of heaven's gate.

Today we recall and celebrate with those who have gone before us as we gather at the font and the table, where in water and word, wine and bread, God reminds us, "Blessed are you." We are blessed, and so we live in ways that manifest this blessing for and toward others.

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Next week's readings: Amos 5:18-24; Psalm 78:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

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