



St. Peder's Evangelical Lutheran Church April 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.

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

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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 hurt - ing, hands that
2 Feed the hun - gry, clothe the na - ked, vis - it
3 Love and serve with - out dis - tinc - tion, all earth's
4 Hands that beck - on lit - tle chil - dren, bind a



break a loaf of bread; steps that walk be - side the
ones in need of care, give the home - less warmth and
peo - ple, first and least, Know with - in each act of
wound, pre - pare a meal, feet that rush to share good



wea - ry, bear - ing bur - dens in their stead:
shel - ter: Christ will find a wel - come there.
kind - ness hope and whole - ness are in - creased.
tid - ings, Christ a - ris - en, still re - veal.

Refrain



“See my hands and feet,” said Je - sus, love a - ris - en from the



grave. “Be my hands and feet,” said Je - sus, “live as



ones I died to save.”

Apostles' Creed

Back cover of hymnal

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 talent, 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 use your smartphone to take a picture of this QR code or click on it if you are reading this online.*



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

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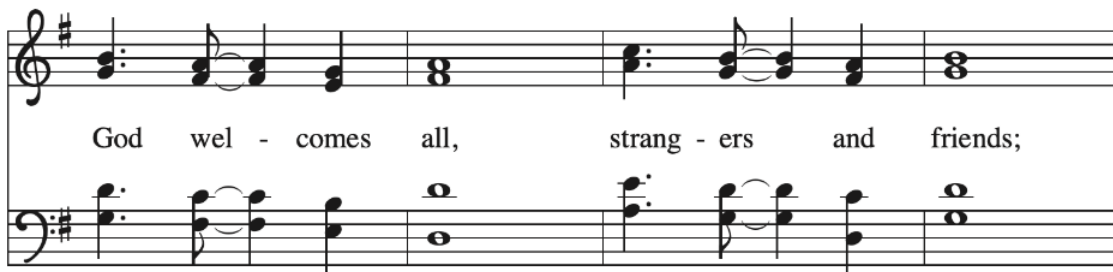
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Communion Hymns: *Lamb of God*

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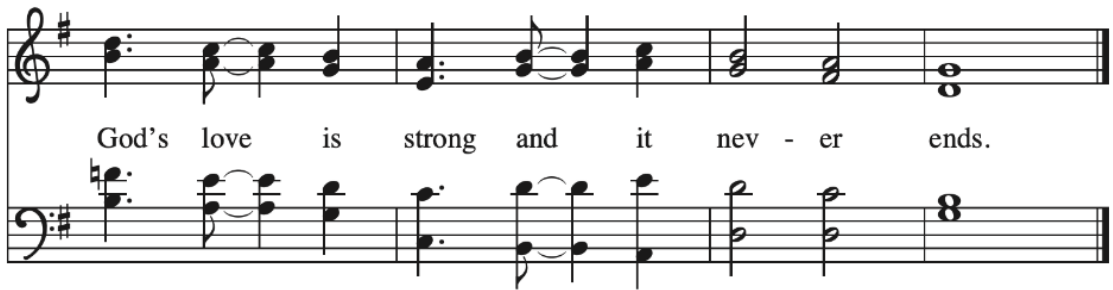
God Welcomes All

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God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;

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God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

Come Let us Eat

ELW 491

Communion Blessing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Hymn

Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!

ELW 377

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, 10 am 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, 10 am Coffee & Fellowship, 10 am Intergenerational Class



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