



**St. Peder's Evangelical
Lutheran Church
June 7, 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

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Gathering Hymn

Come, All You People

ELW 819

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)

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Canticle (Hymn of Praise)

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Salutation

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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

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

^{6:1} "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. ² After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. ³ 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."

⁴ 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. ⁵ 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. ⁶ 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



⁷ “Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear witness against you; for I am God, your God.

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

⁹ I will not accept a calf from your stalls, nor goats from your pens;

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

¹¹ I know every bird of the mountains, and the creatures of the fields are mine.

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

¹³ Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?

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

¹⁵ Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.

Second Lesson

Romans 4:13-25

¹³ 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. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

¹⁶ 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, ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So shall your descendants be.” ¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²² Therefore "it was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³ Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone ²⁴ but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵ 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

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

⁹ 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.

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

¹⁸ 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." ¹⁹ And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰ 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, ²¹ for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." ²² 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. ²³ When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴ he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. ²⁵ But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶ 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

Apostles' Creed

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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 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

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.

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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

ACS 978

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

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

Communion Blessing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Hymn

Will You Come and Follow Me

ELW 798

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 Lundebly, & 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), 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.

Gordon Legge's New Book

Is your vision not what it used to be? As our population ages, the number of people living with low vision is rising rapidly. Join us in the lounge at 10:30 on June 14 to hear Gordon Legge tell about his forty years of research on low vision, scientific advances, and his own personal perspective on what it's like to live with it!

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 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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