



**ST. PEDER'S
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2022
9:00 AM WORSHIP
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Welcome to Worship at St. Peder's!

We are glad you have come to worship today. If you find yourself in need of assistance during worship, our ushers are here to assist you.

LARGE PRINT and Braille Bulletins are available, please see an usher for these resources.

-You will find everything you need to participate in worship on the following pages.

-Please note that we invite congregational participation on the parts printed in **bold**.

Children are always welcome in worship. We recognize that throughout the course of the service children need to move, so we invite their dancing, standing, and moving about as they join in worship. There are activity bags hanging in the entry area, if you need help finding them, ask an usher for assistance.

COVID Safety remains a top priority at St. Peder's. With rising hospitalization and case numbers, St. Peder's Council strongly recommends the wearing of masks when gathered in the sanctuary and fellowship hall. Please continue to be respectful of one another's level of comfort for close contact (including shaking hands or hugging) and mask wearing. If you are not feeling well we ask that you stay home to care for yourself and protect others.

Our Worship schedule offers opportunities to worship in person or online. For those who don't join us in person you can livestream the service or find a recording of the worship service on St Peder's YouTube channel linked at www.stpeders.org

Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month and ALL are welcome to participate in this tangible gift of God's grace. For those who choose not to receive Communion please come forward for a blessing. If you would prefer to have Communion brought to you, please let the usher know and our Communion team will come to you.

Fellowship time is an opportunity to check-in with one another and care for members of our community. We ask that all who attend coffee hour be fully vaccinated if they are eligible for vaccination. We ask that all food and drink be consumed only in Fellowship Hall or outside on the patio. Please remain masked unless you are actively eating or drinking.



Rooted in our heritage and embracing the future, we joyfully live the gospel with open hearts, open hands, and open doors. St. Peder's is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA); and a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation, explicitly affirming the welcome of God to all persons regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity/expression, race, ethnicity, socio-economic status, age, physical or mental ability.

GATHERING

Prelude

Praeludium

Gordon Young

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Eric Luedtke

Opening Prayer

Kristi Lahti-Johnson

O Lord, we have come into this Your house to hear what You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, will speak unto us. We pray You so to open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit that, through Your word, we may learn to repent of our sins, to believe in Jesus in life and in death and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Gathering Hymn

The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done

ELW 366



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



- 1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's
- 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst; Je - sus their le - gions
- 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo - rious
- 4 Christ closed the yawn - ing gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high
- 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound-ed you, from death's sting free your



tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
has dis - persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!
por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!
ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!

After the final stanza



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: *Symphonia Sirenum*, Köln, 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1832–1909

Music: VICTORY, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, 1525–1594; arr. William H. Monk, 1823–1889

Call to Worship

When the tomb looms large before our eyes, remind us, Lord, who we are:
We are children of the resurrection; the place of death will not hold us.

We are the painters of the rainbows; shadow of death will not daunt us.
We are the breakers of loaves and fishes; taste of death will not defile us.

We are the raisers of the dead; power of death will not defy us.
God is our refuge and our strength; spirit of death will not destroy us!
We are Easter people; we gather in the power and sure promise of resurrection.

Confession and Forgiveness

Loving God,

we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling and anxious. Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News. Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ. Call us back to Your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace in the name of the Risen Christ.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

The Assurance of Forgiveness

Christ is Risen! The stone is rolled away, the tomb found empty. Mary calls out, "I have seen the Lord!" We have seen Christ, too, in every helping hand, in every heartfelt gift, in every choice to restore life in this world. We are called to this new life, a life of forgiveness and reconciliation. You are forgiven; accept your forgiveness and know that God loves you and desires great joy for your life. Walk forward on this journey of faith, knowing your fellow Christ-followers are with you. Amen. ²

Hymn of Praise

All Creatures, Worship God Most High!
vss. 1 & 4

ELW 835



1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev - 'ry voice in earth and

4 All who for love of God for-give, all who in pain or sor-row



sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen-dor

grieve: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night:
 fears; still make your song a - mid the tears: Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -



lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

Text: Francis of Assisi, 1182–1226; tr. composite
 Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623
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WORD

First Reading

Acts 11:1-18

¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ ⁸But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Psalm 148

Sung responsively. Plain text sung by Baptismal Font side. Bold Text sung by Pulpit side.



