

# PETERSBURG LUTHERAN CHURCH

February 28, 2021  
Second Sunday in Lent



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to Grow in Christ,  
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# **Welcome to Petersburg Lutheran Church**

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*We are glad you are here!*

**Prelude Music**

**Pianist:** Tamara Evens

**Welcome**

**Pastor Eric**

**Remembrance of Baptism**

**Hymn: Dance With Me**

This is Holy time

We're gathered together

To worship you

To love one another

And as we pray, and as we sing

And as we dance, and as we dream

Oh Lord, I beg of you just this one thing

Won't you dance with me?

Throughout the Heavens

And below the seas

Up on the mountaintops

Roll with the breeze

Come carry me

Lord, won't you dance with me?

*Author unknown*

# Hymn "Will you Come and Follow Me" ELW # 798



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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**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, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**First Reading: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16** *As with Noah, God makes an everlasting covenant with Abraham and Sarah. God promises this old couple that they will be the ancestors of nations, though they have no child together. God will miraculously bring forth new life from Sarah's womb. The name changes emphasize the firmness of God's promise.*

<sup>1</sup> When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. <sup>2</sup> And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." <sup>3</sup> Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, <sup>4</sup>"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup> No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations.

<sup>6</sup> I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup> I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, or an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.”

<sup>15</sup> God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup> I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

**Reader:** The word of the Lord.

**Response:** Thanks be to God.

**Psalm: Psalm 22:23-31**

<sup>22</sup> **All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord.**

<sup>23</sup> You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob’s line, give glory. Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

<sup>24</sup> **For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD’s face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.**

<sup>25</sup> From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

<sup>26</sup> **The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

<sup>27</sup> All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

<sup>28</sup> **For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.**

<sup>29</sup> Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

<sup>30</sup> **Their descendants shall serve the LORD, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

<sup>31</sup> They shall proclaim God’s deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, “The LORD has acted!”

**Second Reading: Romans 4:13-25** *Paul presents Abraham as the example for how a person comes into a right relationship with God not through works of the law but through faith. Though Abraham and Sarah were far too old for bearing children, Abraham trusted that God would accomplish what God had promised to accomplish.*

<sup>13</sup>The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. <sup>16</sup>For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup>Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” <sup>19</sup>He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. <sup>20</sup>No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup>being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup>Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” <sup>23</sup>Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup>but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup>who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

**Reader:** The word of the Lord.

**Response:** Thanks be to God.

**Holy Gospel: Mark 8:31-38** *After Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus tells his disciples for the first time what is to come. Peter's response indicates that he does not yet understand the way of the cross that Jesus will travel.*

<sup>31</sup>[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.<sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.<sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.<sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.<sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?<sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?<sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.  
Response: **Praise to you, O Christ**



**Sermon**

Pastor Eric

Opening Hymn "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" ELW # 338

1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;  
 2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see  
 3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;

the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,  
 the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me,  
 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;

a home with - in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,  
 And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:  
 con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,

from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.  
 the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.  
 my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

## **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, 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**

### Hymn: Seek Ye First Matt. 6:33

Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
And God's righteousness  
And all these things, shall be added unto you  
Allelu . . . alleluia

Ask and it shall be given unto you  
Seek and ye shall find  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you  
Allelu . . . alleluia

We do not live by bread alone,  
But by every word  
That proceeds from the mouth of God  
Allelu . . . Alleluia

*By Karen Lafferty CCLI: #20860018A*

### 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

## **Annual Meeting Petersburg Lutheran Church**

Today, February 28th 2021

11:00am –**NOT** in the Sanctuary!! **Join on ZOOM**

To join on ZOOM [Click Here](#)

To join by phone dial: 1 253 215 8782

Meeting ID: 456 161 4896 Passcode: 406

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

**Sunday**, February 28th

8:30 am... Adult Bible Class Studying-Mathew

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**

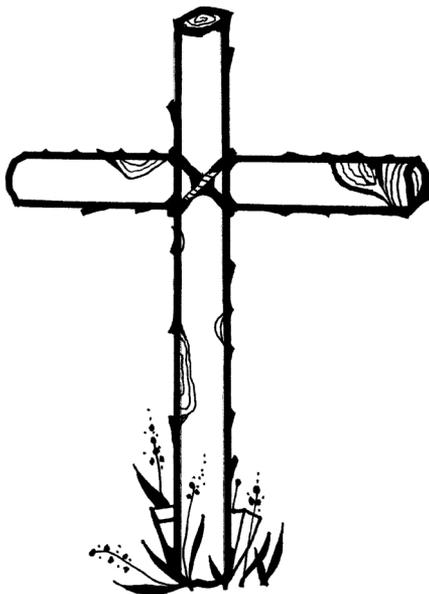
10 am...Lectionary Bible Study Zoom

**Sunday**, March 7th

10 am...Holy Communion Worship Service 88.5FM Facebook:

Petersburg Lutheran Church 2018+

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



### **3% February Mission Support**

Each month Petersburg Lutheran Church (PLC) selects a ministry to support with 3% of the offerings received during that month. This is in addition to the 10% tithe that PLC gives to the Alaska Synod to support our ministries and the majority is forwarded on to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) for the work of the church throughout the United States and the world.

