

## **St. Peder's Lutheran Church 06-07-2026**

**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 Second Sunday after Pentecost:**

**Though Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners—the religiously nonobservant. Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society, like Matthew the tax collector and the hemorrhaging woman. As we gather each Lord's day we receive the healing that makes us well and sends us forth to be signs of God's mercy for the world.**

### **GATHERING**

**Prelude**

**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: Come, All You People**

**ELW 819**

**1 Come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;  
come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;  
come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;  
come now and worship the Lord.**

**2 Come, all you people, come and praise the Savior;  
come, all you people, come and praise the Savior;  
come, all you people, come and praise the Savior;  
come now and worship the Lord.**

**3 Come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;  
come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;  
come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;  
come now and worship the Lord.**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

**Compassionate God, \*\*we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.\*\***

**Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the**

**name of God, Creator, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. \*\*Amen.\*\***

### **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, **\*\*you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.\*\*****

## **WORD**

### **First Lesson**

**Hosea 5:15-6:6**

**<sup>15</sup> I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor:**

**<sup>6:1</sup> “Come, let us return to the Lord, for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. <sup>2</sup> After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. <sup>3</sup> Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.”**

**<sup>4</sup> What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. <sup>5</sup> Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. <sup>6</sup> For I desire**

**steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.**

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

### **Psalm 50:7-15**

**<sup>7</sup> “Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear witness against you;**

**for I am God, your God.**

**<sup>8</sup> I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; your burnt offerings are always before me.**

**<sup>9</sup> I will not accept a calf from your stalls, nor goats from your pens;**

**<sup>10</sup> for all the wild animals of the forest are mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.**

**<sup>11</sup> I know every bird of the mountains, and the creatures of the fields are mine.**

**<sup>12</sup> If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.**

**<sup>13</sup> Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?**

**<sup>14</sup> Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good your vows to the Most High.**

**<sup>15</sup> Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.**

### **Second Lesson: Romans 4:13-25**

**<sup>13</sup> The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup> For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and**

**the promise is void. <sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.**

**<sup>16</sup> For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup> as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup> Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So shall your descendants be.” <sup>19</sup> He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. <sup>20</sup> No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup> Therefore “it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” <sup>23</sup> Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone <sup>24</sup> but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup> who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.**

**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: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26**

**<sup>9</sup> As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him.**

**<sup>10</sup> And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. <sup>11</sup> When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” <sup>12</sup> But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup> Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners.”**

**<sup>18</sup> While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” <sup>19</sup> And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. <sup>20</sup> Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, <sup>21</sup> for she was saying to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” <sup>22</sup> Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And the woman was made well from that moment. <sup>23</sup> When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, <sup>24</sup> he said, “Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. <sup>25</sup> But when the**

crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. <sup>26</sup> And the report of this spread through all of that district.

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

## **Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy ELW 588**

**1 There's a wideness in God's mercy,  
like the wideness of the sea;  
there's a kindness in God's justice  
which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth's sorrows  
are more felt than up in heav'n.  
There is no place where earth's failings  
have such kindly judgment giv'n.**

**2 There is welcome for the sinner,  
and a promised grace made good;  
there is mercy with the Savior;  
there is healing in his blood.  
There is grace enough for thousands  
of new worlds as great as this;  
there is room for fresh creations  
in that upper home of bliss.**

**3 For the love of God is broader  
than the measures of our mind;  
and the heart of the Eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.  
But we make this love too narrow**

by false limits of our own;  
and we magnify its strictness  
with a zeal God will not own.

4 'Tis not all we owe to Jesus;  
it is something more than all:  
greater good because of evil,  
larger mercy through the fall.  
Make our love, O God, more faithful;  
let us take you at your word,  
and our lives will be thanksgiving  
for the goodness of the Lord.

### **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: God of grace, \*\*hear 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

### 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.\*\***

## 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

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**\*\*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.**

### **Have No Fear, Little Flock**

**ELW 764**

**1 Have no fear, little flock;  
have no fear, little flock,  
for the Father has chosen  
to give you the kingdom;  
have no fear, little flock!**

**2 Have good cheer, little flock;  
have good cheer, little flock,  
for the Father will keep you  
in his love forever;  
have good cheer, little flock!**

**3 Praise the Lord high above;  
praise the Lord high above,**

**for he stoops down to heal you,  
uplift and restore you;  
praise the Lord high above!**

- 4 Thankful hearts raise to God;  
thankful hearts raise to God,  
for he stays close beside you,  
in all things works with you;  
thankful hearts raise to God!**

## **Communion Blessing and Prayer**

### **Benediction**

#### **Sending Hymn: Will You Come and Follow Me**

**ELW 798**

- 1 "Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown  
in you and you in me?"**
- 2 "Will you leave yourself behind  
if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare,  
should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer pray'r**

**in you and you in me?**

- 3 "Will you let the blinded see  
if I but call your name?  
Will you set the pris'ners free  
and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean,  
and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean  
in you and you in me?"**
  
- 4 "Will you love the you you hide  
if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me?"**
  
- 5 Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.**

**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: Curt Petersen & Meg Petersen**

**Ushers: Dan Vetsch & Curt Petersen**

**Acolyte: Walter Anderson**

**Reader: Dan Vetsch**

**Counters: JeriLynn Young & Karen Vetsch**

**Communion Setup: Judy Anderson & Judy Hogan**

**Communion Servers: Judy Hogan, Dwight Lundeby, & Bob Stanich**

**Communion Bread & Wine: Judy Anderson**

**Livestream Tech: Bruce Simpson**

**LSS Safehouse June 8: Jim & Heidi Nelsen**

**Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group: 8**

## Announcements

### Welcome Pastor Natalia Terfa

Thank you Pastor Natalia Terfa for being with us today as Pastor Bryan is out of town to celebrate a milestone birthday with a friend. Natalia is an ordained minister in the ELCA. She is currently serving her call as the Creative Director for an organization called Church Anew ([www.churchanew.org](http://www.churchanew.org)), offering resources and events to congregations and their leaders. She loves to bake, read, practice yoga, and find nature adventures. She is passionate about the church of the future, one with no boundaries and filled to the brim with love and grace and laughter and snark and a lot of fellow “not that kind of Christians.”

Natalia co-hosts Cafeteria Christian, a podcast for people who love Jesus but aren't so sure about his followers with Emmy Kegler.

### June Potluck

St. Peder's monthly potluck is coming up this Tuesday, June 9. Come at noon and bring a dish to share!

### Painting

After the service this week, we will continue painting the downstairs classrooms in the education wing and the conference room. This is the last weekend to paint as Longfellow/Seward Healthy Seniors move in on June 13.

### 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@stpeters.org](mailto:office@stpeters.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](http://www.mplspeoplespride.com).

*\*This week's coffee hour proceeds are being donated to the Walker West Music Academy.\**

### **This Week at St. Peder's:**

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

**Tuesday, June 9: 12 pm Potluck, 6 pm Bible Study, 7 pm Prayer Service**

**Sunday, June 14: 9 am Worship, 10 am Coffee & Fellowship**

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live the gospel with open hearts, open hands and open doors.*

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