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¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD¹ from the heavens;
 praise God¹ in the heights.
²**Praise the LORD,¹ all you angels;
 sing praise, all you¹ hosts of heaven.**
³Praise the LORD,¹ sun and moon;
 sing praise, all you¹ shining stars.
⁴**Praise the LORD, heav-¹en of heavens,
 and you waters a-¹bove the heavens.**
⁵Let them praise the name¹ of the LORD,
 who commanded, and they¹ were created,
⁶**who made them stand fast forev-¹er and ever,
 giving them a law that shall not¹ pass away.**
⁷Praise the LORD¹ from the earth,
 you sea monsters¹ and all deeps;
⁸**fire and hail,¹ snow and fog,
 tempestuous wind, do-¹ing God's will;**
⁹mountains¹ and all hills,
 fruit trees¹ and all cedars;
¹⁰**wild beasts¹ and all cattle,
 creeping things and¹ flying birds;**
¹¹sovereigns of the earth¹ and all peoples,
 princes and all rulers¹ of the world;
¹²**young¹ men and maidens,
 old and¹ young together.**
¹³Let them praise the name¹ of the LORD,
 whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over¹ earth and heaven.
¹⁴**The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all¹ faithful
 servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD.¹ Hallelujah!**

Second Reading

Revelation 21:1-6

¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
 - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
 lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Holy Gospel

John 13:31-35

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Pastor Eric Luedtke

Hymn of the Day

Jesus Shall Reign

ELW 434

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
 hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with

Benediction

Go out into the world in the joy and peace of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus.

Care for God's redeemed creation;
follow the Spirit as children of the light;
make disciples by your life and words;
and glorify the Trinity by your dedication and love;
Alleluia. Amen.³

Sending Hymn

The Sprit Sends Us Forth to Serve

ELW 988



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in Je - sus' name
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the bur - dened free;
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter joy like seed
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel to pro - claim.



to bring glad tid - ings to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
where hope is dim, to share a dream and help the blind to see.
and, all our days, to cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
God's Spir - it has em - pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

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Music: SANTA MONICA, Robert A. Hobby, b. 1962

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Sending

Knowing God is behind us
We are rooted in our heritage.
Knowing God goes before us
We embrace the future.
Knowing Christ forgives us
We joyfully live the Gospel.
We engage the world around us
with open hearts, open hands, and open doors.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

Postlude

Llanfair

arr. by Albert L. Travis

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Serving in Worship this Morning

Preaching and Presiding: Pastor Eric Luedtke **Organist:** Mia Kruse

Greeters: Elizabeth and Forrest Bentley **Ushers:** John Skraba and Shawna Nelsen-Wills

Acolyte: Isaiah Wills **Reader:** Kristi Lahti-Johnson

Counters: Steve Austin and Tim Anderson **Livestream Technician:** Karen Vetsch

LSS Safe House Dinner for May 16:

Kristi Lahti-Johnson & Chuck Johnson and Bethene & Eric Hunsberger

Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group 6

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Faith Formation / Book Study: Today at 10:15 am

Chapter 5 - Raise Your Race Consciousness

Race-consciousness means that you are aware of how racism works as a system. This chapter will help us learn how to do things that help us claim an antiracist identity. We will learn how to act more consciously as a racial being and be a positive influence on others to do the same. How prepared do you feel to engage with people who say something overtly racist? Please join us in conversation. You do not need to read the book in order to join in the discussion.

Parsonage Painting Volunteers Needed

We will be working in the parsonage on **Wednesday, May 18th from 5-7 pm** and could use a few more hands! We will do more priming and painting, work on the basement walls, clean up main floor to prep for flooring, install switch plate covers and vent covers.

