



**St. Peder's Evangelical
Lutheran Church
May 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.

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GATHERING

Prelude

Call to Worship:

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

Welcome, Peace, and Announcements

Opening Prayer

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Gathering Hymn

God, We Gather as Your People

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1 God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a -
2 Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be
3 Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and
4 God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and



bove, and we dare to claim the prom - ise of your love.
free; and we sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be,
shame, so a - fraid of who they are and whom they love.
wide can . . . live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.




Though the day may not yet be here, we
that they nev - er have a rea - son to
May the mes - sage now be ban - ished that your
As they grow in strength and stat - ure, may they



trust it soon will be, when your chil - dren will be free.
doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest.
love is for the few; may their faith in you re - new.
join us hand in hand, as a - gainst all hate we stand.

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Refrain



Oh, may our hearts and minds be o-pened, fling the church doors o-pen
 wide. May there be room e-nough for ev-'ry-one in - side.
 For in God there is a wel - come, in God we all be -
 long. May that wel - come be our song.

Gathering of Children

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Kyrie (Hymn of Prayer)

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Canticle (Hymn of Praise)

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Salutation

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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

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

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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

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Apostles' Creed

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Prayers of the People: Response: Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Lord's Prayer

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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 vision 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

ELW 392

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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