**Dillingham Trinity Lutheran Church in Dillingham, AK** is the recipient of the 3% gift in February. They are currently being served for free by a retired pastor, while working to fix up their parsonage so that they may eventually call a new pastor.

**February Prayer Partner: Christ Lutheran Church In Fairbanks** When we come to the table each week we come to receive Christ's forgiveness, Christ's love and Christ's hope.

**Salvation Army Pantry:** Powdered and canned milk

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

Tim Fisk , Roald Norheim, Randy and Shannon Payne, Erica Thompson, Joseph Tagaban

### **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         |
| Chase Hammer          | US Marine, Jacksonville, NC          |

## **Prayers for Our Church Council**

Church Council: Chris Van Ettinger-President, Desi Burrell-VP, Robin Roberts-Council Treasurer, Nancy Berg-Council Secretary, Bridget Wittstock– Good Beginnings, Tom Parker– Youth, John Swanson, Property, John Small, Kara Newman

## **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

## **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

Follow us on Facebook: Petersburg Lutheran Church 2018+

## **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

## **Holy Communion**

We will be celebrating Holy Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sunday Of the Month Our next communion will be Sunday, March 7th.



### **Birthdays This Week**

Thur. Mar., 4th: Stacy Eilenberger

Fri. Mar., 5th : Winter Skeep & Trent Kittams

### **ZOOM FELLOWSHIP TIME**

Join us Today (Feb 28th 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

### **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 \$11,739

Offering Year to Date \$25,781

Monthly General Budget \$20, 162

## **Basement Sale**

Hey, just wanted to give everyone a heads up. At this time still going forward with the basement sale a April 24th. Please start saving all your goodies, as you know we pretty much take everything. Still need to talk to the borough, I will keep everyone informed. Thanks, any questions call Stacey 518-1493.

## **Tech Help Needed**

We are looking for a few people who could assist with maintaining the Church web site, running the audio and video for church services and working with the 88.5FM station. Please contact the office if you are interested. 772-3144 or [plcakoffice@gmail.com](mailto:plcakoffice@gmail.com)

## **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](mailto:plcakoffice@gmail.com). Thank you!

|          | This Week:<br>February 28th | Next Week:<br>March 7th |
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| Musician | Tamara Evens                | Lila Trask              |
| Reader   | Mary Thompson               | Bill Moulton            |
| Counter  | Jennifer Bryner             | Karen Malcolm           |

## GOSPEL MESSAGE

February 28, 2021 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

### A Love That Lets Go

Sometimes we are just not to be trusted with the task of loving. When we really, really love someone or something, our fingers can grasp too tightly, and our fists clench a little too firmly. For fear of losing what we love, we can squeeze the life out of what we were trying to protect.

Today, Jesus announces the trajectory of his mission: he is going to be put to death after great suffering and rejection, and he is going to be raised from the dead on the third day. This announcement sends Peter's hands reaching out to hold onto Jesus with fierce firmness. Peter doesn't want to lose the one he loves, and he goes so far as to shame and criticize Jesus for his words. Have you ever acted like Peter, letting fear of losing someone you love thwart your ability to actually love them?

When Jesus says that those who try to save their lives are going to lose their lives, he is talking about our instinct to hold on too tightly to the things that we love. Somewhere in this move, our love actually becomes control. In the moment when the instinct to control takes hold, love and life are lost.

Jesus' words invite us to back up. We acknowledge our tight grip on God, on each other, on our own hearts. We let a little air in to those places where our tight grip has been suffocating life. We gather to worship a God who loves this world so deeply that God would rather die at our hands than coerce us into reciprocating that love. Today, we come to know God's love, which never seeks to control or pin us down, but which breathes life into the world. From [sundaysandseasons.com](http://sundaysandseasons.com).

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**Next week's readings:** Exodus 20:1-17, Psalm 19,  
1 Corinthians 1:18-25, John 2:13-22

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