



*“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.”  
At once they left their nets and followed him.*

# Petersburg Lutheran Church

*A congregation of the Alaska Synod of the  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

Interim Pastor  
The Rev. Zachariah Harris III

**February 27, 2022  
10:00 am**

*Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus reflect that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see God’s glory in the word and in the supper and who are being “transformed into the same image” by God’s Spirit.*

# **PETERSBURG LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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February 27, 2022      **TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**

*(Please stand if able, as indicated)*

**P** Presiding Minister   **A** Assisting Minister   **C** Congregation

**GUESTS:** Hello! God is pleased that you chose to come to His house today and so are we. Rest at ease! You are our guest. You will hear God's word read, sing songs of praise, and receive words of encouragement. Welcome to worship with Petersburg Lutheran. Please be sure to sign our worship register. If you are interested in becoming involved with our church family please see Pastor for more information. May God's peace comfort you and your family.

**MUSICIAN:** Tamara Evens

**COUNTER:**

**VIDEO:** Don Bieber

**COFFEE CREW:** Last Name S-Z

**READER/COMMUNION ASSISTANT:** Carol Beckett

**USHERS:**

**ALTAR CARE:** Sue Flint

## *We Prepare for Worship*

*Prelude*  
*Welcome and Greetings*  
**stand**

### *Gathering Song*

*“Praise to the Lord”*

**ELW #858**

### *Confessions and Forgiveness*

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity ✠ one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

**C** Amen.

**P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** Most merciful God,

**C** we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children.

**We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected.**

**We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves.**

**We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome.**

**Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone.**

**For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.**

**P** Rejoice in the good news: In ✠ Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal Life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

**C** Amen

## *We Praise God* *Greeting*

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**G** And also with you.

### *Hymn of Praise*

#### *“This is the Feast”*

*Refrain*  
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the

hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and

might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain

has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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### *Prayer of the Day*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

sit

# *God Speaks to Us*

*Children's Sermon*

## *The First Reading*

Exodus 34:29-35

*Moses' face shone with the reflected glory of God after he received the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. The sight caused the Israelites to be afraid, so Moses wore a veil to mask the radiance of God's glory, taking it off when he spoke directly with God.*

<sup>29</sup>Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. <sup>30</sup>When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup>But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them.

<sup>32</sup>Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup>When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; <sup>34</sup>but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, <sup>35</sup>the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord

**C** Thanks be to God

## ***The Second Reading*** **2 Corinthians 3:12--4:2**

*In his debates with the Corinthians, Paul contrasts the glory of Moses with the glory of Christ. The Israelites could not see Moses' face because of the veil. But in Christ we see the unveiled glory of God and are transformed into Christ's likeness.*

<sup>12</sup>Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, <sup>13</sup>not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. <sup>14</sup>But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; <sup>16</sup>but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. <sup>17</sup>Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup>And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

<sup>4:1</sup>Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup>We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord
- C** Thanks be to God
- A** Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.  
**stand**

**The Gospel Reading**  
Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

**C** Glory to you O Lord.

*The conversation about Jesus' suffering and death is enclosed in a dazzling foreshadowing of the resurrection. God affirms Jesus' identity, the disciples are stunned speechless, and Jesus resumes his mission with a demonstration of his power over evil.*

<sup>28</sup>Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup>And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup>Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup>They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

<sup>32</sup>Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup>Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup>While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup>Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" <sup>36</sup>When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

[<sup>37</sup>On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. <sup>38</sup>Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. <sup>39</sup>Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. <sup>40</sup>I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." <sup>41</sup>Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." <sup>42</sup>While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. <sup>43a</sup>And all were astounded at the greatness of God.]

**P** Here ends the Gospel  
**C** Praise to you O Christ.

sit

*Sermon*  
Silence for Meditation  
**stand**

*Hymn Of the Day*

*“Beautiful Savior” ELW# 838*

**We Offer To God**

Apostles’ Creed

**P** God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith in the words of the Apostles’ Creed.

**C** 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**

## *The Prayers of the Church*

**P** The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

*A brief silence*

**P** Transform us by your greatness, O God. Send us down the mountain to share joy with all people. Make us agents of change, confident that your hope will vanquish despair and your goodness will conquer evil. God of grace,

**C** hear our prayer.

The mountains and valleys sing your praise. Dazzle us with your presence in every landscape: bluffs built by ancient glaciers, canyons carved by flowing rivers, flat horizons with uninterrupted views, and sands shaped by ocean tides. God of grace,

**C** hear our prayer.

You love justice and establish equity. Strengthen leaders of local governments, community nonprofits, and grassroots campaigns. Bless them with gifts of integrity, creativity, and sound conscience. Build up safe and joyful communities where all people may thrive. God of grace,

