

St. Peder's Lutheran Church 05-17-2026

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 Seventh Sunday of Easter

In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.

GATHERING

Prelude: Chim Chim Cher-ee

Aemilia, Trombone

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: Bind us Together

WOV 748

**1 Bind us together, Lord
Bind us together
With cords that cannot be broken
Bind us together, Lord
Bind us together, Lord;
Bind us together in Love**

**There is only one God,
There is only one King
There is only one Body,
That is why we can sing.**

**2 Bind us together, Lord
Bind us together
With cords that cannot be broken
Bind us together, Lord
Bind us together, Lord;
Bind us together in Love**

You are the family of God

**You are the promise divine
You are God's chosen desire,
You are the glorious new wine.**

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 freedom: praise and
glory for 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

O God of glory, *your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, 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 1:6-14

⁶When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They

said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³ When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

¹ Let God arise, and let God’s ene- | mies be scattered;
let those who | hate God flee.

² As smoke is driven away, so you should drive | them away;
as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at
the pres- | ence of God.

³ But let the righteous be glad and rejoice | before God;
let them also be mer- | ry and joyful.

⁴ Sing to God, sing praises to God’s name; exalt the one
who | rides the clouds;

I Am is that name, rejoice | before God!

⁵ In your holy habita- | tion, O God,
you are a father to orphans, defend- | er of widows;

⁶ you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners | into
freedom;

but the rebels shall live in | desert places.

⁷ O God, when you went forth be- | fore your people,
when you marched | through the wilderness,

⁸ the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the
presence of God, the | God of Sinai,
at the presence of God, the | God of Israel.

⁹ You sent a bountiful | rain, O God;
you restored your inheritance | when it languished.

¹⁰ Your people found their | home in it;
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision | for
the poor.

³² Sing to God, O kingdoms | of the earth;
sing praises | to the Lord.

³³ You ride in the heavens, O God, in the | ancient heavens;
you send forth your voice, your | mighty voice.

³⁴ Ascribe pow- | er to God,
whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is | in the
skies.

³⁵ How wonderful you are in your holy places, O | God of
Israel,
giving strength and power to your people! | Blessed be
God!

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is
taking place among you to test you, as though something
strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice insofar as you
are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad
and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are

reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

^{5:6} Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸ Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹ To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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

Gathering of Children

Gospel Acclamation

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

Holy Gospel: John 17:1-11

¹ After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples,] he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing

the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶ “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: I Come with Joy

ELW 482

**1 I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall
in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.**

**2 I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love**

**in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.**

**3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.**

**The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.**

**4 The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here,
alive among us here.**

**5 Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.**

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:

Anders Odeen

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

N&F pg. 14

**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.**

This Little Light of Mine

ELW 677

**1 This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**2 Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine,**

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

- 3 Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

Communion Blessing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Hymn: Go My Children with my Blessing ELW 543

- 1 “Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love’s baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”**
- 2 “Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can
cure.
Here you heard my dear Son’s story,
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”**
- 3 “Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you,
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”**

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: Fur Elise

Augie, Piano

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Serving in Worship this Morning

Greeters: Walter Anderson & Fletcher Campbell

Ushers: Augie Wollak & Aemilia Wollak Acolyte:

Reader: Eleanor Auer Opening Prayer: Camila Orellara

Psalm: Maren Odeen Sermon: Addie Albing

Counters: Marcia Rocheleau

Communion Servers: Karen & Dan Vetsch, Judy Hogan

Communion Bread & Wine: Communion Setup: Judy Hogan

Livestream Tech: Karen Vetsch

LSS Safehouse May 18: Sonja Walker, Joe & Annalise Munnich

Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group: 5

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.



Pub Theology

In John 10:10 it says: "I have come that you may have life, and have it in abundance." What does "life in abundance" mean, and do we feel that we are having life in abundance today. Please join us at Parkway Pizza, 4359 Minnehaha Avenue, on Monday, May 18 at 6:30 to talk about "life in abundance."

Garden Fellowship

Join us after church today, 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 Youth Fund.

This Week at St. Peder's:

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

Tuesday, May 19: 6 pm Bible Study, 7 pm Prayer Service

Wednesday, May 20: 9 am Quilters, 7 pm Council Meeting

Thursday, May 21: 7 pm Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, May 24: 9 am Worship, 10 am Coffee & Fellowship

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