

St. Peder's Lutheran Church 05-10-2026

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 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

GATHERING

Prelude

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: God, We Gather as Your People ACS 1038

**1 God, we gather as your people to raise our song above,
and we dare to claim the promise of your love.**

**Though the day may not yet be here,
we trust it soon will be, when your children will be free.**

**Oh, may our hearts and minds be opened,
fling the church doors open wide.**

May there be room enough for ev'ryone inside.

For in God there is a welcome, in God we all belong.

May that welcome be our song.

**2 Oh, we sing for all the children, that one day they be free;
and we sing for generations yet to be,
that they never have a reason to doubt that they are blest.**

May they, in your love, find rest. *Refrain*

**Oh, may our hearts and minds be opened,
fling the church doors open wide.**

May there be room enough for ev'ryone inside.

For in God there is a welcome, in God we all belong.

May that welcome be our song.

**3 Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and
shame,**

so afraid of who they are and whom they love.

**May the message now be banished that your love is for
the few;**

may their faith in you renew. *Refrain*
Oh, may our hearts and minds be opened,
fling the church doors open wide.
May there be room enough for ev'ryone inside.
For in God there is a welcome, in God we all belong.
May that welcome be our song.

4 God, we're working for the future when children far and wide

can live their lives with dignity and pride.

As they grow in strength and stature, may they join us
hand in hand,

as against all hate we stand.

Oh, may our hearts and minds be opened,
fling the church doors open wide.

May there be room enough for ev'ryone inside.

For in God there is a welcome, in God we all belong.

May that welcome be our song.

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.***

Salutation

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

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, **you hold together all things
in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the
prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the****

Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

First Lesson

Acts 17:22-31

²² Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. ²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we, too, are his offspring.’

²⁹ “Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in

righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

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

Psalm: 66:8-20

⁸ Bless our | God, you peoples;

let the sound of | praise be heard.

****⁹ Our God has kept us a- | mong the living**

and has not allowed our | feet to slip.**

¹⁰ For you, O God, have | tested us;

you have tried us just as sil- | ver is tried.

****¹¹ You brought us in- | to the net;**

you laid heavy burdens up- | on our backs.**

**¹² You let people ride over our heads; we went through | fire
and water,**

but you brought us out into a place | of refreshment.

****¹³ I will enter your house | with burnt offerings**

and will pay | you my vows—**

¹⁴ those that I promised | with my lips

and spoke with my mouth when I | was in trouble.

****¹⁵ I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the | smoke
of rams;**

I will give you ox- | en and goats.**

¹⁶ Come and listen, all you | who believe,

and I will tell you what God has | done for me.

****¹⁷ I called out to God | with my mouth,**

and praised the Lord | with my tongue.

¹⁸ If I had cherished evil | in my heart,

the Lord would | not have heard me;

****¹⁹ but in truth | God has heard me**

and has attended to the sound | of my prayer.**

²⁰ Blessed be God, who has not reject- | ed my prayer,
nor withheld unfailing | love from me.

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 3:13-22

¹³ Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵ but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, ¹⁶ yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. ²¹ And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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: John 14:15-21

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸ “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

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Sermon

Hymn of the Day: Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

ELW 398

**1 Holy Spirit, truth divine,
dawn upon this soul of mine;
breath of God and inward light,
wake my spirit, clear my sight.**

**2 Holy Spirit, love divine,
glow within this heart of mine;**

kindle ev'ry high desire;
purge me with your holy fire.

**3 Holy Spirit, pow'r divine,
fortify this will of mine;
by your will I strongly live,
bravely bear, and nobly strive.**

**4 Holy Spirit, peace divine,
still this restless heart of mine;
speak to calm this tossing sea,
stayed in your tranquility.**

**5 Holy Spirit, right divine,
king within my conscience reign;
be my guide, and I shall be
firmly bound, forever free.**

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. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

Benediction

Sending Hymn: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

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**1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
has redeemed us by his blood."**

**2 Alleluia! Not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;**

**Alleluia! he is near us;
faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise:
"I am with you evermore"?**

**3 Alleluia! Bread of heaven,
here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! here the sinful
flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's redeemer, hear our plea
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.**

**4 Alleluia! King eternal,
Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary,
earth your footstool, heav'n your throne.
As within the veil you entered,
robed in flesh, our great high priest,
here on earth both priest and victim
in the eucharistic feast.**

**5 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
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Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion**

**thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
has redeemed us by his blood."**

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

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Serving in Worship this Morning

Greeters: Bethene & Eric Hunsberger

Ushers: Thomas Goodoien and John Skraba

Acolyte: Eden Hunsberger

Reader: JeriLynn Young

Counters: JeriLynn Young and Paul Aitchison

Livestream Tech: JeriLynn Young

LSS Safehouse May 11: Dale & Jackie West

Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group: 4

Announcements

Volunteer Update

For the last several months we've been experimenting with using Tith.ely's volunteer sign-ups to coordinate our worship volunteers. We've decided to go back to the old system where volunteers will get assigned to specific dates. If you are a worship volunteer or would like to become a worship volunteer, please use the QR code on the right to fill out the Summer Worship Volunteer form. The form includes which roles you'd like to volunteer for. You may have already shared this information with the office through a Time and Talent survey, we ask that you still complete the form and re-iterate your interest. The survey also includes a question about availability, please indicate dates which you are *unavailable* to volunteer.



Youth Sunday

Help us celebrate our youth on May 17 for Youth Sunday! On this Sunday we honor our high school graduates and incorporate youth throughout the worship service.

Feed My Starving Children

St. Peder's has 30 slots for food packing at Feed My Starving Children on Saturday, May 16, 9:45 - 11:15. Sign-up sheet in the hallway by the assembly room. Please join us, it's a fun family event open to everyone age 5 and up! The deadline to sign up is May 11.

Garden Fellowship

Join us after church on Sunday, May 17 for some garden fellowship while we clean out the gardens. Lunch will be provided. Wear your gardening clothes and bring some garden tools if you have them. Otherwise, we will have plenty here. Questions? Talk to Sue Nielsen at 612-360-3936 or suenielsen76@gmail.com.

This week's coffee hour proceeds are being donated to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

This Week at St. Peder's:

Sunday, May 10: 9 am Worship, 10 am Coffee & Fellowship

Tuesday, May 12: 12 pm Potluck, 6 pm Bible Study, 7 pm Prayer Service

Thursday, May 14: 7 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 15: 2 pm Nancy Czernek Funeral

Saturday, May 16: 2 pm Fiber Arts

Sunday, May 17: 9 am Youth Sunday Worship, 10 am Coffee & Fellowship

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