

St. Peder's Lutheran Church 05-31-2026

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 Holy Trinity

Though the word *trinity* is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.

GATHERING

Prelude: I Danced in the Morning

Timothy Albrecht

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: Rise, Shine you People ELW 665

**1 Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered our human story; God in him is centered.
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded,
with grace unbounded.**

**2 See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;
he brings us freedom, light and life and healing.
All men and women, who by guilt are driven,
now are forgiven.**

**3 Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling,
your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.
To all the world go out and tell the story
of Jesus' glory.**

**4 Tell how the Father sent the Son to save us.
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation
God's new creation.**

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 Creator and ever-living God: ****we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.****

WORD

First Lesson

Genesis 1:1—2:4a

¹ When God began to create the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³ Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶ And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷ So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸ God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹ And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it

was good. ¹¹ Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴ And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶ God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰ And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” ²¹ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴ And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of

the earth of every kind.” And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

²⁷ So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” ²⁹ God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

^{2:1} Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. ² On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day

and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

^{4a} These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

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

Psalm: 8

¹ O | Lord our Lord,

how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—

² you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of in- | fants and children;

you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe | and avenger.

³ When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,

⁴ what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of them,

human beings that you should | care for them?

⁵ Yet you have made them little less | than divine; with glory and hon- | or you crown them.

⁶ You have made them rule over the works | of your hands; you have put all things un- | der their feet:

⁷ all | flocks and cattle,

even the wild beasts | of the field,

⁸ the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea,

and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea.

⁹ O | Lord our Lord,

how majestic is your name in | all the earth!

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

[Paul writes:] ¹¹ Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

¹³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

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

Children's Message

Gospel Acclamation

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

Holy Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: Come, Join the Dance of Trinity ELW 412

1 Come, join the dance of Trinity,

**before all worlds begun—
the interweaving of the Three,
the Father, Spirit, Son.
The universe of space and time
did not arise by chance,
but as the Three, in love and hope,
made room within their dance.**

**2 Come, see the face of Trinity,
newborn in Bethlehem;
then bloodied by a crown of thorns
outside Jerusalem.
The dance of Trinity is meant
for human flesh and bone;
when fear confines the dance in death,
God rolls away the stone.**

**3 Come, speak aloud of Trinity,
as wind and tongues of flame
set people free at Pentecost
to tell the Savior's name.
We know the yoke of sin and death,
our necks have worn it smooth;
go tell the world of weight and woe
that we are free to move!**

**4 Within the dance of Trinity,
before all worlds begun,
we sing the praises of the Three,
the Father, Spirit, Son.**

**Let voices rise and interweave,
by love and hope set free,
to shape in song this joy, this life:
the dance of Trinity.**

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: O Trinity, O Blessed Light

Robert Buckley Farlee

Offering Prayer:

Loving God, **we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.**

Benediction

Sending Hymn: Go to the World

ACS 991

1 Go to the world! Go into all the earth.

**Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth.**

Alleluia. Alleluia.

2 Go to the world! Go into ev'ry place.

Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.

Go seek God's presence in each time and space.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

3 Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;

the nights of tears give way to joyous day.

As servant church, you follow Christ's own way.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

for I am with you till the age shall end,

when all the hosts of glory cry, Amen!"

Alleluia. Alleluia.

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: Voluntary in D Minor

John Stanley

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Serving in Worship this Morning

Greeters: Andrea & Aemilia Wollak Ushers: Paul Aitchison & Jon Wollak

Acolyte: Augie Wollak Reader: Allison O'Day

Counters: Livestream Tech:

LSS Safehouse May 25: Glen & Martha Olsen, Paul & Michelle Aitchison

Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group: 7

Announcements

St. Peder's Library

Let us know your favorites! We're starting a list of member recommendations of the best books in St. Peder's library. Input from all ages is welcome! Add your name and titles to the list on the library table.

People's Pride

St. Peder's is planning to have a presence at the People's Pride event being held at Powderhorn Park on Saturday, June 27 between noon and 4pm. Watch for details in upcoming Sunday bulletins. You can read more about this event at www.mplspeoplespride.com.

This week's coffee hour proceeds are being donated to Special Projects.

This Week at St. Peder's:

Sunday, May 31: 9 am Worship, 10 am Coffee & Fellowship

Tuesday, June 2: 6 pm Bible Study, 7 pm Prayer Service

Wednesday, June 3: 9 am Quilters

Saturday, June 6: 2 pm Fiber Arts

Sunday, June 7: 9 am Worship, 10 am Coffee & Fellowship

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