

PETERSBURG LUTHERAN CHURCH

September 19, 2021

LECTIONARY 15



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 Mark Kubo

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 “Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing” ELW# 389

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: TRURO, T. Williams, *Psalmodia Evangelica*, 1789

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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, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Jeremiah 11:18-20 *Today's reading tells of the suffering of the prophet Jeremiah, who announced God's word to Judah but was met with intense opposition and persecution. Jeremiah continues to trust in God in the midst of his suffering.*

¹⁸It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. ¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!"

²⁰But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 54

¹Save me, O God, by your name; in your might, defend my cause.

²**Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.**

³For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless
have sought my life, those who have no regard for God.

⁴**Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

⁵Render evil to those who spy on me; in your faithfulness, destroy
them.

⁶**I will offer you a freewill sacrifice and praise your name,
O LORD, for it is good.**

⁷For you have rescued me from every trouble, and my eye looks
down on my enemies.

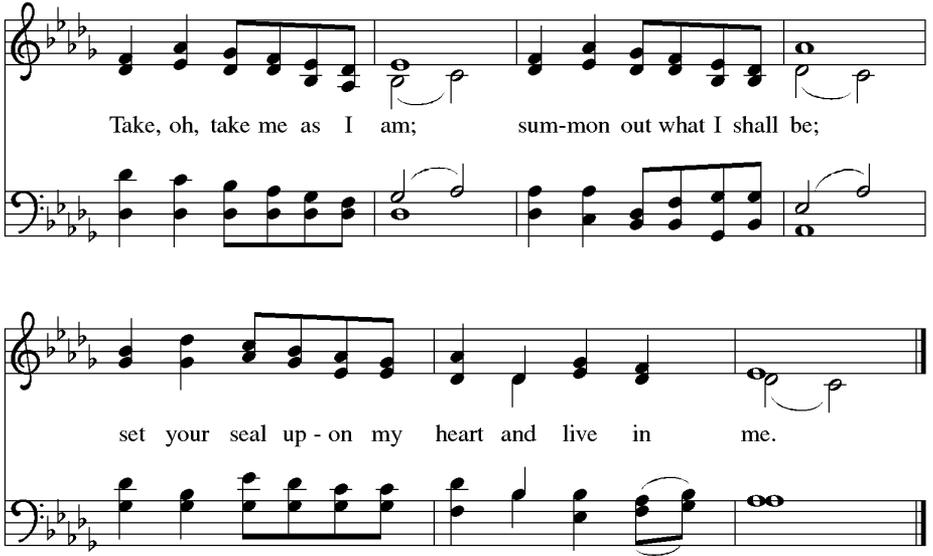
Second Reading: James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a *The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.*

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.^{4:}

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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

Hymn: “Take, Oh, Take Me as I Am” X2 **ELW #814**



Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be;
set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

The musical score is written in a two-staff system (treble and bass clefs) with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a common time signature. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, while the bass clef provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949
Music: TAKE ME AS I AM, John L. Bell
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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.

The musical score is written in a single-staff system (treble clef) with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The melody is simple and rhythmic, with lyrics placed below the notes.

Holy Gospel: Mark 9:30-37 *Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.*

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again."³² But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

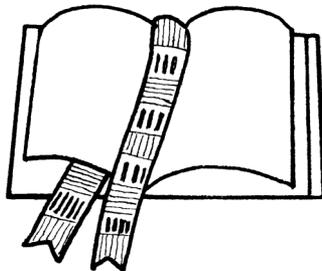
³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?"³⁴ But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest.³⁵ He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all."³⁶ Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them,³⁷ "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Eric Olsen



Opening Hymn "All Are Welcome"

ELW# 641



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Refrain
 Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 claim the faith of Je - sus:
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
 end to fear and dan - ger:
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen

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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: 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

Holy Communion

Communion Prayer

We do not presume to come to your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but only in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat and drink the body and blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, that we may live in him and he in us, now and forever. 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 *“Seek Ye First”* **TOSB #187**

“Sweet Hour of Prayer” **TOSB #198**

“What a Friend” **TOSB #246**

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 “Children of the Heavenly Father” ELW #781

The musical score consists of two systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,
1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;

stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kån - da näs - tet.
nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958

Music: TRYGGARE KANINGEN VARA, Swedish folk tune

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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

This Week at Petersburg Lutheran Church

Sunday, September 19th

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

Wednesday September 22nd 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.

