

PETERSBURG LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 7, 2021

All Saints Sunday



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“to Know Christ, to Grow in Christ,
and to Show the Love of Christ.”

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We are glad you are here!

Prelude Music

Organist: Helen Mehrkens

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: “*Lord I Lift Your Name x 2*” **ELW #857**

Lord I lift Your name on high
Lord I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us

You came from heaven to earth, To show the way
From the earth to the cross, My debt to pay
From the cross to the grave, From the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high

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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
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
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.

Hymn of Praise: "Now the Feast"

ELW #167



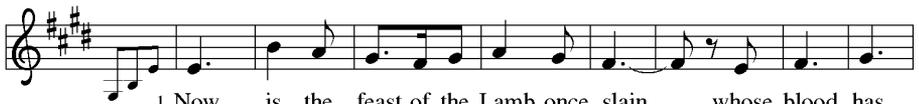
Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

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Presider: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: and also with you.

***Prayer of the Day: O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

First Reading: 1 Kings 17:8-16 *This chapter begins the story of Elijah. God sends a drought on Israel because of the sins of King Ahab. This passage depicts God's saving acts not only on behalf of Elijah, but also on behalf of those who are associated with the prophet, even a foreigner, the widow of Zarephath.*

⁸The word of the Lord came to [Elijah,] saying, ⁹“Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” ¹¹As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.”

¹²But she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” ¹³Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.” ¹⁵She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 146

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²**I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

³Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴**When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.**

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the LORD their God;

⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;**

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The LORD sets the captive free.

⁸**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

⁹The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰**The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28 *The letter to the Hebrews describes Christ as a high priest who offers himself as a sacrifice for our sin. Christ does not die again and again each year. He died once, is alive with God, and will reveal himself on the last day.*

²⁴Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own;

²⁶for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, ²⁸so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord Almighty" ELW #413

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty,
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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.

Holy Gospel: Mark 12:38-44 *After engaging in a series of public arguments with religious leaders in the temple, Jesus contrasts the proud and oppressive ways of those leaders with the sacrificial humility and poverty of the widow.*

³⁸As [Jesus] taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

⁴¹He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon:

Pastor Eric

1. I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear. You will hear My voice, I claim you as My choice. Be still, and know I am here.

2. I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see. In the shadows of the night, I will be your light. Come and rest in Me

REFRAIN: Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name. Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.

3. I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame. All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and all will know my name. REFRAIN:

4. I am the Word that leads all to freedom, I am the peace the world cannot give. I will call your name, embracing all your pain. Stand up, now walk and live! REFRAIN:

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 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. Amen

Remembrance of Saints

“For All the Saints” **ELW# 422**
“Shall We Gather at the River” **ELW# 423**
“You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore “ **ELW# 817**

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**
thanks and praise

Communion Prayer

Holy Communion

Hymns

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand” **ELW# 773**
“Children of the Heavenly Father” **ELW# 781**
“Day By Day” **ELW # 790**

Post Communion Blessing & Prayer

Announcements

Thanksgiving at the Conclusion of a Call

People of God, members of Petersburg Lutheran Church, do you release Pastor Eric from service as your pastor?

We do, and we give thanks to God for our ministry together.

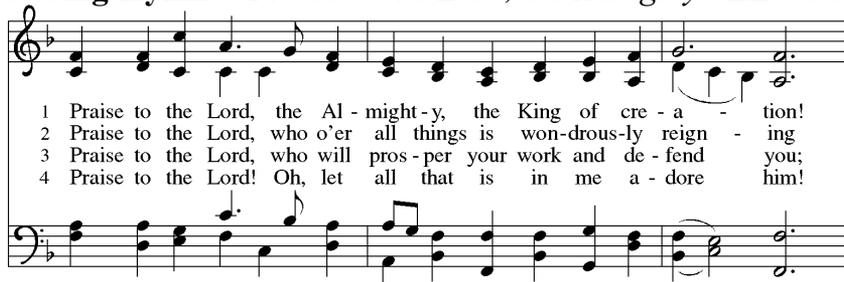
Pastor Eric, do you recognize and accept the completion of your ministry with Petersburg Lutheran Church ?

