

St. Peder's Lutheran Church 06-28-2026

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 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost:

The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

GATHERING

Prelude: Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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: All are Welcome

ELW 641

- 1** Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain

**All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

- 2** Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: ***Refrain***

- 3** Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: ***Refrain***

**4 Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: *Refrain***

**5 Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: *Refrain***

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 direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.****

WORD

First Lesson

Jeremiah 28:5-9

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord, ⁶ and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord and all the exiles. ⁷ But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸ The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹ As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet.”

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

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

¹ Your love, O Lord, forever | will I sing;
from age to age my mouth will pro- | claim your
faithfulness.

² For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is
estab- | lished forever;

you have set your faithfulness firmly | in the heavens.
³ “I have made a covenant with my | chosen one;
I have sworn an oath to Da- | vid my servant:
⁴ ‘I will establish your | line forever,
and preserve your throne for all | generations.’”
¹⁵ Happy are the people who know the | festal shout!
They walk, O Lord, in the light | of your presence.
¹⁶ They rejoice daily | in your name;
they are jubilant | in your righteousness.
¹⁷ For you are the glory | of their strength,
and by your favor our might | is exalted.
¹⁸ Truly, our shield belongs | to the Lord;
our king to the Holy | One of Israel.

Second Lesson: Romans 6:12-23

¹² Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. ¹³ No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵ What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted ¹⁸ and that you,

having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 10:40-42

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰ “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little

ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: To Be Your Presence

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**1 To be your presence is our mission here,
to show compassion's face and list'ning ear,
to be your heart of mercy ever near,
alleluia!**

**2 To be your presence is our mission bold,
to feed the poor and shelter homeless cold,
to be your hands of justice, right uphold,
alleluia!**

**3 To be your presence is our mission blest,
to speak for all the broken and oppressed,
to be your voice of hope, your love expressed,
alleluia!**

**4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice,
to serve your people is our call and choice,
and in this mission we, the church, rejoice,
alleluia!**

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.**

Lord's Prayer

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.

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: His Eye Is On the Sparrow

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: Build a Longer Table

ACS 1062

**1 Build a longer table, not a higher wall,
feeding those who hunger, making room for all.
Feasting together, stranger turns to friend,
Christ breaks walls to pieces; false divisions end.**

**2 Build a safer refuge, not a larger jail;
where the weak find shelter, mercy will not fail.
For any place where justice is denied,
Christ will breach the jail wall, freeing all inside.**

**3 Build a broader doorway, not a longer fence.
Love protects all people, sparing no expense.
When we embrace compassion more than fear,
Christ tears down our fences: all are welcome here.**

**4 When we lived as exiles, refugees abroad,
Christ became our doorway to the reign of God.
So must our tables welcome those who roam.
None can be excluded; all must find a home.**

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: Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above

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Serving in Worship this Morning

Greeters: Kristi Lahti-Johnson & Chuck Johnson

Ushers: Peter Juhl

Acolyte: Anders Odeen

Reader: Lisa Rovick

Counters: Bob Stanich & Karen Vetsch

Livestream Tech: JeriLynn Young

LSS Safehouse June 29: Tim & Elizabeth Anderson

Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group: 3

Announcements

Conference Room

St. Peder's has welcomed 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.

Democracy Defense Training

Monarca has a democracy defense training in Uptown on Wednesday, July 15 at 6:30 p.m. This training will focus on current threats being faced, actions that can be taken up to the election and beyond, and ways to stay connected and involved in the work. Register via the QR code.



This week's coffee hour proceeds are being donated to the Coffee Fund.

This Week at St. Peder's:

Sunday, June 28: 9 am Worship, 10 am Coffee & Fellowship

Wednesday, July 1: 9 am Quilters

Saturday, July 4: 2 pm Fiber Arts

Sunday, July 5: 9 am Worship, 10 am Coffee & Fellowship

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