

St. Peder's Lutheran Church 08-09-2026

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 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost:

Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others.

GATHERING

Prelude: Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

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: When Peace Like a River

ELW 785

**1 When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well (it is well)
with my soul, (with my soul,)
it is well, it is well with my soul.**

**2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul.
it is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well (it is well)
with my soul, (with my soul,)
it is well, it is well with my soul.**

**3 He lives--oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
it is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well (it is well)
with my soul, (with my soul,)
it is well, it is well with my soul.**

**4 Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
even so it is well with my soul.
it is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well (it is well)
with my soul, (with my soul,)
it is well, it is well with my soul.**

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)

In peace, in peace, 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 our defender, **storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

⁹ At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁰ He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

¹¹ He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake, ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁴ He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” ¹⁵ Then the Lord said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your

place. ¹⁷ Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

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

Psalm 85:8-13

⁸ I will listen to what the Lord | God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those
who turn their | hearts to you.

****⁹ Truly, your salvation is very near to | those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell | in our land.****

¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness have | met together;
righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.

****¹¹ Faithfulness shall spring up | from the earth,
and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.****

¹² The Lord will indeed | grant prosperity,
and our land will | yield its increase.

****¹³ Righteousness shall go be- | fore the Lord
and shall prepare for | God a pathway.****

Second Lesson: Romans 10:5-15

⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say?

“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), ⁹ because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

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 14:22-23

²² [Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds.²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening

came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” ²⁸ Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹ He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: Precious Lord, Take My Hand

ELW 773

1 Precious Lord, take my hand
Lead me on, let me sta-and
I am tired, I'm weak, I am worn
Through the storm, through the night
Lead me on to the li-ight
Take my ha-and, precious Lord
Lead me home

**2 When my way grows drear
Precious Lord, linger near-ear
When my life is almost gone
Hear my cry, hear my call
Hold my hand lest I fall
Take my hand, precious Lord
Lead me home**

**3 When the darkness appears and the night draws near
And the day is past and gone
At the river I stand
Guide my feet, hold my hand
Take my hand, precious Lord
Lead me home**

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: Merciful God, **receive 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: Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

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: My Life Flows on in Endless Song ELW 763

**1 My life flows on in endless song;
above earth's lamentation,
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.**

**No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?**

**2 Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing?
No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?**

**3 What though my joys and comforts die?
The Lord my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round?
Songs in the night he giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?**

**4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his!
How can I keep from singing?
No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,**

how can I keep from singing?

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: For the Beauty of the Earth

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**Serving in Worship this Morning**

**Greeters: Lisa Rovick & Curt Petersen**

**Ushers: Curt Petersen & Craig Rocheleau**

**Acolyte: Reader: Judy Hogan**

**Counters: Marcia Rocheleau & Melanie Carlson**

**Livestream Tech: Bruce Simpson**

**LSS Safehouse Aug 10: Bob Stanich & Jeanne Schleh**

**Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group: 1**

## **Announcements**

### **August Potluck**

The August potluck has been moved to Tuesday, August 18 due to the Primary Election on August 11. Join us at 12 p.m. Bring a dish to share, all are welcome!

### **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.

### **Calling All Singers!**

Do you have a love for singing and service? Holy Cross Lutheran Church (1720 E Minnehaha Pkwy) is launching a funeral choir that will rehearse weekly and be available to sing for funerals and memorial services across the South Minneapolis area and beyond. Rehearsals are Tuesdays, 1:00-2:15 PM beginning September 8 at Holy Cross. For more information contact Mark Fideldy – [admin@holycrossmpls.org](mailto:admin@holycrossmpls.org).

### **Help Wanted: Faith Formation**

We are looking for volunteers to lead and assist our youth in Faith Formation this coming school year. Everyone is welcome whether you're attached to a kiddo or not. Our themes this year are Integrity and Faith Traits. Our class will be around 20 minutes after the service each Sunday. The class will focus on a faith trait related to the story. A summary of integrity/faith traits and suggested activities will be provided. This is a great

chance for you to get to know our youth better and guide them in learning about Integrity and faith traits. The sign-up sheet to volunteer is outside the church office. For any questions, reach out to Pastor Bryan, Kristi Erickson, Karen Vetsch, or Gina Sekelsky.

### **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](mailto: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 Pastor's Discretionary Fund.\***

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

**Sunday, August 9: 9 am Worship, 10 am Coffee & Fellowship**

**Tuesday, August 11: Primary Election, No Bible Study or Prayer Service due to polling**

**Wednesday, August 12: 5:45 pm Driveway Tour**

**Saturday, August 15: 2 pm Fiber Arts**

**Sunday, August 16: 9 am Courtyard Worship, 10 am Coffee & Fellowship**

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***Rooted in our heritage and embracing the future, we joyfully live the gospel with open hearts, open hands and open doors.***

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