



St. Peder's Evangelical Lutheran Church May 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>I Danced in the Morning</i>	Timothy Albrecht
Welcome, Peace, and Announcements		
Opening Prayer		Back cover of hymnal
Gathering Hymn	<i>Rise, Shine you People</i>	ELW 665
Confession & Forgiveness		
Kyrie (Hymn of Prayer)		Now the Feast & Celebration pg. 3
Canticle (Hymn of Praise)		Now the Feast & Celebration pg. 4
Salutation		Now the Feast & Celebration pg. 7
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.

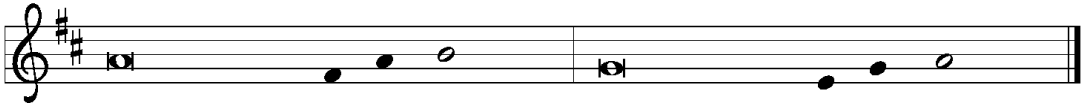
²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” ²⁹ God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is 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.

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Children's Message

Gospel Acclamation

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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."

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Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Come, Join the Dance of Trinity

ELW 412

Apostles' Creed

Back cover of hymnal

Prayers of the People:

Response: Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Lord's Prayer

Back cover of hymnal

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

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

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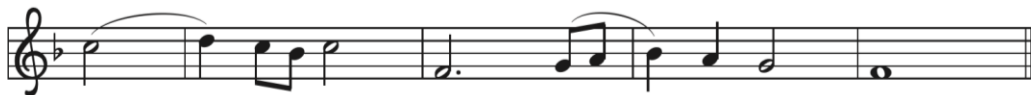
1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way,
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry, A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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: & Karen Vetsch **Livestream Tech:** Karen Vetsch

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

Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group: 7

Announcements

Conference Room

St. Peder's will soon be welcoming Longfellow Seward Healthy Seniors to our building. They will be renting the two classrooms on the bottom floor to use as their offices. They will also, on occasion be using the conference room. This will require us to coordinate use of that space between church business and activities and the needs of Longfellow Seward Healthy Seniors. If you plan to use the conference room, please reach out to Office Coordinator, Frances at office@stpeders.org or 612-722-8000 to confirm the space will be available and to add your event to the shared calendar.

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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