# PETERSBURG LUTHERAN CHURCH

# September 26, 2021 LECTIONARY 26



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#### 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!

#### **Prelude Music**

Pianist: Tamara Evens

#### Welcome and Invocation

Pastor Eric Olsen

#### **Confession and Forgiveness**

*Presider:* If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Presider: Most merciful God,

Congregation: have mercy on us.

All: We confess to you that 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 trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen

*Presider:* 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.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!



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# Greeting

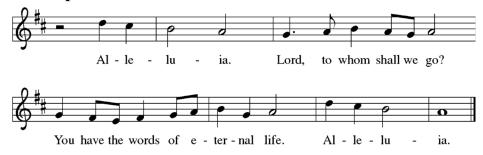
*Presider:* The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion with the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Congregation: And also with you.** 



Salutation Presider: The Lord be with you. Congregation: and also with you.

\*Prayer of the Day: Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**Gospel Acclamation** 



Holy Gospel: Mark 9:38-50 On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus teaches his disciples about ministry that involves service and sacrifice. His disciples are slow to realize that these words apply to them as well as to others.

<sup>38</sup>John said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." <sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup>Whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. <sup>42</sup>"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup>If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire.

<sup>45</sup>And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup>where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. <sup>49</sup>"For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup>Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

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

#### Sermon

**Eric Olsen** 

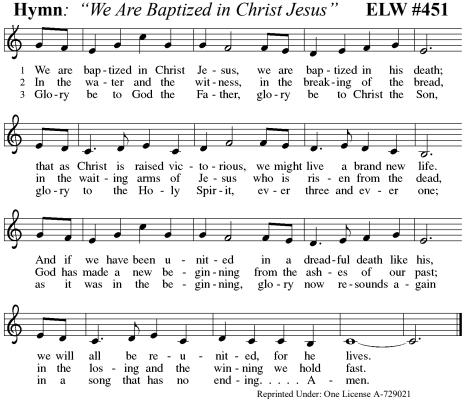
Hymn: "All Who Believe And Are Baptized" ELW #442



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Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634–1703; tr. George T. Rygh, 1860–1943, alt. Music: ES IST DAS HEIL. *Etlich christlich Lieder*. Wittenberg, 1524 Holy Baptism: Danielle Nikol Thynes ELW page 227





#### **Prayers of People:** Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer

#### **Offering:**

#### **Offertory Prayer**

O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them 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 gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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** 



#### 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 26<sup>th</sup> 2021
8:30am... Adult Bible Class

am... Worship Service 88.5 FM
Facebook: Petersburg Lutheran Church 2018+
and 2 pm ... 'The Lutheran Hour' on 88.5 FM

Thursday 10 am... Lectionary Bible Study via Zoom

1:00pm Worship service at the manor

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

You can still view our worship services on Facebook even if you do not have a Facebook account. Click <u>HERE</u> or go to PetersburgLutheranChurch2018+.

#### **Holy Communion**

Normally 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.

**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!!

Thank you to those who worked on the Rebi Hus parking lot. John Swanson, Clyde Curry for the backhoe work spreading the rock and Steve Burrell for compacting/rolling the parking lot.

#### Sermon audio/video:

<u>https://www.petersburglutheran.com/sermons-2/</u> Service is broadcast on 88.5 FM Radio Follow us on Facebook: Petersburg Lutheran Church 2018+

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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, Sean Mikkelsen

# **Prayers for US Service Members**

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. 26<sup>th</sup>: Jane Kawashima Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>: Adelyn Funk Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>: Scott Newman, Jr. Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Vonda Neuneker, Sarah O'Brocta

# **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 <u>HERE</u> and clicking the words GIVING along the top of the web page. You can also go directly to the secure site by clicking <u>HERE</u>.

# Your Offerings:

September Monthly Budget \$21,145 September Offering to Date \$13,752 Yearly Budget \$253,750 Yearly Offering to Date \$161,977

**Christ in Our Home** Devotional booklets are available on the back table in the narthex or in the church Office.

**Ruth quilters** meet 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 10:00am-2:00pm in the Church basement. Bring your own lunch.

# **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	This Week: Sept 26 <sup>th</sup>	Next Week: October 3 <sup>th</sup>
Volunteers		
Musician	Tamara Evens	Jim Engell
Reader	Carol Olsen	
Counter	Hayley Short	Polly Koeneman
Coffee Crew	S-Z	А-Е 11
Video	Don Bieber	

### GOSPEL MESSAGE September 26, 2021 What to Leave Behind

If you were stranded on a desert island, what five items would you want to have with you? Or if you only had a minute to grab one possession before leaving the rest behind, what would you



take? These kinds of thought experiments invite us to clarify what's most important to us while reminding us that, frankly, we have a lot of things we could probably do without.

In today's gospel, Jesus challenges us to take a similar look at ourselves. What parts of ourselves do we need to leave behind as we follow Christ? Maybe it's our perfectionism or our need for control. Maybe it's our desire to escape through addictions or distractions. Maybe it's our harsh judgments about ourselves or others or a broken image of ourselves. Whatever our stumbling block is, Jesus calls us to leave it behind.

Yet, the gruesomeness of Jesus' images—leaving behind body parts—suggests he understands that this isn't easy work. Often our most harmful patterns and behaviors are the hardest to leave behind, because in some way we brought them into our lives to protect us from what scared us the most about ourselves and the world around us. Jesus stands with us to give us courage to look at ourselves fully as we are. He looks at us not with judgment but with love and grace. He invites us to find in him a new source of comfort and security, to let go of our old selves and cling to him and to his cross.

When we take up this cross, Jesus will provide everything else that we need for the journey as his followers—strength and courage, endurance and patience, hope and love. Today in this Christian assembly, we walk through this journey together, encouraging one another with words of peace and feeding one another with Christ's own body and blood given for us.

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**Next week's Readings:** Genesis 2:18-24, Psalm 8, Hebrews 1:1-4;2:5-12, Mark 10:2-16

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