Friends with Guitars! Today at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Singer-songwriters Jonathan Rundman, Richard Bruxvoort Colligan and Cathy Pino will share the stage with members of the Twin Cities Glocal Collective on Sunday, May 15th at 3:00 p.m., at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Stillwater (1616 Olive Street W, Stillwater MN 55082). Friends and collaborators for over 20 years, these musicians each bring a unique style of musicality, passion, humor, and heart to their work on stage and in life as teachers, theologians, and voices for peace and justice. Admission is free, with the opportunity to contribute to a free-will offering in support the Glocal Collective (a multicultural coalition of musician-educators) in their work at Holden Village this summer. Complimentary coffee and snacks provided by Thrivent. Come on out and enjoy this family-friendly afternoon of fun and fellowship, and great music! (And in the meantime, check out the event "Friends with Guitars!" on Facebook.

Adult Forum and Book Signing: Sunday, June 12 at 10:30

Embracing Diversity, Faith, Vocation and the Promise of America

Rev. Dr William Nelsen will join us following worship for a discussion around his book.

Written for people in local communities and congregations, encouraging us all to embrace, and not to fear, our growing diversity and to work together for the common good. Books are for sale for \$20 each in the hallway outside of Fellowship Hall.

About the book: "Throughout its history, America has been confronted with two views of its identity. It is a deeply Christian nation called to purity in the face of challenging world? Or is it a beacon of hope and openness, a land where many can work together for a common good? In this timely book, the authors challenge readers—especially those in Christian communities—to step up to the promise of an America that works for the good of everyone who calls this nation home."

Authors: Rev. Dr. William Nelsen, ELCA Pastor, Former President, Augustana University, and Former Academic Dean, St. Olaf College and Dr. Darrell Jodock, Professor Emeritus Gustavus Adolphus College

Blessing of the Graduates: Sunday, May 22

We'd love your help in recognizing the graduates among us - if you or someone in your family is graduating High School, College, Grad School this year, please drop a note to Jeannie office@stpeders.org with the person's name, school, and a paragraph about their school experience and plans for what's next - and a photo would be great as well.

Flat Jesus!

Today in worship we will introduce Flat Jesus. We invite children 5th grade and younger to start their morning in worship where Pastor Eric will have a special Children's Message time, then adult leaders will accompany the kids down the hall for a time of story sharing, artwork creating, and relationship building.

On Sunday, May 22 we will Commission Flat Jesus to join us over the summer in whatever we do, wherever we go. And once again we'll have Adult leaders to take those 5th grade and younger down the hall after the Children's Message.

Adventures of Flat Jesus*

“And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”
~Matthew 28:20b



This summer we want to remind ourselves that wherever we go Jesus goes with us. Here's what to do:

1. Decorate your Flat Jesus and laminate (we'll have a laminator in Sunday School or Fellowship Hall)
2. Take Flat Jesus wherever you go (beach, cabin, grocery store, vacation, sporting events, orchestra concerts, doing yardwork, the list is endless) and snap photos (be creative about how Flat Jesus might show up in the photo, too).
3. Email your photos and a brief description of your event (where and what is happening) to Jeannie office@stpeders.org. Submitting photos is your act of consent for St. Peder's Lutheran Church to use the photos on St. Peder's Website, Social Media, and printed and posted around the building (if you would prefer your photos not be used on Social Media, please note that when submitting).
4. Talk with family and friends about what you and Flat Jesus experienced. Have fun and be open to the ways Flat Jesus creates opportunity for conversation about your faith.

*Larger coloring sheets with instructions will be made available!

This Week at St. Peder's

Today: Sunday, May 15

9:00 am Worship Service
10:00 am Coffee and Fellowship
10:15 Book Study

Tuesday, May 18

Newsletter Articles Due
9 am Quilters

Saturday, May 21

2 pm Fiber Arts

Sunday, May 22

9:00 am Worship Service
10:00 am Coffee and Fellowship



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