

PETERSBURG LUTHERAN CHURCH

September 26, 2021

LECTIONARY 26



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Welcome to Petersburg Lutheran Church
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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!**

Hymn :

“Morning Has Broken”

ELW #556

1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black - bird has
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the

spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry

morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version

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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.

Kyrie

ELW #157

Leader
In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have
For the reign of God, and for
peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the
Lord. For your
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your
word, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have
Help, save, and de - fend us, O God.
mer - cy. A - men.

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.*

³⁸John 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.” ³⁹But 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. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For 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. ⁴²“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. ⁴³If 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.

⁴⁵And 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. ⁴⁷And 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, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. ⁴⁹“For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt 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

1 All who be - lieve and are bap - tized shall see the Lord's sal -
2 With one ac - cord, O God, we pray, grant us your Ho - ly

va - tion; bap - tized in - to the death of Christ, they are a
Spir - it; help us in our in - fir - mi - ty through Je - sus'

new cre - a - tion; through Christ's re - demp - tion they will stand a -
blood and mer - it; grant us to grow in grace each day by

mong the glo - rious heav'n - ly band of ev - 'ry tribe and na - tion.
ho - ly bap - tism, that we may e - ter - nal life in - her - it.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are arranged in four systems, each with a vocal line above and a bass line below. The first system includes two numbered lines of lyrics. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system continues the lyrics. The fourth system concludes the lyrics. The music features various chordal textures and melodic lines, with some notes beamed together and some rests.

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Hymn: “*We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus*” ELW #451



1 We are bap-tized in Christ Je - sus, we are bap-tized in his death;
2 In the wa - ter and the wit-ness, in the break-ing of the bread,
3 Glo-ry be to God the Fa - ther, glo-ry be to Christ the Son,



that as Christ is raised vic - to - rious, we might live a brand new life,
in the wait - ing arms of Je - sus who is ris - en from the dead,
glo - ry to the Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er three and ev - er one;



And if we have been u - nit - ed in a dread-ful death like his,
God has made a new be - gin-ning from the ash - es of our past;
as it was in the be - gin-ning, glo - ry now re-sounds a - gain



we will all be re - u - nit - ed, for he lives.
in the los - ing and the win - ning we hold fast.
in a song that has no end - ing. . . . A - men.

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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

HYMN

“Amazing Grace”

ELW #779

1 A - maz - ing grace! — how sweet the sound — that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

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 26th 2021

8:30am... Adult Bible Class

10 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 [HERE](#) 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:

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

Service is broadcast on 88.5 FM Radio

Follow us on Facebook: Petersburg Lutheran Church 2018+

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



BLESSINGS
ON YOUR
BIRTHDAY

Sept. 26th: Jane Kawashima

Sept. 28th: Adelyn Funk

Sept. 30th: Scott Newman, Jr.

Oct. 2nd: 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 [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 \$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 Volunteers	This Week: Sept 26 th	Next Week: October 3 th
Musician	Tamara Evens	Jim Engell
Reader	Carol Olsen	
Counter	Hayley Short	Polly Koeneman
Coffee Crew	S-Z	A-E
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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