

PETERSBURG LUTHERAN CHURCH

July 25, 2021

LECTIONARY 14



Our mission is
"to Know Christ, 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: Lila Trask

Welcome & Invocation

Pastor Eric Olsen

Opening Hymn

“How Great Thou Art”

ELW #856

- 1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!
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- 2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; *Refrain*
- 3 But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing
he bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain*
- 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, “My God, how great thou art!”
Refrain

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Reading: 1 John 1:5-9

Confession:

Absolution: 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. **Thanks be to God!**

Greeting: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion with 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**

Hymn of Praise *“Father I Adore You”* **TOSB 40**

1 Father I adore You
 Lay my life before You.
 How I love You.

2 Jesus I adore You
 Lay my life before You
 How I love You

3 Spirit I adore You
 Lay my life before You
 How I love You.

4 Three in one, I adore You
 Lay my life before You
 How I love You.



Prayer of the Day: Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44 *Today's reading is part of a larger section of 2 Kings that describes the miracles of Elisha, the successor to Elijah. Here the prophet gives food to a hungry crowd. Though there is not enough food to go around, Elisha trusts God, who provides enough and even more to satisfy the need.*

⁴²A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." ⁴³But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" ⁴⁴He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

¹⁰All your works shall praise you, O LORD, and your faithful ones shall bless you.

¹¹**They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power,**

¹²that all people may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages. You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.**

¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

¹⁵**The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, and you give them their food in due season.**

¹⁶You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷**You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works.**

¹⁸You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you faithfully.

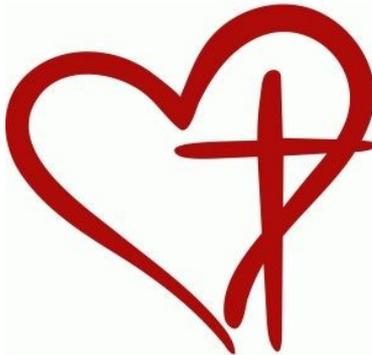
Second Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21 *We have been rooted and grounded in the love of Christ, which surpasses all human knowledge. Because Christ dwells in our hearts, our lives are continuously strengthened and empowered by the ongoing presence of the Spirit.*

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.



- 1 Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, And His
righteousness.
And all these things shall be added unto you!
Alleluie alleluia!

- 2 Ask and it shall be given unto you, Seek and ye shall
find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you,
Alleue, alleluia!

- 3 Man does not live by bread alone, But by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord,
Allelu, alleluia!

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Holy Gospel: John 6:1-21 *In John’s gospel, the miracles of Jesus are called “signs,” because they reveal the true character of God. As such, they remain within the mystery of God and cannot be brought under human control.*

¹Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near.

⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, “Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, ⁹“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” ¹⁰Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all.

¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.”

¹⁵When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. ¹⁶When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing.

¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” ²¹Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
 2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you
 3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly

broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
 blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
 word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live

I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
 all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
 with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841–1913, alt.
 Music: BREAD OF LIFE, William F. Sherwin, 1826–1888

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Confession of Faith

We believe in God, the maker and sustainer of all life,
 of sun and moon, of water and earth, of male and female
 We believe in God, Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,
 born of a woman's womb, servant of the poor.
 He was tortured and nailed to a tree.
 A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.
 He descended into hell, the place of death.
 On the third day he rose from the dead.
 He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present,
 and His kingdom will come on earth.
 We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
 the life giving breath of the Church,
 the Spirit of healing and forgiveness,
 the source of resurrection and life.

Prayers of the People: Lord in your Mercy/Hear our Prayer

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

Holy Communion

Communion Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you, **And also with you**