I do, and I give thanks to God for our ministry together.

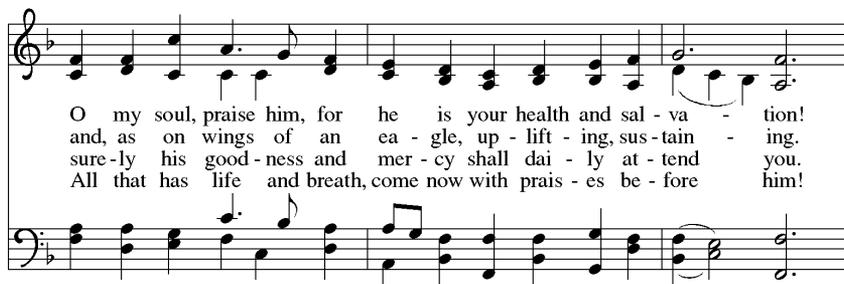
Prayer of Thanksgiving and Sending

Benediction

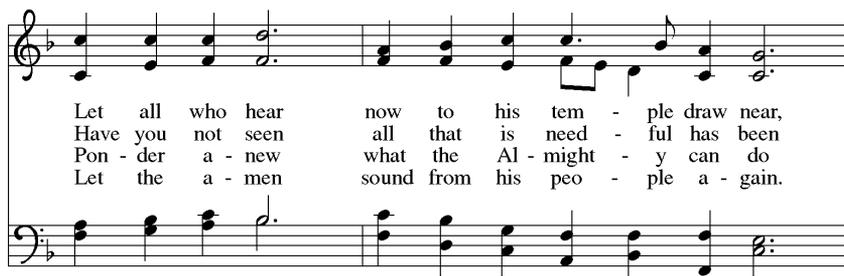
Closing Hymn: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" ELW#858



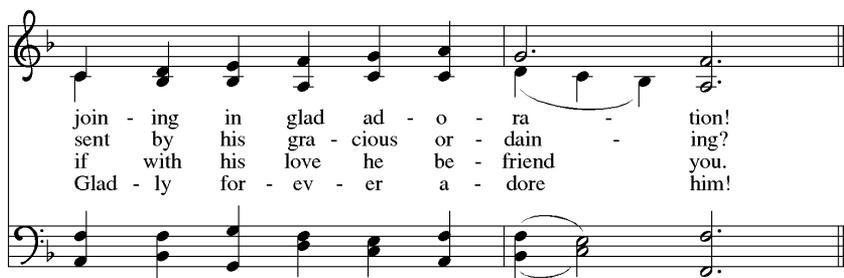
1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing
3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros-per your work and de-fend you;
4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus-tain - ing.
sure-ly his good-ness and mer-cy shall dai - ly at-tend you!
All that has life and breath, come now with prais-es be-fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
if with his love he be - friend - you.
Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

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Dismissal

Go in peace and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

This Week at Petersburg Lutheran Church

Sunday, November 7th 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

Cancellation of Farewell and Retirement Dinner Party

With the local community spread breakout of Covid-19 in Petersburg this has meant that it's vital to limit social contacts and gatherings. For that reason we've made the difficult decision to cancel the farewell and retirement dinner party for Pastor Eric and Carol. They both understand and support the decision and look forward to seeing everyone at the farewell drive by on Sunday the 7th along side the Holy Cross house at noon until 12:30.

Please stay tuned in at the end of this Sundays worship service on 88.5 FM radio broadcast or the Facebook live video at Petersburg Lutheran Church 2018+ , or if you will be attending church in person while masked as we will be presenting Pastor Eric and Carol with heartfelt song and gifts of appreciation for the time they have spent with us in Ministry.

