

PETERSBURG LUTHERAN CHURCH

August 8, 2021

LECTIONARY 19



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"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 Lila Trask

Welcome

Pastor Eric Olsen

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 “Oh Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts” ELW# 658

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of
2 We taste you, ev - er - liv - ing bread, and long to
3 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher - e'er our
4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our

life, the light of all: from ev - 'ry bliss that earth im -
feast up - on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain -
chang - ing lot is cast; glad, when your smile on us you
mo - ments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin a -

parts we turn, un - filled, to hear your call.
head; our thirst - ing souls from you we fill.
turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast.
way! Shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Ray Palmer, 1808–1887, alt.
Music: WALTON, W. Gardiner, *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

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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: Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8 *First Kings chapter 18 describes the contest between Elijah and the prophets of Baal. The contest proves that the LORD is God, and afterward Elijah orders the killing of the Baal prophets. Angered by the deaths of her prophets, Queen Jezebel threatens to kill Elijah. This reading finds Elijah fleeing, fatigued, and in utter despair.*

⁴[Elijah] went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors."⁵ Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat."⁶ He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again.⁷ The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you."⁸ He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:1-8

¹I will bless the LORD at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

²**I will glory in the LORD; let the lowly hear and rejoice.**

³Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; let us exalt God's name together.

⁴**I sought the LORD, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.**

⁵Look upon the LORD and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.

⁶**I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me and saved me from all my troubles.**

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

⁸**Taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!**

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:25—5:2 *Christians are called to be imitators of God. This does not mean Christians are perfect. Rather, the Spirit is at work in our lives so that our actions and attitudes genuinely reflect the love and forgiveness we have received through Christ and his death.*

²⁵So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy.

²⁹Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³²and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

^{5:1}Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Hymn:

“God Of Tempest”

ELW #400

1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl-wind, as on Pen - te -
 2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your
 3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from
 4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's

cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;
 pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,
 leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,
 rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,

past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,
 let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,
 for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;
 may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;

there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!
 kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!
 make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!
 claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873-1932

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Gospel Acclamation



Holy Gospel: John 6:35, 41-51 *After feeding more than five thousand people in the wilderness, Jesus teaches them regarding the true significance of this remarkable sign.*

³⁵Jesus said to [the crowd,] “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ⁴¹Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” ⁴²They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’”

⁴³Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life.

⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Eric Olsen

Hymn: "Oh Living Bread from Heaven" ELW#542

1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest!
2 My Sav - ior, you have led me with - in your ho - liest place,
3 You gave me all I want - ed; this food can death de - stroy.
4 Oh, grant me then, well - strength - ened with heav'n - ly food, while here

The gifts that you have giv - en have filled my heart with rest.
and here your - self have fed me with trea - sures of your grace;
And you have free - ly grant - ed the cup of end - less joy.
my course on earth is length - ened, to serve you, free from fear;

O won - drous food of bless - ing! O cup that heals our woes!
for you have free - ly giv - en what earth could nev - er buy,
My Lord, I do not mer - it the fa - vor you have shown,
and bring me home to praise you where none can peace de - stroy,

My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, in thank - ful song o'er - flows!
the bread of life from heav - en, that now I shall not die.
and all my soul and spir - it bow down be - fore your throne.
where I will ev - er raise you glad songs in end - less joy.

Text: Johann Rist, 1607-1667; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.
Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876

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

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

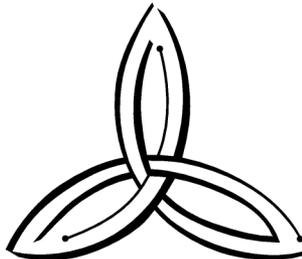
Great Thanksgiving

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

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.**

Holy Communion

Hymns	<i>“Thy Strong Word”</i>	ELW 511
	<i>“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”</i>	ELW 802
	<i>“I’d Rather Have Jesus”</i>	TOSB 101

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**

Closing Hymn “Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises” ELW #535

Refrain— sung twice each time

Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -
Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our

bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your

ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la. End
prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.

1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

Repeat stanza, then sing refrain
I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

Text: South African; tr. *Freedom Is Coming*, 1984
Music: HALELUYA! PELO TSA RONA, South African; arr. *Freedom Is Coming*
English text and arr. © 1984 Utryck, admin. Walton Music Corp.