Lift up your hearts, **We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,

It is right to give God our thanks and praise

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Holy Communion Hymns

HYMN *“Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross”* **ELW 335**

HYMN *“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”* **ELW 502**

HYMN *“You Are Mine”* **ELW 581**

Post Communion Blessing & Prayer

Announcements

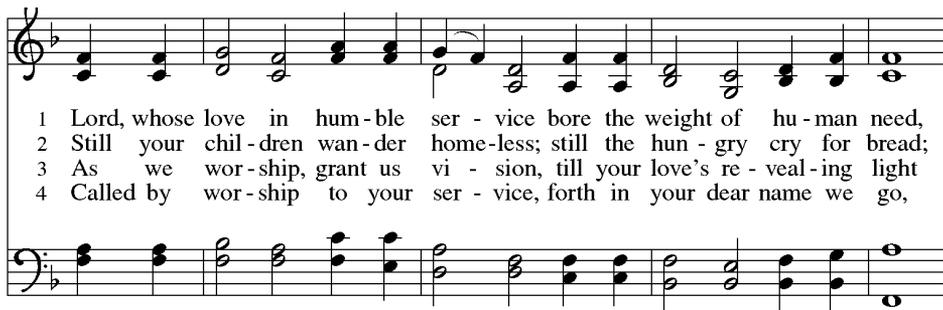
Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you

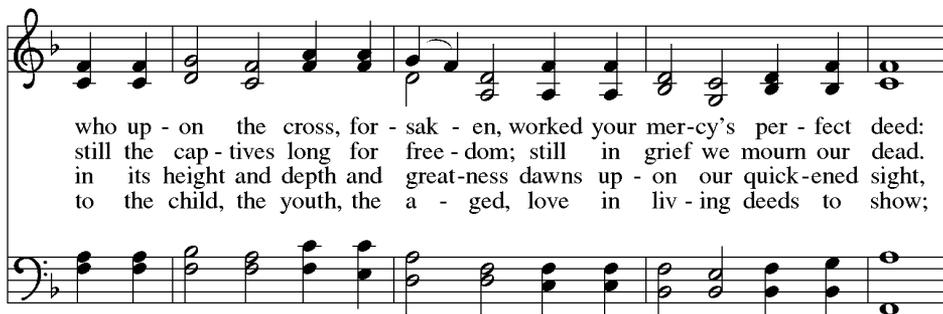
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen** 9

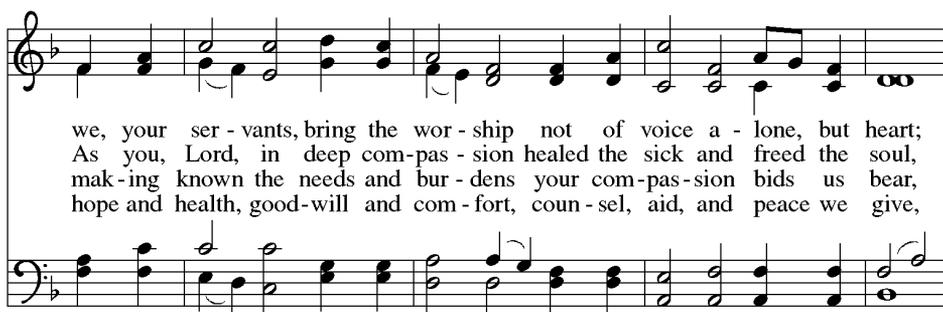
Hymn "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service" ELW # 712



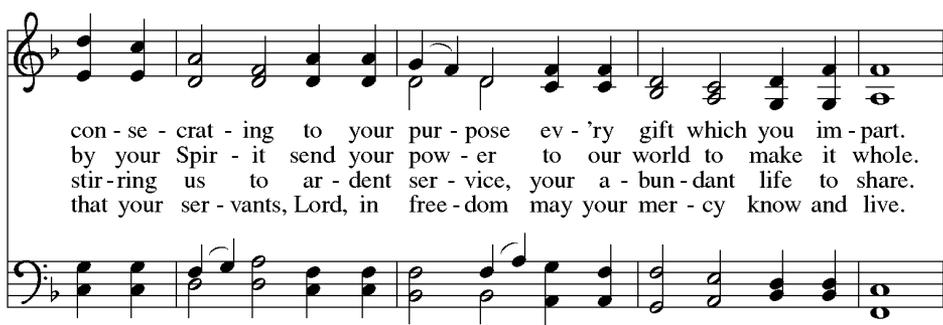
1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
 2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light
 4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:
 still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
 in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,
 to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;
 As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
 mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
 hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.
 by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.
 stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.
 that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

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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

Christ in Our Home booklets are available on the table by the elevator or in the office.

