

PETERSBURG LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 22, 2020



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

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We are glad you are here!

Prelude Music

Pianist: Sue Paulsen

Welcome

Pastor Eric

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 cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Reconciling God, **We confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely in our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen**

Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Your sins are forgiven for Jesus sake. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Opening Hymn “Oh, Worship the King” ELW # 842 vs 1, 3, 5

1 Oh, wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove.
 2 The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,
 3 Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?
 4 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,
 5 O mea - sure - less might, in - ef - fa - ble love,

Oh, grate - ful - ly sing God's pow - er and love;
 Al - might - y, your pow'r has found - ed of old;
 It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
 while an - gels de - light to hymn you a - bove,

our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
 it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
 your mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,
 the hum - bler cre - a - tion, though fee - ble their lays,

pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
 and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 our mak - er, de - fend - er, re - deem - er, and friend.
 with true ad - o - ra - tion shall sing to your praise.

Text: Robert Grant, 1779–1838, alt.
 Music: HANOVER, 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 of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, 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: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Because Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the LORD will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The LORD will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people. ¹¹Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²²I will save

my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

²³I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 95:1-7a

¹ O come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

² **Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;**

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

³ For the Lord is a great God,

and a great King above all gods.

⁴ **In his hand are the depths of the earth;**

the heights of the mountains are his also.

⁵ The sea is his, for he made it,

and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

⁶ **O come, let us worship and bow down,**

let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

⁷ For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture,

and the sheep of his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

In this passage, God is praised for revealing ultimate divine power in raising Jesus from the dead. The resurrected, exalted Christ is Lord of both the church and the entire universe, now and in the age to come. ¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also

in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Hymn “*Lord, I Lift Your Name On High*” **ELW # 857 x2**

Lord I lift Your name on high
Lord I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us

[Chorus:]

You came from heaven to earth
To show the way
From the earth to the cross
My debt to pay
From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high

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Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ³¹“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord,

when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you? ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.’ ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Pastor Eric

*Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a
stranger or naked
or sick or in prison, and took care of you?*

*Truly I tell you,
just as you did it to one of the least of these who
are members of my family, you did it to me.'*

Hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" ELW # 634 vs 1-4

1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
 2 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,
 3 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call—
 4 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.
 hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
 the God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.
 go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.

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Text: Edward Perronet, 1726–1792, sts. 1–4; J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, sts. 5–6
 Music: CORONATION, Oliver Holden, 1765–1844

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again, in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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, 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

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 “Praise and Thanksgiving” ELW #689

1 Praise and thanks-giv-ing, God, we would of-fer for all things
2 God, bless the la-bor we bring to serve you, that with our
3 Fa-ther, pro-vid-ing food for your chil-dren, by Wis-dom's
4 Then will your bless-ing reach ev-ry peo-ple, free-ly con-

liv-ing, you have made good: har-vest of sown fields, fruits of the
neigh-bor we may be fed. Sow-ing or till-ing, we would work
guid-ing teach us to share one with an-oth-er, so that, re-re-
fess-ing your gra-cious hand. Where you are reign-ing, no one will

or-chard, hay from the mown fields, blos-som and wood.
with you, har-vest-ing, mill-ing for dai-ly bread.
joic-ing with us, all oth-ers may know your care.
hun-ger; your love sus-tain-ing show-ers the land.

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 22nd) for 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

Holy Communion

We will be celebrating Holy Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. Our next communion will be Sunday December 6th.

Prayers for Health & Healing

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| Tom Parker | Tim Fisk | Marcy Gelhaus | Roald Norheim |
| Randy and Shannon Payne | | Ted Smith | Renee Volk |

Prayers for those Serving our Country

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| 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

**Petersburg Lutheran Church 2020
3% Monthly Benevolence Support**

Each month PLC gives 3% of the offerings received to a special ministry identified by the Church Council and affirmed by the congregation at the Annual Meeting. If you have specific input for the Church Council to consider as they plan for 2021 please submit that to the Church Office by December 6th.

January Moringe Sokoine Secondary School; Monduli, Tanzania

The school in Monduli has been a mission project for PLC for several years. PLC has provided funding to assist with various needs at the school.

February Prince of Wales Island Ministry, POW, AK

This is a new ministry within the Southeast Cluster of the Alaska Synod. Services will be offered each month, beginning in January 2018, in the hope of forming a new ELCA congregation on the island.

March Glacier Bible Camp; Juneau, AK

The Southeast Cluster of the AK Synod hosts a church camp each summer. This funding helps to pay expenses which camper fees do not fully cover.

April Pacific Lutheran University; Tacoma, WA

PLU is a small private liberal arts university founded by Norwegian Lutherans. Our donation allows PLC confirmands who attend the university to obtain a scholarship of \$1000 per year.

May Special Fund for Local Needs; Petersburg, AK

This fund is used to assist local residents with special needs. These are generally one-time or emergency appeals.

