



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

SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2023
THE HOLY TRINITY



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.



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.

St. Peder's uses an ancient tradition called liturgical worship. The liturgy involves participation; sometimes you'll be asked to sit or stand (as you are able) and we encourage all to read or sing the bold-fonted text. If you're not used to this form of worship, it can feel very unfamiliar. If you're not sure what you're supposed to do, it's okay to ask. It can take time to get used to this way of worship and we don't expect any of us to "get it right" all the time. We're glad you're here and we hope you feel welcomed in this community of faith.

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 know that children learn by experience; their presence in worship piques their curiosity and models how we worship. Just as adults fidget and move throughout worship, we don't expect children to sit completely still, in fact we invite their standing and moving about as they express their worship to God as part of our community.

COVID Safety 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.

GATHERING

Though the word trinity is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.

Prelude

Praise the Almighty

Edward Broughton

Welcome, Peace, and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Chuck Johnson

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Gathering Hymn

Gracious Spirit, Heed our Pleading

ELW 401

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
who greets us in this and every season,
whose word never fails,
whose promise is sure.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of our neighbors.

Merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned.

We have hurt our community.

We have squandered your blessings.

We have hoarded your bounty.

In the name of Jesus,

forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Righteous God,

we confess that we have sinned.

We have failed to be honest.

We have lacked the courage to speak.

We have spoken falsely.

In the name of Jesus,

forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.

God offers boundless grace when we fail.

Claim the gift of God's mercy:

you are freed and forgiven

in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Kyrie

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Canticle of Praise

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Prayer of the Day

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: **we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**
Amen.

WORD

First Reading

Genesis 1:1--2:4a

At the beginning of time, God the Creator, God the powerful Word, and God the life-giving Spirit form the earth and all its inhabitants. God sees that all this created work is good and then rests on the seventh day.

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." ²¹So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

²⁷So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." ²⁹God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so.

³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

^{2:1}Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ²And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

^{4a}These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Psalm 8

*Leader to sing plain text verses, congregation **bold** text.*



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- ¹O **L**ORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in **l** all the earth!—
- ²**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of in-^l fants and children;**
you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe ^l and avenger.
- ³When I consider your heavens, the work ^l of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set ^l in their courses,
- ⁴**what are mere mortals that you should be mind-^l ful of them,**
human beings that you should ^l care for them?
- ⁵Yet you have made them little less ^l than divine;
with glory and hon-^l or you crown them.
- ⁶**You have made them rule over the works ^l of your hands;**
you have put all things un-^l der their feet:
- ⁷all ^l flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts ^l of the field,
- ⁸**the birds of the air, the fish ^l of the sea,**
and whatever passes along the paths ^l of the sea.
- ⁹O **L**ORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in **l** all the earth!

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Paul closes a challenging letter to the Corinthians with an appeal to Christian fellowship grounded in the triune harmony of Christ's grace, God's love, and the Spirit's partnership.

[Paul writes:] ¹¹Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

¹³The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Gathering of the Children

Marc Olson

Gospel Acclamation

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20

After his resurrection, Jesus summons his remaining disciples and commissions them to baptize and teach all nations in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The Gospel of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Marc Olson

Hymn of the Day

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

ELW 735

Apostles Creed

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Prayers of the People

Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

A brief silence.

Holy three, holy one, you call the church to make disciples of all nations. Encourage bishops, pastors, and deacons in their proclamation of the gospel and direct all the baptized into lives of humble service. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Holy three, holy one, you spoke creation into being and called it good. Protect lands and waters threatened by human misuse and sustain living creatures of every kind: wild animals, birds, fish, and every creeping thing. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Holy three, holy one, you have given humankind authority over the earth. Raise up leaders who listen earnestly, speak honestly, and govern thoughtfully. Heal divisions between nations, that we might agree with one another and live in peace. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Holy three, holy one, you promise to be with us always, to the end of the age. Surround those most in need of your healing presence: any who are lonely, all who are grieving, and those who are sick especially those we remember now. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Holy three, holy one, you set the earth on its axis, and we experience the seasons. Strengthen those enduring challenges this summer: those who suffer in the heat, parents overwhelmed by childcare responsibilities, and children experiencing food insecurity outside of school. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Holy three, holy one, you give rest when our work is done. We give thanks for all the saints who now rest in you, confident in the promise of resurrection life in the age to come. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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Offering

Take a moment to reflect on the many gifts we offer to God in our lives – our time, our talents, and our treasures. Offer to God the gifts that you will use in the coming week and the ways you will bless others with these gifts that you freely give with praise and thanksgiving for what God has first given. If you would like to give online, please find a QR code on the back of the bulletin.