This Week at Petersburg Lutheran Church

Sunday, July 25th, 2021,

8:30 am. Adult Bible Class Studying Matthew

9:00 am...”Sing for Joy” St. Olaf Choir, Northfield, MN

10:00 am... Worship Service 88.5 FM

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

Wednesday July 28th 10-2 Ruth Quilters meet in the basement.

Bring your own lunch.

Thursday, 10 am... Lectionary Bible Study via Zoom

1:00pm Worship Service at the Manor

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 and click on the Facebook link.

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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July Prayer Partner: Specialized Ministries

July Mission Support: 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.

Salvation Army Pantry: Crackers

Prayers for Health & Healing: The Family of Tim Fisk, The Family of Heidi Bieber, Roald Norheim, Randy and Shannon Payne, Joseph Tagaban, Gary Putnam, Pam Kritter Lois Deboer, Paul Van Ettinger, Dean Haltiner, Andy Carlisle, Sharon Wikan, Lon Mariferen, Mary Viner, Joyce Bjorkquist, Annette Olson

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 in Swindon England
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



Birthday's this Week

Today July 25th: Pamela Jensen

Mon. July 26th: Linda Caulum, Nels Evens, Rocky Flint, Sheri Wikan

Tues. July 27th: Dell Johnson, Wendy Westre

Wed. July 28th: Colleen Swanson, Michelle Parker, Stacy Madsen

Thur. July 29th: Roy Otness, Casey Flint, Laura Slaght, Grace Bieber, Trygve Marohl

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 \$9,237

Offering year to date \$111,836

Monthly General Budget \$20,162

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

Thank you Volunteers	This Week: July 25 th	Next Week: August 1 st
Musician	Lila Trask	Sue Paulson
Reader	Jim Engell	
Counter	Terri Swanson	Dave Berg
Coffee Crew	Last Name S-Z	Last Name A-E
Audio/Visual	Don Bieber	Don Bieber

Feeding the 5,000 (John 6:1-15; 22-40)

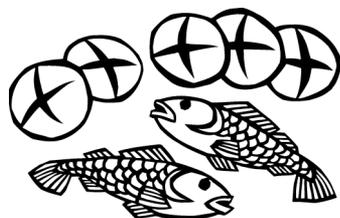
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Multitude	Eternal	Hungry	Life
Moses	Heaven	Wilderness	Believe
Messiah	Mountains	Prophet	Miracle
Leftovers	Baskets	Loaves	Fish
Youngster	Hill	Bread	Crowd
Galilee			

GOSPEL MESSAGE

July 25, 2021

LECTIONARY 17



A Feast of Grace

Five loaves of bread. Two fish. Thousands of hungry people. Baskets and baskets of leftovers. Today's gospel is a story of startling juxtaposition and miraculous transformation. It is a story in which God comes in the way God always does—in ordinary elements and imperfect circumstances. Jesus gathers up perceived scarcity, holds questions and fears of inadequacy, and turns meager offerings into a feast of grace for all. And there is enough—enough for everyone to have as much as they could ever want, with plenty to spare. It's a feast that meets physical needs and nourishes physical bodies, and through the mystery of faith also unites the feasters with God and one another.

As we hear these words from John, we too are invited to this ordinary and holy feast. It's a feast that crosses time and space to welcome us in and to send us out. We too get to rejoice in the transformation that happens when we show up to worship, with hands open to receive and a deep hunger for new life.

We recognize our hunger in confession and prayer. We feast on the promises of God's word. We taste God's abundance at the communion table. We are drenched in God's generous love in the waters of baptism. We are joined with the other perfectly ordinary and holy banquetgoers as we raise our voices together in song. And we extend this exuberant lovingkindness to the world when we go forth from worship, filled with hope and prepared for service in Christ's name.

With Christ as the host, there is forever enough food for all. Christ's table is one brimming with grace. All of us are invited, just as we are, with whatever meager offerings we have. For we can trust that in Christ, it is more than enough.

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Next Weeks Readings: Exodus 16: 2-4, 9-15,
Psalm 78:23-29, Ephesians 4:1-16, John 6:24-35



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