June Good Beginnings Preschool; Petersburg, AK

The preschool is a long-term mission of PLC, housed in the Rebbi Hus. It provides quality education for preschoolers.

July Lutheran Disaster Response

This mission of the ELCA “brings God’s hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters.” The funds are used throughout the world.

August Kuwaa Mission Project, Liberia

The project assists the Kuwaa peoples to “rebuild and restore their lives”. They work to provide safe drinking water and to sanitary conditions in the area, to rebuild the schools, churches, and medical clinics, and assist with other needs.

September Prisoners for Christ; Woodinville, WA
Prisoners for Christ is a ministry to adults and juveniles in jails and prisons. They provide church services, Bibles studies and classes, concerts, and mentoring. Their outreach extends throughout the Pacific Northwest, across the United States, and around the world.

October Petersburg Mental Health; Petersburg, AK
This non-profit organization within our community provides professional behavioral health services.

November “Crocheting Their Way” Ministry; Wildwood Women’s Prison, Kenai, AK
This is an ecumenical project of volunteers trained by the Kairos Prison Ministries of Alaska. Items crocheted by the inmates are distributed to various charitable organizations around the state.

December Lutheran World Relief *This mission of the ELCA provides assistance to families throughout the world in via disaster relief and recovery and sustainable development projects. The Ruth Circle at PLC makes quilts for distribution by LWR; knitted baby afghans are also sent from Petersburg.*

Congregational Meeting November 29th at 11 am

This meeting will be held in the Sanctuary and simultaneously on ZOOM, to make decisions regarding the repair of the foundation of the Education Building and the financing of it. To join by ZOOM [Click Here](#). To join by phone dial 1 253 215 8782 then follow the prompts
Meeting ID: 864 0872 0452. Passcode: 424966

Lectionary Bible Study on ZOOM

There will be no Lectionary Bible Study this Thursday due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Join us next Thursday, December 3rd on Zoom.

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.

Administration Building Foundation Repair

A fund has been set up to receive gifts for the repair of the foundation. If you are interested in giving a gift toward this important project, please write in the memo field of your check 'foundation repair'. We are thankful for the gifts recently received.

Bulletin Cover Art

We are looking for people who are interested in submitting a picture or artwork for the bulletin cover relating to the scripture lessons for that Sunday. You can find the coming week's scripture lesson at the bottom of the last page of the bulletin. If you would like to look further ahead, please contact the church office and we will send you the scripture lessons for the coming weeks. 772-3144 or plcakoffice@gmail.com. Thank you!

Petersburg Lutheran Church Office Administrator Opening

Petersburg Lutheran Church is looking to hire a part time 20hr per week Office Administrator with strong interpersonal skills, ability to maintain confidentiality, computer literate, maintain records, relate to the public via phone, email and personal contact. For full job description contact the church office at 907-772-3144 or email plcakoffice@gmail.com. Salary based on experience \$13.00 - \$18.00 hour.



Birthdays This Week

Mon. Nov. 23: Bill Olson

Tues. Nov. 24: Sandi Edgars

Thurs. Nov. 26: Cindy Newman

Fri. Nov. 27: Polly Koeneman

This Week at Petersburg Lutheran Church

Sunday, November 22nd

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

Revi Zacharius~ Suffering, Healing, Scripture & Dawkins

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

Happy Thanksgiving!

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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 \$13,257

Offering Year to Date \$175,945

Monthly General Budget \$20,162

Sermon audio/video:

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

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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: Dry cereals

GOSPEL MESSAGE

November 22, 2020

CHRIST THE KING

Action and Reflection

The story of the sheep and the goats in Matthew 25 begins with the Son of Man on a throne. It is an image of a king sitting in judgment. In any era of human history, this image of an all-powerful ruler sitting in judgement would be consistent with our images of power and authority. What follows runs against all of our expectations. The king connects his presence to the people who are poor and oppressed. This does not fit our human practices of power. Even a benevolent leader is not seen in the presence of the least among us.

Though Jesus makes this connection, it is easy to read this story and get hooked into the power dynamics of judgment. We may wonder if we are a sheep or a goat and think about this status in an eternal sense as it relates to our relationship with God. This heavy reflection may lead us to think we might somehow have to earn our way into God's grace.

The theology of the cross finds Jesus exercising his kingship through the weakness of the cross. From the resurrection that follows this death, we receive the gift of life. This gift comes with the freedom to leave aside worries about eternity in favor of attending to faithful living today. If Jesus frees us from concern about our relationship with God, the story of the sheep and the goats becomes more of a checklist for grace-filled living than a scorecard for eternity. It becomes an invitation and a guide rather than an indictment.

Included in this invitation is an opportunity for reflection. Neither the sheep nor the goats realize how their actions have or have not been faithful. In this way the story gives us a simple gift by which to measure our path in faith and reflect on the ways we spend our days.

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Next week's readings: Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37