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

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: Petersburg Lutheran Church 2018+

November Prayer Partner: Teller Lutheran Church, Teller

November Mission Support: “Crocheting Their Way”
Ministry; Wildwood Women’s Prison, Kenai, Alaska

Salvation Army Pantry: They could use 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,
Family of Ken Caulum, Mariann Solmonson, Lloyd Thynes

On this All Saints Sunday, please remember in prayer the family of Ken Caulum. Ken passed away on November 3rd. If you would like to send a card to his wife Linda, her address is
Linda Caulum, 834 S Meridian #105,
Apache Junction, AZ 85120

Prayers for US Service Members

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



Happy Birthday!!

Today, Nov. 7th: Colleen Nicholson, Holli Flint
Monday, Nov. 8th: Robin Roberts
Wednesday, Nov. 10th: *Martin Luther*
Saturday, Nov. 13th: Diane Murph

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

November Monthly Budget \$21,145
 November Offering to Date \$1,650
 Yearly Budget \$253,750
 Yearly Offering to Date \$177,670



Coffee Order Get in your Mt. Meru coffee orders to Grant Trask. 772-3775 or trask@gci.net

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: Nov 7 th	Next Week: Nov 14 th
Musician	Helen Mehrkens	Tamara Evens
Reader	Pastor Eric Olsen	Susan Holmes
Counter	Katey Gilpin	Katey Gilpin
Coffee Crew	Last Name A-E	Last Name F-K
Video/Tech	Jim Roberts	Jim Roberts 14

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!

Worship & Congregation Meeting on November 21st

Please join us for worship on November 21st. Bishop Shelly Wickstrom will be preaching and presiding at Holy Communion that Sunday. Please plan to stay following worship for a meeting with Bishop Wickstrom where she will go over the process of calling a new pastor for Petersburg Lutheran Church.

Good Beginnings Preschool Christmas Wreath Fundraiser

Each Noble Fir wreath is dressed with incense cedar, juniper berries, pine cones, and hollies with bright, red berries. Wreaths make a beautiful, festive gift and can be drop shipped to any address in the lower 48.

In town wreath price \$68.00
Drop ship wreath price \$88.00
With an additional \$22.00 for deliveries to Hawaii and other cities in Alaska

See a sample wreath at Petersburg Lutheran Church or Good Beginnings Preschool.

You can place an order with any Good Beginnings Board Member or GINGER EVENS (907) 518-0943 Ginger will be taking orders in the fellowship hall this Sunday for half an hour following church.



Wreaths will be available the week of Thanksgiving.

GOSPEL MESSAGE

November 7, 2021
LECTIONARY 32



Giving Freely

Did Jesus see himself reflected in the widow's gesture? She gave way more than her share, all she had to live on. Jesus was about to give up his life—literally all he had. And he did so willingly, even though it was taken from him wrongfully. There is virtue and freedom in giving so extravagantly.

The story of the poor woman who put her last copper coins into the offering for the temple is often held up as an example of extravagant generosity. And it is. We have seen the story play out in real life, in countless headlines that note that people who are poor give away a higher percentage of their income than those who are wealthy. Generosity is good for everyone—those who give, those who receive, and those who witness it and are inspired to hope in humanity.

And yet, perhaps there is another point Jesus is making by leaving her offering up for interpretation. Notably, this vignette in Mark comes right after Jesus calls out the hypocrisy of the religious leaders who “devour widows' houses” (Mark 12:40), and just before Jesus predicts the fall of the temple. While Jesus tells his disciples to take note of her actions, he doesn't tell them whether the story is an example to emulate or a cautionary note about taking advantage of those who have the least to spare.

Jesus attention to the widow's actions calls us not only to practice generosity, but also to take responsibility for each other and to look out for the well-being of those who are most vulnerable, like the widows of Jesus' time. We all have something to offer, and generosity is a spiritual gift to be encouraged and embraced. At the same time, we must ensure accountability in all our systems—church, government, charity, family—so that generosity is not exploited but offered freely.

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**Next week's Readings: Daniel 12:1-3, Psalm 16,
Hebrews 10:11-14[15-18] 19-25**

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