

# PETERSBURG LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Holy Trinity

May 30, 2021



Our mission is  
"to Know Christ, to Grow in Christ,  
and to Show the Love of Christ."

**Welcome to Petersburg Lutheran Church**  
**Our mission is “To Know Christ, to Grow in Christ,**  
**and to Show the Love of Christ”**  
*We are glad you are here!*

**Music**

**Pianist** Sue Paulson

**Welcome**

Matt Lenhard

**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.*

**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 “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty” ELW# 413



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!  
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!



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Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.  
 Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

**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: Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8** *This reading narrates Isaiah's vision of the Lord surrounded by angels. They sing "Holy, holy, holy," a song the church sings at the beginning of the great thanksgiving. This liturgical text invites the church and all creation to sing in praise of God's glory. That glory is God's mercy toward sinners.*

<sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."

<sup>4</sup>The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

<sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup>The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” <sup>8</sup>Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

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

**Response:** Thanks be to God.

## **Psalm 29**

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God’s name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup>**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

<sup>6</sup>**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

<sup>8</sup>**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

<sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, “Glory!”

<sup>10</sup>**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

<sup>11</sup>O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

**Second Reading: Romans 8:12-17** *Jesus' miracles prompt Nicodemus to visit him in secrecy. Jesus tells him about being born of the Spirit and about the Son who has been sent by God to save.*

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<sup>11</sup>"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

**Reader:** The word of the Lord.  
**Response:** Thanks be to God.



**Hymn: “Lord, I lift Your Name on High” ELW #857**

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your prais-es.  
I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.  
You came from heav-en 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.

Text: Rick Founds, b. 1954

Music: Rick Founds

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LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME

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**Gospel Acclamation**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

**Holy Gospel: John 3:1-17** *Jesus' miracles prompt Nicodemus to visit him in secrecy. Jesus tells him about being born of the Spirit and about the Son who has been sent by God to save.*

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Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

**Mark Kubo**

# Hymn: "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" ELW# 800

1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;  
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,  
 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;  
 4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,

wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;  
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,  
 all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?  
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:

stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,  
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;  
 I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.  
 the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,

and make me love you as I ought to love.  
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.  
 Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!  
 my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

## **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 in Your Mercy/ Hear Our Prayer

## **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**

**We offer what you have first give us, our time and possessions, so that others may not feel alone, eat alone, live alone, be alone, but that they may be surrounded by your grace and love through us and the lives we offer to you. In Jesus name, we pray. 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 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” ELW #834

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
 all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!  
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love!  
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

## **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**

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

**Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 am...Adult Bible Class Studying Matthew

10 am ... Worship Service 88.5 FM

Facebook: Petersburg Lutheran Church 2018+

2 pm ... 'The Lutheran Hour' on 88.5 FM

**Thursday 10 am...** Lectionary Bible Study via Zoom. Will resume June 10th

### **Viewing Facebook Live Worship Services**

Go to PetersburgLutheranChurch2018+. You can still view our worship services on Facebook even if you do not have a Facebook account. Or go to [www.petersburg.org](http://www.petersburg.org) and click on the Facebook link.

### **ZOOM FELLOWSHIP TIME**

Join us Today for Fellowship time on ZOOM. Please log in using the information below. You can join online by [Clicking Here](#).  
By phone call: 1 253-215-8782 At prompt enter Meeting ID: 846 0569 4721 Password 874950

### **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.

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

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

Service is broadcast on 88.5 FM Radio **Follow us on Facebook:**  
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**May Prayer Partner:** Amazing Grace Lutheran, Anchorage

**May Mission Support:** Special Funds for Local Needs; Petersburg, Ak. This fund is used to assist local residents with special needs. These are generally one-time or emergency appeals.

