



*“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

**April 10, 2022
10:00 am**

Today we follow Christ from triumphal entry to the cross, each waypoint of the journey marked by Jesus’ compassion for those who would betray, mock, accuse, or do violence to him. Though persecuted and beaten, Jesus the Son of God is not disgraced; instead, he asks forgiveness for those who put him to death. We have walked the Lenten pathway these forty days, each of us invited through baptism to “let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.” We enter this holy week accompanying Jesus to the cross with both grief and thanksgiving in our hearts, trusting in God’s redeeming love.

PETERSBURG LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Petersburg, Alaska 99833

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Passion/Palm Sunday

(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: Lila Trask

READER/COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Lana Corl

COUNTER: Judy Janke

VIDEO:

COFFEE CREW: Last Name F-K

USHERS:

ALTAR CARE: Liv Perschon

The Procession of the Palms

Prelude

Greetings

stand

P Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord

C Hosanna in the highest.

Processional Gospel

Luke 19:28-40

After he had said this, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸saying,

*"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"*

³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

The Blessing of the Palms

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray: We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

P Let us go forth in peace,

C in the name of Christ. Amen.

Processional Song
“All Glory, Laud, and Honor” *ELW# 344*

Refrain

**All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

**You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One.**

Refrain

**The company of angels are praising you on high;
creation and all mortals in chorus make reply.**

Refrain

**The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.**

Refrain

To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of
praise.

To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

Refrain

Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring,
great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King.

Refrain

P Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

C Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray: Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, 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

Isaiah 50:4-9a

This text, the third of the four Servant Songs in Isaiah, speaks of the servant's obedience amid persecution. Though the servant has been variously understood as the prophet himself or a remnant of faithful Israel, Christians have often recognized the figure of Christ in these poems.

⁴The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

⁸he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

A This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

The Second Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

Paul quotes from an early Christian hymn that describes Jesus' humble obedience in his incarnation as a human being, even to death, and his exaltation and glory as Lord of all.

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

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 22:14—23:56

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 22nd and 23rd chapters.

C **Glory to you O Lord.**

(Through the teachings and events of the passion story we see and hear the great contradictions that characterize the coming of God's reign. The leader serves, the empty disciples are able to fill others, proud Peter is revealed in his cowardice, and Jesus—the innocent bringer of life—is arrested, beaten, executed, and buried.)

Palm Sunday Gospel Readers

Don Beiber

Karen Cornelius

Lana Corl

Susan Holmes

Dave Berg

Bev Siercks

Grant Trask

Karen Harris

Pastor Zach Harris

The congregation is invited to remain seated for today's Gospel account.

P Here ends the Gospel.

C **Praise to you O Christ.**

sit

Sermon

Silence for Meditation

stand

Hymn Of the Day

"I Love to Tell the Story" ELW# 661

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 Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence

P We pray for the church, called to follow Jesus in the way of the cross. Make us unflinching servants of the gospel. Deliver us from hardship as we confront the forces of injustice and practice radical compassion. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

For the earth and all its inhabitants, created in love: Train us to recognize your divine goodness in the world around us. Rouse in us a reverence for creation, that we take greater care of its resources. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

For those in positions of authority called to lead with integrity and compassion, especially for the people of Ukraine: Supply them with courage and vulnerability when challenged with new ideas. Deliver them from fear that limits imagination and impedes justice. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

For those who suffer, waiting expectantly for mercy and consolation: Accompany those who feel abandoned or betrayed, defend those who are wrongly accused, and embrace those who are incarcerated or detained. Heal those who are ill especially those who we name before you at this time.... Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

For Christians around the world, preparing this week to journey with Jesus to the cross: Reveal to us once again the earthshaking power of humble service, unmerited forgiveness, and sacrificial love. Lead us all from death to life. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We remember those who have died, who were commended into your hands. Remember us when you come into your kingdom, and prepare a place for each of us with you in paradise. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer

P Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

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
“Create in Me a Clean Heart” ELW# 186

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The Offering Prayer

P Let us Pray: Extravagant God,

C you have blessed us with the fullness of creation.

Now we gather at your feast

where you offer us the food that satisfies.

Take and use what we offer here, come among us,

and feed us with the body and blood of Christ,

in whose name we pray.

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.**

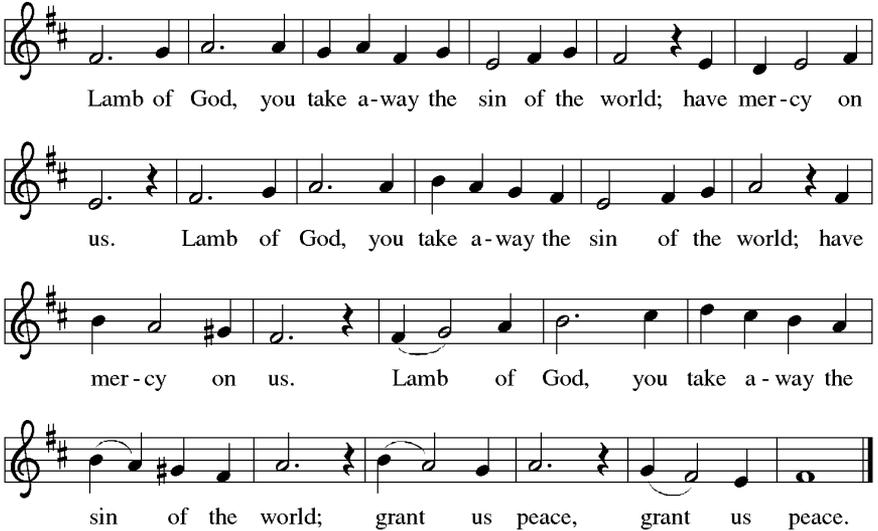
**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen**

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: Blessed Jesus,

C in this rich meal of grace,
you have fed us with your body, the bread of life.
Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope
to a world in need.