**C** hear our prayer.

Heal those who are in distress especially those we name before you at this time.... Give patience to those waiting for answers. Grant hope to those who have reached the limits of treatment. Give compassionate hearts to those who accompany loved ones through illness and uncertainty. God of grace,

**C** hear our prayer.

Today we shout alleluia from the mountaintop; this week we enter the wilderness of Lent. Bless all who prepare and lead us in worship during this change of season: pastors, deacons, musicians, and all who contribute to our worship life God of grace,

**C** hear our prayer.

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Blessed are they who listened to Christ's voice in this life and now rest with him. Transform us from glory into glory, and give us your peace, that we do not lose heart. God of grace,

**C** hear our prayer

**P** Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C** Amen

*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings*

(The offering is a part of our service when God's people respond to His goodness with gifts to support God's work in the world. Malachi 3:10 promises us that our 10% tithe of our wealth will not go unrewarded, and we are encouraged to give offerings above the tithe. An offering is not expected of our guests, but if you consider Petersburg Lutheran to be your church home, know that all your gifts support ministries both locally and globally.)

*Offering Song*

“Bind Us Together” WOV# 748

*Refrain*

**Bind us together, Lord,  
Bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.  
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord;  
Bind us together in love.**

**There is only one God. There is only one King.  
There is only one Body; that is why we can sing:**

*Refrain*

**You are the fam'ly of God. You are the promise  
divine. You are God's chosen desire, you are the  
glorious wine.**

*Refrain*

## *The Offering Prayer*

**P** Let us Pray: Blessed are you, O God,

**C** Sovereign of the universe.

you offer us new beginnings  
and guide us on our journey.

Lead us to your table,  
nourish us with this heavenly food,  
and prepare us to carry your love  
to a hungry world,  
in the name of Christ our light.

Amen.

## *We Celebrate the Lord's Supper*

### *The 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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

*The Lord's Prayer*

**P** Let us pray together the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples:

**C** **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

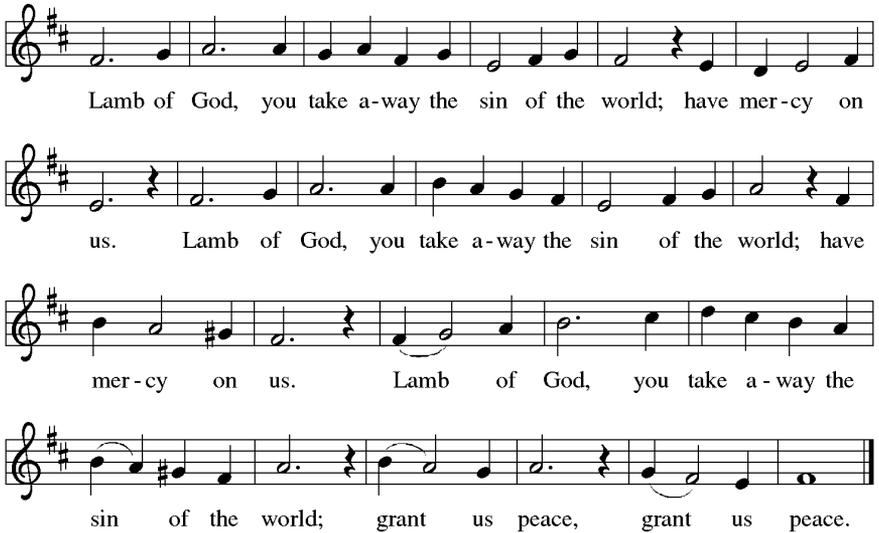
**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen**

**sit**

*Distribution*

(The celebration of the Lord's Supper is not limited to our members. The Lutheran belief is that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. Children who have not received their first communion instruction are invited to come forward for a blessing. Come forward via the center aisle. Receive the bread and wine. Return to your seat via the side aisle. If you are unable to receive wheat, please ask for a gluten-free host. If you are unable to receive wine, please use the clear non-alcoholic grape juice in the center of the tray.)

## “Lamb of God”



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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### *Blessing* stand

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

**C** Amen.

### *Post Communion Prayer*

**P** Let us pray: We give you thanks, gracious God,

**C** for we have feasted on the abundance of your house.

Send us to bring good news

and to proclaim your favor to all,

strengthened with the richness of your grace

in your Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

## *We Leave to Serve*

### *Benediction*

**P** God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness,  
who rejoices over you,  
and who calls you by name,  
✠ bless your going out and your coming in,  
today and forever.