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

**Prayers for Health & Healing:** Tim Fisk, Pam Kriter, Roald Norheim, Randy and Shannon Payne, Joseph Tagaban Gary Putnam, Samantha Keopple, Lois Deboer, Chris and Paul Van Ettinger, Dean Haltiner, Heidi Bieber, Curtis Beckett

### **Prayers for those Serving our Country**

Jesse Anderson	Serving in Bangor, WI
Ryan Beale	US Marine, Deployed
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-Vice President  
Nancy Berg– Secretary, Robin Roberts– Treasurer,  
Tom Parker-Youth, John Swanson Building Maintenance,  
Bridget Wittstock-Good Beginnings, Kara Newman, John Small



**Happy Birthday!!**

**Today May 30<sup>th</sup>** Madalina Ward

**Monday May 31<sup>st</sup>** Elias Ward and Tonya Somerville

**Tuesday June 1<sup>st</sup>** Linda Slaught and Casey Evens

**Wednesday June 2<sup>nd</sup>** Jean Curry and Pat Weaver

**Friday June 4<sup>th</sup>** Bill Neumann and Barbara Steltz

**Saturday June 5<sup>th</sup>** Maelle Boitor

**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 \$13,743

Offering year to date \$77,259

Monthly General Budget \$20,162

**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. Please contact the church office 772-3144 or [plcakoffice@gmail.com](mailto:plcakoffice@gmail.com). Thank you!

<b>Thank you Volunteers</b>	This Week: May 30 <sup>th</sup>	Next Week: June 6 <sup>th</sup>
Musician	Sue Paulson	Lila Trask
Reader	Lana Corl	
Counter	Betty Rogers	Katey Gilpin

# Born Again!

In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again." John 3:3 (NIV)

Based on John 3:1-17 (NIV)

*New Life in  
Christ*



U J O W H I D P E K A V N D Z  
G K U T D L O V E D S N I T D  
E N R R I B V A T C A A C E Z  
T I F F N S A G R A H Y O A G  
B D T L K H D A U B T L D C M  
V H J G E I D I T V V W E H H  
N K Q Y D S N N H Y G P M E M  
B V N L H F H G B D S N U R H  
B O R N O Q M R D R J L S S R  
M O F S O N A Q C O A P I A A  
W A T E R P N H H N M W J M B  
F X S L I F E I R G E H C O B  
J P H A R I S E E J S T I M I  
M J E S U S T N I G H T I W B  
F A I C Y E S P I R I T K P G

BIRTH	TRUTH	SPIRIT	NIGHT	JEWISH
PHARISEE	AGAIN	ETERNAL	MAN	RABBI
BORN	WORLD	KINGDOM	NICODEMUS	FLESH
JESUS	LOVED	TEACHER	LIFE	WATER

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**Pastoral Care** Pastor Eric will be out of town until June 4th. For Pastoral emergency's please contact the Church Office 907-772-3144



# GOSPEL MESSAGE: May 30, 2021

## HOLY TRINITY

### Bring Your Questions

Although Nicodemus comes to Jesus claiming to know that Jesus comes from God, it is clear from the remainder of the conversation that he has deep questions on his heart. And after all of Jesus' talk of being born of water and Spirit Nicodemus almost pleads: "How can these things be?" (John 3:9).

What questions do you bring to worship with you today? As we gather around the baptismal font, we do so with Luther's reminder that "daily a new person is to come forth and rise up to live before God in righteousness and purity forever" (*Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, p. 1165). We too might ask, "How can these things be?" Does today feel like a new day of righteousness and purity? Does today feel any different than yesterday or the day before? Sometimes the answer is yes, but often it does not seem there is anything "new" about any given day.

Throughout the gospels we hear about people's responses to their encounters with Jesus. They go away healed and rejoicing, grieving or angry. We get no such exit with Nicodemus. Jesus speaks about God's love for the world and is soon on the move again. What happened to Nicodemus? He will reappear in the seventh chapter of John, defending Jesus as the leaders wonder why Jesus has not been arrested, and in the nineteenth chapter to help lay Jesus in the tomb. In both cases today's encounter with Jesus is remembered. It seems that Nicodemus's questions and his struggle to understand are the beginning of a slow reshaping of his life.

Bring your questions to the water today. Bring your questions again and again. Dip your hands in the water; mark yourself with the cross; know that the water and the Spirit will reshape you in ways you may not understand today but will certainly remember in later chapters of life.

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**Next Week's Readings:** Genesis 3:8-15, Psalm 130, 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1, Mark 3:20-35

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