Amen.

We Leave to Serve

Benediction

P You are children of God,
anointed with the oil of gladness
and strengthened for the journey.
Almighty God,
motherly, majestic, and mighty,
✠ bless you this day and always.

C Amen

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Announcements
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Sending Hymn

“Go to Dark Gethsemane” **ELW #347**

Dismissal

P Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

C Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Lessons for Next Week, Easter Sunday April 17, 2022

Acts 10:34-43

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Luke 24:1-12

Double Your Impact in Ukraine!

Since the beginning of the war in Ukraine on Feb. 24, nearly 3 million people have fled the country and are seeking refuge in neighboring countries including Hungary, Poland, Slovakia and Moldova . [**Lutheran Disaster Response**](#) is accompanying companions in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia, in their humanitarian responses to the crisis. These partners provide refugees with immediate support and supplies such as food, blankets, water and hygiene kits. Your gifts to LDR will be used in full (100%) to accompany people impacted by the humanitarian crisis. *And if you act now, your gift will go twice as far.* Thanks to generous donors, every gift to Eastern Europe Crisis Response will be matched dollar for dollar, up to \$422,000, to support people in Ukraine.

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!

April Mission Partners: Pacific Lutheran University; Tacoma, WA. PLU is a small private liberal arts university founded by Norwegian Lutherans. Our donation allows PLC confirmands who attend the university to obtain a scholarship of \$1000 per year.

April Prayer Partners: Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Juneau

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, Llyod Thynes, Laurel Greseth, The People of Ukraine, Olivia Hicks, Annette Olsen, Andy Massey, Colleen Nicholson, Chad and Carolyn as they make preparations to sail around the world.

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, Serving in Japan
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, April 10th

8:30 am...Adult Bible Class Studying Matthew

10 am ... Worship Service 88.5 FM

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2 pm ... 'The Lutheran Hour' on 88.5 FM

2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 10-2 Ruth Circle Quilters meet, in the Basement. Bring your own lunch.
Executive board Meeting

Holy Week Services:

April 10th —Palm Sunday, 10:00 am

April 14th—Maundy Thursday, 7:00pm

April 15th—Community Good Friday, 7:00 pm

April 17th—Community Easter Sunrise, 7:00 am

Easter Potluck Breakfast 8:30 am HCH

Easter Service of Resurrection, 10:00 am

Non Church Related Uses

Wednesdays, 10-2 Rain Country Quilters meet in Ed. room

When using the facility please make sure to lock the doors behind you. Thank you

Basement sale Saturday, April 23rd

The basement sale is coming up quick. Please drop off your items the week of Monday, April 18th in the church basement. If you have any questions call Stacey 907-518-1493

Bakers please bring some goodies pre wrapped before the start of the sale Saturday April 23, 9-9:30am. Thank you!!

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+.



Today April 10th: Cory Volk
Monday April 11th: Sarissa Miller
Wednesday April 13th: Carol Beckett, Kari Baekkelund

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:

April Offering to Date \$5,403
April Monthly Budget \$21,717
Yearly Offering to Date \$48,956
Yearly Budget \$260,599

Mission of Petersburg Lutheran Church

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

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Serving Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022

MUSICIAN: Sue Paulsen

READER/COMMUNION ASSISTANT:

COUNTER: Jennifer Bryner

VIDEO:

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Gospel Message

April 10, 2022

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION / PALM SUNDAY

Getting Our Hopes Up

Many of us were warned when we were young, “Don’t get your hopes up,” in case the things we were hoping for and working toward didn’t come to fruition. “Why open yourself up to the sting of disappointment?” is the practical wisdom contained in this common aphorism.

When Jesus went into Jerusalem and was greeted by the joyous crowds, he knew it would lead to the cross. It doesn’t take divine omniscience to understand that stirring up populist sentiment and openly confronting political authorities does not often end well. The suffering and death that Jesus was set to experience was the opposite of what the crowd hoped for him, and it may be the opposite of what we think we want in a messiah too. But the hope offered by Jesus in his suffering and death, while different than what we might expect, never disappoints. God’s promise embodies life that is stronger than the shadow of death. Even amid fear and betrayal and torture, God will bring about healing. Even amid the finality of death, God will bring resurrection and new life.

As we come to the close of our Lenten journey, we can confidently keep our hopes up, knowing that the new world being born in God will never disappoint. It may look nothing like we expect or dream about, but we can trust that God’s work will always defy our expectations in ways that are more life-giving and world-transforming than we could ever imagine for ourselves. So, get your hopes up! God’s work will never let you down.

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