**C** Amen

**sit**  
*Announcements*  
**stand**

### *Sending Hymn*

*“We Are Marching in the Light of God”* ELW #866

### *Dismissal*

**P** Go with Christ into a weary world.  
Share the good news!

**C** Thanks be to God!

*Postlude*

*Lessons for Next Week, March 6, 2022*

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Romans 10:8b-13

Luke 4:1-13

## Prayer Requests

*Worshippers are encouraged to speak the names of loved ones in need of prayer during the Prayer of the Church. You are also encouraged to remember all the following in your prayers. Names can be added to the prayer list by informing the church office once permission has been received from the person being added to the prayer list. O Lord, hear our prayers!*

**February Mission Partners: Trinity Lutheran Church, Dillingham, AK** It is the online mainline congregation in town. It is a hub for the entire SW area and serves both native and non-native populations.

**February Prayer Partner:** Sitka Lutheran Church, Sitka

**Prayers for Church Council:** Bev Siercks-President, Bill Moulton-Vice President, Robin Roberts– Treasurer, Ginger Evens-Secretary, Nancy Berg, Desi Burrell, Chris Van Ettinger, Bridget Wittstock-Good Beginnings, John Small

**Prayers for Health & Healing:** Char Hoiosen, Lloyd Thynes, Patty Norheim

**Outreach: Salvation Army Pantry Requested Items:** Pasta sides, like Rice-a-Roni, noodles, Ramen Noodles, canned fruit, canned soup, crackers, toothpaste and toothbrushes, small sizes of peanut butter and jelly.

### Prayers for those Serving our Country

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 Fairchild AFB, Spokane WA
Peter Vermeer	USCG, serving in Connecticut
Chase Hammer	US Marine, Jacksonville, NC
Jesse Anderson	Serving in Bangor, WI
Ryan Beale	US Marine, San Diego
Dave Chapman	Serving in Honolulu, HI
Jon Floyd	Serving in San Diego, CA
Trinity Dunham Grayson	Serving in Maryland
Michael Gardner	Serving in Fort Meade, MD

## **This Week at Petersburg Lutheran Church**

**Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

You can still view our worship services on Facebook even if you do not have a Facebook account.

<https://www.facebook.com/PLC2018plus>  
or go to PetersburgLutheranChurch2018+.

**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!

## **Serving next Sunday, March 6, 2022**

**MUSICIAN:** Sue Paulsen

**READER/COMMUNION ASSISTANT:** Kara Newman

**COUNTER:** Jennifer Bryner

**VIDEO:** Don Bieber

**COFFEE CREW:** Last Name A-E

**USHERS:**

**ALTAR CARE:** Sue Flint



**Monday Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>:** Bridget Wittstock  
**Feb. 29<sup>th</sup>:** Sandy Reid  
**Friday March 4<sup>th</sup>:** Stacey Eilenberger  
**Saturday March 5<sup>th</sup>:** Winter Skeep, Trent Kittams

## **Your Offering**

Thank you for continuing to bring your offering to church and mailing it in. Some contribute electronically by giving from their checking account or a credit card. You can access the secure giving site through our web page <https://www.petersburglutheran.com/giving>

## **Your Offerings:**

February Offering to Date \$13,086  
February Monthly Budget \$21,717  
Yearly Offering to Date \$25,942  
Yearly Budget \$260,599

## **Basement Sale**

At this time we are going forward with the basement sale, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please start saving all your goodies, as you know we pretty much take everything.

Thanks, any questions call Stacey 518-1493.

## **Mission of Petersburg Lutheran Church**

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

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## **Gospel Message**

February 27, 2022

### **TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**

## **Glimpses of Glory**

Sometimes transformation happens before our very eyes without us even noticing it. God's glory was on full display for the disciples that day on the mountaintop, and as people of faith, we profess that God's transforming power is still at work among us today. But if we are waiting for a dazzling mountaintop moment, we just might miss God's glorious work happening in and around us in real time. These are the pivotal moments that change our perspective, invite us to embark on a new adventure in discipleship, and expand our capacity for love of God and neighbor. These are the moments when Christ is revealed to us. With generations before us, we too are invited to enter the mysteries of faith.

Perhaps Christ is revealed in the chaos of a children's choir, in kneading bread that will nourish bodies, in the careful stitches of quilters that will bring warmth to a cold night. Perhaps you have glimpsed God's glory in the casseroles lovingly prepared for funerals, in a baby shower for teenage parents, in a meal shared among unlikely table mates. Maybe you have been surprised to find Jesus' love in the eyes of a stranger. Maybe you have experienced God's transformative power in the hard work of justice, in the learning and unlearning and courageous reimagining of new ways of being so that all of God's creation might flourish. Perhaps today you will meet God in the proclamation, in bread broken and wine poured, in water splashed gently onto a forehead.

God is here. Christ is among us. The Spirit leads us in every time and place. Where do you see God's glory on display in your life and community?

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