



*"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

**May 29, 2022
10:00 am**

In today's readings the risen Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth. The disciples are told to not gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus (Acts 1:11); we find his presence among us as we proclaim the word and share the Easter feast. We too long for the Spirit to enliven our faith and invigorate our mission.

PETERSBURG LUTHERAN CHURCH

406 Excel Street, PO Box 709

Petersburg, Alaska 99833

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Ascension 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

READER/COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Chris Van Ettinger

COUNTER: Betty Rogers

VIDEO:

COFFEE CREW: Church Council

USHERS: Desi Burrell

ALTAR CARE: Jean Curry

We Prepare for Worship

*Prelude
Welcome and Greetings
stand*

Gathering Song

“Lord, I Lift Your Name High” ELW #857

Confession

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation. **C** Amen

P Let us come into the light,
the revealing and healing light of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God of grace and glory,
C you have brought us through the night of sin
into the light of Jesus' resurrection.
Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin.
Make us alive in Christ, O God.
Make us new as you make all things new.
Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin,
renew us in grace,
and restore us to living in your holiness,
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

P Rejoice with all creation around God's throne!
The light of the risen Christ
puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin,
restores innocence to the fallen,
casts out hate, brings peace, and humbles earthly pride.
Jesus Christ loves you
and † frees you from your sins by his blood.
To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!
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.

C 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 creation: 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.

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us Pray: Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and 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

Acts 1:1-11

Before he is lifted into heaven, Jesus promises that the missionary work of the disciples will spread out from Jerusalem to all the world. His words provide an outline of the book of Acts.

[Luke writes:] ¹In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

A This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

The Second Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

The risen and exalted Christ reigns over the entire universe. The author of Ephesians prays that we are given the wisdom to know the power of the risen Christ and the empowering hope that the knowledge of this inheritance provides.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.

²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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 24:44-53

P The Holy Gospel

C Glory to you O Lord.

On the day of his ascension, Jesus leaves his disciples with a commission, a blessing, and a promise of the Holy Spirit.

⁴⁴[Jesus said to the eleven and those with them,] “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,⁴⁶ and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day,⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them.⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy;⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

P Here ends the Gospel

C Praise to you O Christ.

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Sermon

Silence for Meditation

stand

Hymn Of the Day

“Jesus Shall Reign” ELW# 434

*We Offer To God
The Nicene 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 Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

The Prayers of the Church

P Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence

P Holy One, ruler of heaven and earth, wash us in your Holy Spirit and make us witnesses to your resurrected life in this community. Let our fellowship be a sign to others of the presence of Christ. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Through thundering, mighty waters reveal your creative power at work in creation. Cleanse the air, land, and waters with the movement of your Spirit and the participation of your people. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

In faithful and diverse worship, turn all people toward you and your loving will for humankind. Bridge differences among traditions and across faiths. Unite us in mission for the sake of a world in need. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

In the suffering and death of Jesus, draw near to those who suffer and for whom death approaches especially those we name before you at this time...Hold them in the palm of your loving hand and give them rest. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Inspire us through the music, dance, and other arts ministries of this congregation. With clapping, shouting, singing, playing, and moving, let our bodies bear witness to the joy you alone can give. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Rouse us to remember the faithful witness of the saints who have gone before us. By their lives and the life and death of Jesus, enlighten our hearts, give us hope, and lead us in wisdom. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer

P In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; 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
“Let The Vineyards”

The musical notation consists of six staves of music in common time, treble clef, and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below each staff. The lyrics are:

C Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

The Offering Prayer

P Let us Pray: Living God,
C you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together
in your peaceable reign,
and you welcome us all at your table.
Reach out to us through this meal,
and show us your wounded and risen body,
that we may be nourished and believe
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
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

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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, generous God,

C for in this bread and cup

we have tasted the new heaven and earth
where hunger and thirst are no more.

Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,
that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.
Amen.

We Leave to Serve

Benediction

P God, the Author of life,
Christ, the living Cornerstone,
and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,
☩ bless you now and forever.

C Amen

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Announcements

stand

Sending Hymn

“Crown Him With Many Crowns” ELW #855

Dismissal

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

C Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Lessons for Next Week, June 5, 2022

Acts 2:1-21

Romans 8:14-17

John 14:8-17{25-27}

Agreed to serve on Transition Team

Don Bieber

Kathy Emmenegger

Jim Engell

Sue Flint

Jim Roberts

Lauren Thain

Please pray for our transition team for direction and discernment.

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!

2022 3% Mission Support: Special Fund for Local Needs; Petersburg, AK. This fund is used to assist local residents with special needs. These are generally one-time or emergency appeals.

May Prayer Partners- River of Life Lutheran Church, Chugiak, AK

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, Annett Olson, Andy Massey, Dee Foley, Charles and Judy Copeland (the parents of Pastor Keith Copeland--friend of Pastor Zach) The People of Ukraine, Family and friends of Laurel Greseth, Scott Hurtt and Lois DeBoer

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, May 29th

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

Non Church Related Uses

Wednesdays, 10-2 Rain Country Quilters meet in Ed. Room
4th Saturday's of the month Girl Scouts meet in the Ed. Room

Office will be closed on Monday in honor of Memorial Day. The secretary will be out of office Tuesday –Wednesday. Back in office Thursday, June 2.

Pastor Zach Will be out of town June 6-18th

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!



Today May 29th: Jared Volk

Monday May 30th: Madalina Ward

Tuesday May 31st: Elias Ward, Tonya Somerville

Wednesday June 1st: Linda Slaght, Casey Evens

Thursday June 2nd: Jean Curry, Pat Weaver

Saturday June 4th: Barbara Steltz

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:

May Offering to Date \$13,725

May Monthly Budget \$21,717

Yearly Offering to Date \$71,714

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 Sunday, June 5, 2022

MUSICIAN: Sue Paulsen

READER/COMMUNION ASSISTANT:

COUNTER: Katey Gilpin

VIDEO:

COFFEE CREW: Last Name A-E

USHERS:

ALTAR CARE:

Gospel Message

May 29, 2022

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

Your Promise Has Shipped

Most of us are familiar with order fulfillment: our menu selection is fulfilled by the kitchen at the restaurant; our online purchase is fulfilled by the warehouse and shipped to our home; our prescription is fulfilled by the pharmacist, who asks if we have any questions about the medication. Unfortunately, we are also familiar with the failures of fulfillment: the food items in the takeout bag are wrong; the goods delivered to our door are damaged; our order is unexpectedly canceled or changed.

Today's gospel passage is not about order fulfillment, but promise fulfillment. Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to see how the events of his death and resurrection are connected to the promises of God as found in Moses, the prophets, and the psalms. God's promises have been consistent all the way along, and God keeps those promises. Jesus identifies the disciples as witnesses, not just of events, but of the fulfillment of God's promises. He then adds to the promise: they are to remain in the city until power from on high comes to them. After blessing them, Jesus ascends into heaven. The promise continues and the witness grows.

Sometimes the promises of new life in Jesus can feel far off. Our experiences of failed fulfillment can lower our expectations, even of what God is able to do in our lives. Certainly the disciples had their moments of doubt and struggle, times when their hope in God was disappointed. The gift of witness was not given to individuals but to the community, that the whole might carry along the parts.

After the ascension, the disciples returned to Jerusalem and worshiped Jesus. Their response to God's fulfilled promises was to witness and worship. Today we gather to worship the God who fulfills promises. From that worship we go out to witness to what God is still doing to bring life into the world.

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