

St. Peder's Lutheran Church 04-19-2026

Welcome to St. Peder's! All people are welcome to fully participate in worship, regardless of race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, age, physical and mental abilities, and socio-economic status. If you are a visitor, please fill out a visitor card available in the pews or fill out the guestbook in the entryway. We would love to know who you are and what brings you in today! We offer large print and braille copies of our bulletin for those with vision impairment. For your convenience, we also offer opportunities to worship online!

Introduction to the Third Sunday of Easter

Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.

GATHERING

Prelude: Llanfair

by Jason D. Payne

Call to Worship:

Response: Christ is risen, **he is risen indeed.**

Welcome, Peace, and Announcements

Opening Prayer

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: Day of Arising

ELW 374

1 Day of arising,
Christ on the roadway,
unknown companion walks with his own.
When they invite him,
as fades the first day,
and bread is broken, Christ is made known.

2 When we are walking,
doubtful and dreading,
blinded by sadness, slowness of heart,
yet Christ walks with us,
ever awaiting
our invitation: Stay, do not part.

3 Lo, I am with you,
Jesus has spoken.
This is Christ's promise, this is Christ's sign:
when the church gathers,
when bread is broken,
there Christ is with us in bread and wine.

**4 Christ, our companion,
hope for the journey,
bread of compassion, open our eyes.
Grant us your vision,
set all hearts burning
that all creation with you may rise.**

Gathering of Children

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Kyrie (Hymn of Prayer)

****Let us pray to the Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy.****

**For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world,
for the unity of all.**

****Let us pray to the Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy.****

**For your people here who have come to give you praise, for
the strength to live your Word.**

****Let us pray to the Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy.****

Help, save and defend us, O God.

****Amen.****

Canticle (Hymn of Praise)

Refrain: Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joy to the God of life and love and evermore!

Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has freed and united us to be one great people of God. ***Refrain.***

Power and riches, wisdom and might, all honor and glory to Christ forever. ***Refrain.***

For God has come to dwell with us, to make us people of God; to make all things new. ***Refrain.***

Prayer of the Day

O God, ****your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

Amen.**

WORD

First Lesson

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: ³⁶ “Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” ³⁸ Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the

Lord our God calls to him.”⁴⁰ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.”⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Word of the Lord. C. ****Thanks be to God.****

Psalm: 116:1-4, 12-19

**¹ I love the Lord, who has | heard my voice,
and listened to my | supplication,
****² for the Lord has given | ear to me
whenev- | er I called.******

**³ The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the
grave | came upon me;
I came to | grief and sorrow.**

******⁴ Then I called upon the name | of the Lord:
“O Lord, I pray you, | save my life.”******

**¹² How shall I re- | pay the Lord
for all the good things God has | done for me?**

******¹³ I will lift the cup | of salvation
and call on the name | of the Lord.******

**¹⁴ I will fulfill my vows | to the Lord
in the presence of | all God’s people.**

******¹⁵ Precious in your | sight, O Lord,
is the death | of your servants.******

**¹⁶ O Lord, truly I | am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have
freed me | from my bonds.**

******¹⁷ I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving
and call upon the name | of the Lord.******

**¹⁸ I will fulfill my vows [|] to the Lord
in the presence of [|] all God's people,
****¹⁹ in the courts of [|] the Lord's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. [|] Hallelujah!******

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 1:17-23

¹⁷ If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person's work, live in fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸ You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰ He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹ Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God.

²² Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³ You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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

Gospel Acclamation

****Alleluia, alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!****

Holy Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

¹³ Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” ¹⁹ He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” ²⁵ Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and

all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: Touch That Soothes and Heals

ACS 939

1 Touch that soothes and heals the hurting,
hands that break a loaf of bread;
steps that walk beside the weary,
bearing burdens in their stead:
"See my hands and feet," said Jesus,
love arisen from the grave.
"Be my hands and feet," said Jesus,
"live as ones I died to save."

