



St. Peder's Evangelical Lutheran Church May 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

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Gathering Hymn

Bind us Together

WOV 748

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

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

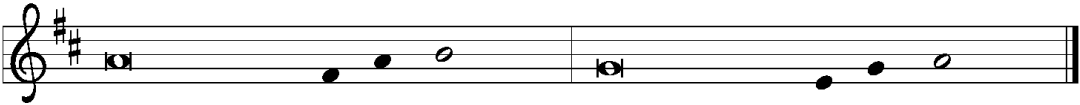
⁶ When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon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

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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

Addie Albing

Hymn of the Day

I Come with Joy

ELW 482

Apostles' Creed

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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

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

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Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

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Communion Distribution

Communion Hymns: *Lamb of God*

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God Welcomes All

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

The image shows the first system of musical notation for the hymn 'God Welcomes All'. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in the key of D major (one sharp). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.

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

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This Little Light of Mine

ELW 677

Communion Blessing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Hymn

Go My Children with my Blessing

ELW 543

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](mailto: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, 7 pm Choir Rehearsal

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



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