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. Thank you!

Hurricane Ida & Lutheran Disaster Response

Hurricane Ida made landfall near New Orleans on Aug. 29. With extensive experience in accompanying communities throughout the relief and long-term recovery phases, Lutheran Disaster Response is working with local ELCA synods and Lutheran social service organizations to coordinate a response to Hurricane Ida. What you can do: **PRAY** for the communities impacted by Hurricane Ida. May God's healing presence give them peace and hope in their time of need. **GIFTS** to "Hurricane Ida" will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by hurricanes until the response is complete. [Click Here to Give](#)

Sermon audio/video:

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September Prayer Partner: Thornton Memorial Lutheran Church, Wales

September Mission Support: Prisoners for Christ; Woodinville, Washington 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.

Salvation Army Pantry: In September, the Salvation Army needs donations of: Pasta sides, like Rice-a-Roni, noodles, Ramen Noodles, canned fruit, canned meats other than tuna, small sizes of peanut butter and jelly.

Prayers for Health & Healing:

Joseph Tagaban, Andy Carlisle, Joyce Bjorkquist, Annett Olson, Pastor Al Solmonson and Mariann, Char Hoiosen, Lois DeBoer, Mark Kubo, Ken Caulum, Ted Smith, Sean Mikkelsen

Prayers for those Serving our Country

Jesse Anderson	Serving in Bangor, WI
Ryan Beale	US Marine, Deployed
Dave Chapman	Serving in Honolulu, HI
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!!

Sept. 24th: Scott Newman, John Small

Sept. 25th: Ethan Bryner

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:

September Monthly Budget \$21,145

September Offering to Date \$11,067

Yearly Budget \$253,750

Yearly Offering to Date \$159,292

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!

Thank you Volunteers	This Week: Sept 19 th	Next Week: Sept 26 th
Musician	Mark Kubo	Tamara Evens
Reader	Arlana Corl	
Counter	Judy Janke	Dave Berg
Coffee Crew	Last Name L-R	Last Name S-Z
Video	Don Bieber	Don Bieber 14

GOSPEL MESSAGE

September 19, 2021

LECTIONARY 25

The Greatest

In today's gospel from Mark, the disciples have just witnessed Jesus' transfiguration atop the high mountain. Riding high on this experience, they are now traveling with him through the countryside, processing what they have seen, contrasting it with the story of crucifixion and death Jesus keeps hinting at. They begin to argue about which of them is the greatest—who will be given the highest honors for hanging out with Jesus? But Jesus stops them in their tracks. It isn't about the highest honors, or about who shines most brightly: "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all" (Mark 9:35).

Jesus' words to the disciples and to us are a reminder that God flips upside-down the way the world judges greatness. As Christians, most of us know this almost instinctively. We talk about avoiding "works righteousness" and rejecting the need to earn our salvation or prove our faith. And yet, even within the "servant of all" framework, we too often compete with one another to be the greatest servant. We hold ourselves up as examples of charity and justice, patting ourselves on the back for our works of service, hoping that the world—and God—will be impressed. Even when we know that this isn't how God works, we still get sucked into the ways of the world.

But Jesus' statement to the disciples is not just about them: it is also about himself. It is a reminder that Jesus' greatness is precisely because on the cross, he has become "last of all and servant of all." Our own efforts at service and humility will always pale in comparison to the Son of God. To be sure, we are called to love and serve our neighbors; but we are called to trust Jesus, "last of all and servant of all," for our salvation. This is good news, for now our competitions and attempts to impress are no more. We simply receive from the Lord and pass it along.

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Next Week's Readings: Number 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29, Psalm 19:7-14, James 5:13-20, Mark 9:38-50

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