**2 Feed the hungry, clothe the naked,
visit ones in need of care,
give the homeless warmth and shelter:
Christ will find a welcome there.
"See my hands and feet," said Jesus,
love arisen from the grave.
"Be my hands and feet," said Jesus,
"live as ones I died to save."**

**3 Love and serve without distinction
all earth's people, first and least.
Know within each act of kindness
hope and wholeness are increased.
"See my hands and feet," said Jesus,
love arisen from the grave.
"Be my hands and feet," said Jesus,
"live as ones I died to save."**

**4 Hands that beckon little children,
bind a wound, prepare a meal,
feet that rush to share good tidings,
Christ arisen , still reveal.
"See my hands and feet," said Jesus,
love arisen from the grave.
"Be my hands and feet," said Jesus,
"live as ones I died to save."**

Apostles' Creed

****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 power of 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 again 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**

Prayers of the People

Response: Merciful God, **Receive our prayer.**

Offering

In this moment, we reflect upon the many gifts in our lives – our time, our talents, and our treasures.

In sharing these gifts, you bless others in the name of God’s glory. If you would like to donate digitally, please click on or use your smartphone to take a picture of this QR code.



Gift of Music

Offering Prayer:

Merciful God, **accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more.

Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

MEAL

Invitation to Communion:

The Lord be with you. ****And also with you.****

Life up your hearts. ****We lift them to the Lord.****

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. ****It is right to give our thanks and praise.****

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Back inside cover.

****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. Forgive us our
trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For
thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for
ever and ever. Amen.****

Communion Distribution

Communion Hymns: Lamb of God

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

Grant us peace, grant us peace.

God Welcomes All

ACS 978

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;

God's love is strong and it never ends.

Come Let us Eat

ELW 491

- 1 (Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,) come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread. (Our Lord's body let us take together,) our Lord's body let us take together.**

- 2 (Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,) come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured. (Jesus' blood poured let us drink together,) Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.**

- 3 (In Jesus' presence now we meet and rest,) in Jesus' presence now we meet and rest. (In the presence of our Lord we gather,) in the presence of our Lord we gather.**

- 4 (Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word,) rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word. (Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom,) Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom.**

Communion Blessing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Hymn: Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!

ELW 377

- 1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!
Jesus is risen and we shall arise.**

Give God the glory! Alleluia!

**2 Walking the way, Christ in the center
telling the story to open our eyes;
breaking our bread, giving us glory:
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.
Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

**3 Jesus the vine, we are the branches;
life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
heaven to earth, Christ to the people,
gift of the future now flowing to me.
Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

**4 Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent:
death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing: O grave, be open!
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.
Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

**5 City of God, Easter forever,
golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
river of life, saints and archangels,
sing with creation to God the I AM!
Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

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: Trumpet Tune on "Laudate Dominum"

by David Lasky

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Serving in Worship this Morning

Greeters: Ushers: Thomas Goodoien and Paul Aitchison

Acolyte: Augie Wollak Reader: Martha Olsen

Counters: Darrick Jensen Livestream Tech:

Communion Setup: Judy Anderson

**Communion Servers: Leslee Nestingen, Marcia Rocheleau,
and Lisa Rovick**

Communion Bread & Wine: Judy Anderson

LSS Safehouse April 20: Liz & Forrest Bentley

Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group: 1

Announcements

T-shirts

Please help yourself to a free t-shirt on the back table. All sizes, including youth, available.

April Blood Drive

St. Peder's is hosting a blood drive with the American Red Cross at St. Peder's on Thursday, April 23 from noon-6:00 pm. The American Red Cross urges people to roll up their sleeves. You don't need a specific reason to give blood. You just need your own reason. Help an accident victim, a patient with cancer or a new mother who needs blood during childbirth by making a donation appointment today. Register online at www.redcrossblood.org.

Roseville String Ensemble

Please join the Roseville String Ensemble for our spring concert, "Melodies in Bloom," at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 19th, at Sundin Music Hall on the Hamline University campus, 1531 Hewitt Ave., St. Paul. For more information, see rosevillestrings.org.

This week's coffee hour proceeds are being donated to Youth Fund.

This Week at St. Peder's:

Sunday, April 19: 9 am Worship, 10am Coffee & Fellowship

Tuesday, April 21: 6 pm Bible Study, 7 pm Prayer Service

Thursday, April 23: 12 pm Blood Drive, 7 pm Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, April 26: 9 am Worship, 10am Coffee & Fellowship, 10 am Intergenerational Class

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