A Gift of Music

Songs Without Words Op. 19, No. 1

Felix Mendelssohn

Offering Prayer

God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SENDING

Benediction

Sending Hymn

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

ELW 582

Sending

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Postlude

The Lord Reigneth

Lani Smith

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Serving in Worship

Greeters: Lisa Jensen and Butch Vossen **Ushers:** Sue Schnickel and Steve Austin **Acolyte:** Walter Anderson
Reader: Chuck Johnson **Counters:** Steve Austin and Sue Schnickel **Livestream Technician:** Darrick Jensen
LSS Safe House Dinner for June 5: Craig & Marcia Rocheleau, Dwight & Kari Bullard
Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group 8

Welcome Marc Olson!

Marc Olson is an Editor in Consumer Publishing with the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation. He attended Luther Seminary and was ordained in the ELCA before beginning his secular vocation of helping "good ideas become great products" as he works with authors to tell their stories and support others. Thank you, Marc, for filling in today as Pastor Bryan presides over his brother-in-law's wedding this weekend!

Events and Announcements

Bible Study, Tuesdays at 6 pm, Next Date: June 6

Text for this week : Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Monthly Potluck TUESDAYS! **Please note the new day

Next Potluck Tuesday, June 13

Adult and Youth Faith Formation Survey: Due June 14

As we use the summer to prepare for our Faith Formation offerings in the next academic year, we'd like hear what sort of Faith Formation options you'd like to see at St. Peder's. Please take a moment to fill out the survey. You can use the link [here](#) or scan the QR code. Paper copies can also be found on the counter in the office. This survey takes approximately 2 minutes to complete. Thank you for your input!



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Blessing of the Bikes: Sunday, June 18th

Bring your bike to worship on Sunday, June 18th. We'll have outdoor worship and Pastor Bryan will bless the bikes. If you can't bring your bike, feel free to bring your helmet!

Community Happenings

Birding with Urban Collective and LCC

June 6th at 5 pm

Join Urban Bird Collective on a bird walk through natural spaces in the Longfellow and Seward Neighborhoods. You'll have the opportunity to learn and observe native bird species and discuss conversation. [Sign up to reserve your spot.](#) The Urban Bird Collective was founded in 2018 to support birdwatchers of all different skill levels in leading walks in our own neighborhoods. Urban Bird Collective works to create safe and welcoming spaces for all communities to come out and explore birding and the outdoors. These communities include Black, Indigenous, People of Color, and the LGBTQ Communities and more. Any questions about the bird walks, email jasmine@sng.org.

Solace at the Palace: June 11th from 12-6

[Solace at the Palace](#) is a day of community resilience and recovery through art. Longfellow Community Council is organizing an interactive art experience in the heart of downtown Longfellow (3032 Minnehaha Ave) **from 12 to 6 pm on Sunday, June 11th.** Throughout the day there will be live performances from local musicians and 20 vendors selling artwork, handmade items, bakery goods, and more. There will also be food trucks and kids art activities. We have six art workshops ([needle felting](#), [printmaking](#), [collage and poetry](#), [fabric book making](#), [leather working](#), and [clay](#)) that will take place throughout the event. Pre-registration is required. This event was funded by the Metro Regional Art Council (MRAC) and is funded, in part, by an appropriation from the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the State's general fund. Please contact LCC by [email](#) or call us at 612-722-4529 for more information or to discuss accommodations you may need.

This Week at St. Peder's

Today: Sunday, June 4

9 am Worship
10 am Coffee and Fellowship
4 Girl Scouts*

Tuesday, June 6

10 am Exercise Class*
2 pm Chronic Pain Group*
6 pm Bible Study
6 pm Sisters in Crime*

Wednesday, June 7

9 am Quilters

Thursday, June 8

10 am Exercise Class*
4 pm Dance *

Sunday, June 11

9 am Worship
10 am Coffee and Fellowship
4:00 pm Girl Scouts *

**Denotes community group*



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