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, August 8th

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

10 am ... Worship Service 88.5 FM

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

Wednesday August 11th 10-2 Ruth Circle quilters meet in the basement.

Bring your own lunch.

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

1:00 pm 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.

Holy Communion

On the first and third Sundays of the month we will have two stations for Communion. One by the organ or you may go up to the Altar Rail. On the 2nd and 4th Sundays we will have one station in the front of the Church.

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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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

Worship August 15

On August 15th worship will be led by Dave Anderson, Roger Walck & Pastor Eric. Dave is the editor of "The Other Songbook" and the songbook "Best of the Best". Dave Anderson has been with us before, most recently in 2013 when he gave a concert. A free will offering will be received at the door for "Shepherd's Canyon Retreat Ministry". They provide week-long counseling retreats for men and women in full-time ministry who are in various stages of burnout, stress, depression, compassion fatigue and conflicts of all kinds. Earlier in the week they will be giving concerts/leading worship at First Lutheran, Ketchikan and Resurrection Lutheran and Shepherd of the Valley in Juneau. To learn more go to: www.TheFellowship.com

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August Prayer Partner: Trinity Lutheran Church, Palmer

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

Salvation Army Pantry: Canned Pasta Products

Prayers for Health & Healing: Roald Norheim, Randy and Shannon Payne, Joseph Tagaban Gary Putnam, Pam Kriter, Lois DeBoer, Dean Haltner, Andy Carlisle, Sharon Wikan, Lon Marifern, 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
Robin Roberts– Treasurer, Nancy Berg-Worship
Tom Parker-Youth, John Swanson-Building Maintenance,
Bridget Wittstock-Good Beginnings, Kara Newman, John Small



Happy Birthday!!

Today Aug. 8th: Karen Rosvold

Tuesday Aug. 10th: Rob Swanson, Cindy Lynn

Wednesday Aug. 11th: Phil Meeks

Thursday Aug. 12th: Ken Madsen

Friday Aug. 13th: Dave Riemer, Sandy Volk

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 \$6,295

Offering year to date \$119,647

Monthly General Budget \$20,162

Ushers needed. Sign up sheets will be on the back table. If anyone would like to volunteer as an usher, please sign up on the sheet or call Shannon Peeler, 518-0377. Thank you!

Wheelchair?

If you borrowed a wheelchair from the Church, would you please let the office know? If you have a wheelchair that you would like to donate to the Church we would appreciate knowing that as well.

Thank you Volunteers	This Week: Aug 8 th	Next Week: Aug 15 th
Musician	Lila Trask	Dave & Roger
Reader	John Swanson	
Counter	Pat Weaver	Jennifer Bryner
Coffee Crew	Last Name: F-K	Last Name: L-R
Video	Jim Roberts	Jim Roberts

GOSPEL MESSAGE

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A New Identity

In an increasingly polarized world, demographics are everything. Many of us rely on information about a person's hometown, family, alma mater, or workplace to make assumptions about their politics, social concerns, or lifestyle. Internet algorithms make inferences based on our age, gender, and relationship status to market products, services, or ideas to us. At times it feels like our lives are reduced to a statistic or a political party affiliation.

The crowds following Jesus knew who they were, and they thought they knew exactly who Jesus was too. They knew who his ancestors were, and they knew the stories of faith they all shared.

After all, Jesus was the neighbor boy—the carpenter's son. They had known him since he was just a kid. He was a simple Galilean peasant. He walked the same streets, fished in the same waters, and ate the same food as the rest of them.

And yet, he dared to claim a different identity: he was the bread of life, the living bread come down from heaven. His roots were not just in this rocky terrain of the Middle Eastern soil, but in the God of the cosmos.

This is not what God was supposed to look like. This is not the powerful king they were waiting for. This was just Mary and Joseph's son. He was supposed to be one of them!

But this is the great mystery of our faith: God cannot be reduced to an algorithm or a stereotype. God dwells in the people we least expect, in the most ordinary places, in people scandalously like us and outrageously different than us. God abides with us, defying our expectations, challenging our self-proclaimed identities by offering us the bread of life in Jesus Christ. In this holy bread, we are given a new identity more powerful and enduring than any other in this world: child of God, beloved and whole; in God, of God, and with God for all of eternity. Thanks be to God.

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Next Week's Readings: Proverbs 9:1-6, Psalm 34:9-14, Ephesians 5:15-20, John 6: 51-58

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