

St. Peder's Lutheran Church 07-19-2026

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 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost:

It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.

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, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

ELW 807

**1 Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee;
may I still thy goodness prove.**

**2 Here I raise my Ebenezer:
"Hither by thy help I've come";
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wand'ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.**

**3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now like a fetter
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.**

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.**

Prayer of the Day

Faithful God, most merciful judge, **you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

First Lesson

Isaiah 44:6-8

⁶ Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: I am the first, and I am the last; besides me there is no god. ⁷ Who is like me? Let them proclaim it; let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. ⁸ Do not fear or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

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

Psalm 86:11-17

**¹¹ Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.**

****¹² I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart,
and glorify your name forevermore.****

**¹³ For great is your love toward me;
you have delivered me from the pit of death.**

****¹⁴ The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of
violent people seeks my life;
they have not set you before their eyes.****

**¹⁵ But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.**

****¹⁶ Turn to me and have mercy on me;
give your strength to your servant, and save the child of
your handmaid.****

**¹⁷ Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me
may see it and be put to shame;
because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.**

Second Lesson: Romans 8:12-25

**¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the
flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³ for if you live
according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you
put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all
who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For
you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,
but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba!
Father!” ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit
that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs:**

heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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 13:24-30, 36-43

²⁴ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field,²⁵ but while everybody was

asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' ²⁸ He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹ But he replied, 'No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' "

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷ He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: Christ Taught Us of a Farmer

Christ taught us of a farmer who went out sowing seeds.

A few had trouble growing among the rocks and weeds,

Yet others grew till harvest in soil that was so good.

O God, you sow the gospel: The seed is your own word.

You sowed your word of love here so many years ago.*

Your message found a welcome; your word began to grow.

By grace, this church was built here by saints who followed you.

The seed took root and flourished: we hear and follow, too.

We thank you for each member who lives in loving ways:

For those who seek to serve you without expecting praise,

For hearts and songs uplifted, for work and sacrifice.

The seed you planted grows here: we grow in Jesus Christ.

In times of joy we praise you, in struggling times we search,

And always we are learning to be your faithful church.

Your Spirit gives us vision — and hearts and lives made new.

Your harvest is for sharing: sent out, we work for you.

Pet Blessing

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

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**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.**

In God Alone

ACS 1031

**In God alone my soul can find rest and peace,
in God my peace and joy.
Only in God my soul can find its rest,
find its rest and peace.**

Great is Thy Faithfulness

ELW 733

**1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.**

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

Communion Blessing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Hymn: Go, My Children, With my Blessing ELW 543

**1 “Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love’s baptismal river**

**I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”**

**2 “Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can
cure.**

**Here you heard my dear Son’s story,
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”**

**3 “Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you,
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”**

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: Susan Gantriis & Eva Tangen

Ushers: Wendy Legge & Dan Vetsch

Acolyte: Maren Odeen Reader: Kristi Lahti-Johnson

Counters: Annalise Munnich & Karen Vetsch

Livestream Tech: Melanie Carlson

Communion Setup: Kristi Lahti-Johnson & Chuck Johnson

**Communion Servers: Kristi Lahti-Johnson, Chuck Johnson, &
Judy Hogan**

Communion Bread & Wine: Karen Vetsch

**LSS Safehouse July 20: Kathryn Jensen, Lisa Jensen & Butch
Vossen**

Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group: 6

Announcements

Looking For Some Great Summer Reading Ideas?

Check out the display case and table in St. Peder's library featuring: member favorites, new acquisitions and a collection of teen and pre-teen book recommendations!

Open Eye Theatre's Driveway Tour Puppet Show

The Driveway Tour Puppet Show is coming to St. Peder's on August 12 at 7 p.m. in the courtyard with Jeremy and the Giant King! Bring a blanket or chair, if it rains we'll be in the fellowship hall.

Hearts & Hammers Paint-a-thon

Everyone is welcome! Join us on Saturday, August 1 at 8 a.m. at 4726 Emerson Avenue North. There will be many tasks

besides painting. We will be working on scraping and painting a garage. The house needs caulking on the windows and weather proofing the doors, some landscaping and a few small handyman projects. *The house is not being painted as it is vinyl sided.* Please reach out to Dan (612-227-2780) or Karen Vetsch (612-721-7385) with any questions.

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.

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

This Week at St. Peder's:

Sunday, July 19: 9 am Courtyard Worship & Pet Blessing, 10 am Coffee & Fellowship

Tuesday, July 21: 6 pm Bible Study, 7 pm Prayer Service

Saturday, July 25: 8 am Rita Juhl Funeral

Sunday, July 26: 9 am Worship, 10 am Coffee & Fellowship

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